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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CRANE OWNERS, CRANE OPERATORS AND
HOISTING EQUIPMENT OPERATORS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-222 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 There shall be in the Department of Administrative Services an
4 Examining Board for Crane Operators consisting of [~~five~~] seven
5 members who shall be residents of this state. Members shall be
6 appointed by the Governor subject to the provisions of section 4-9a. One
7 member shall be an employee of the department, [~~one member~~] two
8 members shall be [~~a~~] crane [~~operator~~] operators having at least ten years
9 of experience, [~~one member~~] two members shall represent the interests
10 of crane owners and two members shall be public members. Members
11 shall not be compensated for their services but shall be reimbursed for
12 necessary expenses in the performance of their duties. A quorum of the
13 board for the purpose of transacting business shall exist only when there
14 is present, in person, a majority of its membership. Any member absent
15 from (1) three consecutive meetings of the board, or (2) fifty per cent of

16 such meetings during any calendar year shall be deemed to have
17 resigned from the board.

18 Sec. 2. Section 29-224b of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

20 The commissioner or any employee of the Department of
21 Administrative Services, while engaged in the performance of [his or
22 her] such employee's duties, may (1) enter at all reasonable hours into
23 and upon any premises in or on which a crane or hoisting equipment is
24 located for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter and
25 the regulations adopted thereunder, (2) require a crane operator or
26 hoisting equipment operator to produce for verification such operator's
27 license issued under this chapter, and (3) require a crane owner to
28 produce for verification such owner's certificate of registration issued
29 under this chapter.

30 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) The Commissioner of
31 Administrative Services or an employee of the Department of
32 Administrative Services may issue a stop work order against a crane
33 owner, crane operator or hoisting equipment operator, if the
34 commissioner or employee determines that such owner or operator has
35 committed one or more of the following violations: (1) Demonstrating
36 incompetence or negligence, (2) permitting the operation of such
37 owner's or operator's crane in an unsafe manner, or (3) failing to comply
38 with the provisions of section 29-223a or 29-224 of the general statutes.

39 (b) Such stop work order shall: (1) Require the cessation of such
40 owner's or operator's business operations at the place or premises where
41 the violation was determined to have occurred, (2) be effective when
42 served upon such person by posting notice of the stop work order in a
43 conspicuous location at the place or premises subject to such stop work
44 order, and (3) remain in effect until the commissioner (A) determines
45 that the owner or operator has resolved the violation or violations that
46 gave rise to the stop work order, and (B) issues an order releasing such

47 stop work order.

48 (c) Any crane owner, crane operator or hoisting equipment operator
49 who has been served with a stop work order pursuant to subsection (b)
50 of this section may request an administrative hearing to contest such
51 stop work order. Such request shall be made in writing to the
52 commissioner not more than ten days after such owner or operator was
53 served with such stop work order. Such hearing shall be conducted in
54 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes.

55 (d) The commissioner shall notify the Examining Board for Crane
56 Operators established under section 29-222 of the general statutes, as
57 amended by this act, of each stop work order issued pursuant to
58 subsection (a) of this section and any violation of such a stop work order.

59 (e) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
60 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the purposes
61 of this section.

62 Sec. 4. Section 29-225 of the general statutes is repealed and the
63 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

64 (a) The board may suspend or revoke a crane operator's license, a
65 hoisting equipment operator's license or an apprentice's certificate after
66 notice and hearing upon a finding that the holder has demonstrated
67 incompetence or has been guilty of negligence in the performance of [his
68 or her] such holder's work.

69 (b) The board may suspend or revoke a crane owner's registration
70 after notice and hearing upon a finding that the holder has failed to
71 properly maintain [his or her] such holder's crane or has permitted the
72 operation of [his or her] such holder's crane in an unsafe manner.

73 (c) (1) The board may impose a civil penalty of not more than [three]
74 five thousand dollars on any crane or hoisting equipment owner or
75 operator who violates any provision of this chapter or any regulations

76 adopted thereunder.

77 (2) A civil penalty imposed under this subsection may include, but
78 need not be limited to, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars per
79 violation per day imposed on any crane owner, crane operator or
80 hoisting equipment operator who operates, or allows the operation of,
81 such owner's or operator's crane or hoisting equipment without a valid
82 license or certificate of registration, as applicable, issued under this
83 chapter.

84 (3) If the board determines that a crane owner, crane operator or
85 hoisting equipment operator violated a stop work order issued
86 pursuant to section 3 of this act, the board shall impose a fine of five
87 thousand dollars.

88 (4) Any fine imposed on a crane owner, crane operator or hoisting
89 equipment operator pursuant to subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection
90 shall be deposited in the investigations and inspections account
91 established pursuant to section 5 of this act.

92 (d) The board shall not renew a license or registration of any crane or
93 hoisting equipment owner or operator who has an unpaid civil penalty
94 until such time as such penalty is paid in full.

95 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) There is established an
96 account to be known as the "investigations and inspections account",
97 which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account. The account shall contain
98 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in
99 the account shall be expended by the Commissioner of Administrative
100 Services for the purposes of investigations and inspections conducted
101 pursuant to section 29-224b of the general statutes, as amended by this
102 act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	29-222
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	29-224b
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	29-225
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) modify the membership of the Examining Board for Crane Operators, (2) establish that crane owners, crane operators and hoisting equipment operators may be required to produce such owners' and operators' licenses or registrations for verification, (3) establish a procedure regarding the issuance of stop work orders to such owners and operators, (4) modify and establish certain penalty provisions applicable to such owners and operators, and (5) establish the "investigations and inspections account".

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]