



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 494

LCO No. 2515



Referred to Committee on

GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:

(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-341 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Any person who engages in or practices the work or occupation
4 for which a license is required by this chapter without having first
5 obtained an apprentice permit or a certificate and license for such
6 work, or who wilfully employs or supplies for employment a person
7 who does not have a certificate and license for such work or who
8 wilfully and falsely pretends to qualify to engage in or practice such
9 work or occupation, or who engages in or practices any of the work or
10 occupations for which a license is required by this chapter after the
11 expiration of his license, or who violates any other provision of this
12 chapter, [unless the penalty is otherwise specifically prescribed, shall
13 be fined not more than two hundred dollars for each such violation]
14 shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Notwithstanding the
15 provisions of subsection (d) of section 53a-29 of the 2006 supplement to
16 the general statutes and section 54-56e of the 2006 supplement to the
17 general statutes, if the court determines that a person cannot fully

repay such person's victims within the period of probation established in subsection (d) of section 53a-29 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes or 54-56e of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, as applicable, the court may impose probation for a period of not more than five years.

(b) The appropriate examining board may, after notice and hearing, impose a civil penalty on any person who engages in or practices the work or occupation for which a license or apprentice registration certificate is required by this chapter, chapter 394 or chapter 482 without having first obtained such a certificate or license, or who wilfully employs or supplies for employment a person who does not have such a license or certificate or who wilfully and falsely pretends to qualify to engage in or practice such work or occupation, or who engages in or practices any of the work or occupations for which a license or certificate is required by this chapter, chapter 394 or chapter 482 after the expiration of the license or certificate or who violates any of the provisions of this chapter, chapter 394 or chapter 482 or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Such penalty shall be in an amount not more than one thousand dollars for a first violation of this subsection, not more than one thousand five hundred dollars for a second violation and not more than three thousand dollars for each violation of this subsection occurring less than three years after a second or subsequent violation of this subsection, except that any individual employed as an apprentice but improperly registered shall not be penalized for a first offense.

(c) If an examining board imposes a fine or civil penalty under the provisions of this section as a result of a violation initially reported by a municipal official, the commissioner shall, not less than sixty days after collecting such fine or penalty, remit one-half of the amount collected to such municipality.

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

Section 1	from passage	20-341
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase enforcement power against trades persons who repeatedly work without required licenses and defraud consumers.

[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.]