



General Assembly

February Session, 2006

Raised Bill No.

562

LCO No. 2647



Referred to Committee on

Introduced by:
(GL)

GENERAL LAW

AN ACT EXEMPTING P-6, P-7, W-8 AND W-9 LICENSE HOLDERS FROM CERTAIN CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-334d of the 2006 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) "Accredited continuing professional education" means any
6 education of an electrician or plumber that is designed to maintain
7 professional competence in the pursuit, practice and standards of
8 electrical work or plumbing and piping work and that is approved by
9 the commissioner and is provided by an organization, institution or
10 agency that is approved by the commissioner;

11 (2) "Certificate of continuing education" means a document issued
12 to an electrician or plumber by an organization, institution or agency
13 approved by the commissioner that offers accredited continuing
14 professional education, which (A) certifies that an electrician or

15 plumber has satisfactorily completed a specified number of continuing
16 education hours, and (B) bears the name of such organization,
17 institution or agency, the title of the program, the dates during which
18 the program was conducted, the number of continuing education
19 hours satisfactorily completed and the signature of the director of such
20 organization, institution or agency or the signature of the director's
21 authorized agent;

22 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
23 Protection.

24 (b) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
25 Electrical Work Board established pursuant to subsection (b) of section
26 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to (1)
27 establish requirements for accredited continuing professional
28 education for electricians licensed pursuant to sections 20-330 to 20-
29 341, inclusive, as amended; (2) establish qualifying criteria for
30 accredited continuing professional education programs and establish
31 qualifying criteria for acceptable certificates of continuing education;
32 and (3) provide for the waiver of required accredited continuing
33 professional education for electricians for good cause.

34 (c) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
35 Plumbing and Piping Work Board established pursuant to subsection
36 (d) of section 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
37 chapter 54, to (1) establish requirements for accredited continuing
38 professional education for plumbers licensed pursuant to sections 20-
39 330 to 20-341, inclusive, as amended, which regulations shall require
40 not more than a total of seven hours of accredited continuing
41 professional education every three years, except in the event of
42 significant changes to the building code, as approved by the Building
43 Officials and Code Administrators International, Incorporated, and
44 that relate to plumbing, the commissioner, at such commissioner's
45 discretion, may require more than a total of seven hours of accredited
46 continuing professional education every three years; (2) establish

47 qualifying criteria for accredited continuing professional education
 48 programs and establish qualifying criteria for acceptable certificates of
 49 continuing education; and (3) provide for the waiver of required
 50 accredited continuing professional education for plumbers for good
 51 cause.

52 (d) Any plumber who has served an apprenticeship that included at
 53 least seven hundred hours of related classroom instruction shall be
 54 exempt from any continuing education requirement established
 55 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

56 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section,
 57 any person who has been issued a P-6, P-7, W-8 or W-9 license
 58 pursuant to section 20-334a of the 2006 supplement to the general
 59 statutes and the regulations of Connecticut state agencies shall not be
 60 required to meet the continuing education requirements established
 61 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-334d

Statement of Purpose:

To limit the number of hours of continuing education for plumbers and to exempt holders of P-6, P-7, W-8 and W-9 licenses from continuing education requirements.

[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.]



Senate

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General Assembly

File No. 113

February Session, 2006

Substitute Senate Bill No. 562

Senate, March 23, 2006

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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9 the commissioner and is provided by an organization, institution or
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15 plumber has satisfactorily completed a specified number of continuing
16 education hours, and (B) bears the name of such organization,
17 institution or agency, the title of the program, the dates during which
18 the program was conducted, the number of continuing education
19 hours satisfactorily completed and the signature of the director of such
20 organization, institution or agency or the signature of the director's
21 authorized agent;

22 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
23 Protection.

24 (b) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
25 Electrical Work Board established pursuant to subsection (b) of section
26 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to (1)
27 establish requirements for accredited continuing professional
28 education for electricians licensed pursuant to sections 20-330 to 20-
29 341, inclusive, as amended; (2) establish qualifying criteria for
30 accredited continuing professional education programs and establish
31 qualifying criteria for acceptable certificates of continuing education;
32 and (3) provide for the waiver of required accredited continuing
33 professional education for electricians for good cause.

34 (c) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
35 Plumbing and Piping Work Board established pursuant to subsection
36 (d) of section 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
37 chapter 54, to (1) establish requirements for accredited continuing
38 professional education for plumbers licensed pursuant to sections 20-
39 330 to 20-341, inclusive, as amended; (2) establish qualifying criteria for
40 accredited continuing professional education programs and establish
41 qualifying criteria for acceptable certificates of continuing education;
42 and (3) provide for the waiver of required accredited continuing
43 professional education for plumbers for good cause.

44 (d) Any plumber who has served an apprenticeship that included at
45 least seven hundred hours of related classroom instruction shall be

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46 exempt from any continuing education requirement established
47 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

48 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section,
49 any person who has been issued a P-6, P-7, W-8 or W-9 license
50 pursuant to section 20-334a of the 2006 supplement to the general
51 statutes and the regulations of Connecticut state agencies shall not be
52 required to meet the continuing education requirements established
53 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-334d

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill exempts holders of certain plumbing and piping work licenses from meeting continuing education requirements. The bill has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

There is no fiscal impact in the out years.

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**OLR Bill Analysis
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AN ACT EXEMPTING P-6, P-7, W-8 AND W-9 LICENSE HOLDERS FROM CERTAIN CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

SUMMARY:

The bill exempts holders of P-6, P-7, W-8, and W-9 plumbing and piping work licenses from meeting continuing education requirements. The law requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the Plumbing and Piping Work Board, to establish continuing education requirements and makes license renewal contingent on completion of the requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Continuing Education Requirements

DCP regulations require unlimited plumbing contractors to take six hours of continuing education every year and limited contractors and unlimited journeymen to take three hours every year. The regulations identify the following areas of study as "acceptable": licensing or business law related to plumbing, the current State Building Code related to plumbing, and any area recommended by the Plumbing and Piping Work Board (Conn. Agencies Reg. § 20-344d-1).

P-6 and P-7 Licenses for Sewer, Storm, and Water Pipes

These licensees may install, repair, replace, alter or maintain water, sewer, and storm lines from the utility to a point immediately inside a structure (Conn. Agencies Reg. §§ 20-332-4 (g) and (h)). Journeypersons (P-6) may only work for contractors (P-7).

W-8 and W-9 Drain Layer Licenses

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SECTION

The licenses permit the installation, repair, replacement, alteration, or maintenance of sewer and storm lines from the utility to a point immediately inside a structure. DCP no longer issues the licenses, but renews them for tradesmen who already hold them. Journeypersons (W-8) may only work for contractors (W-9).

Related Bill

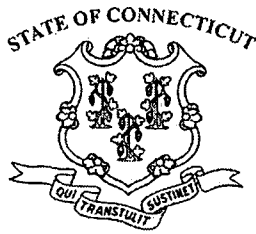
SB 565 also exempts the holders of P-6, P-7, W-8, and W-9 licenses from continuing education requirements and limits the number of hours of continuing education required of all plumbers.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/09/2006)



General Assembly

[House] Amendment [A.]

February Session, 2006

LCO No. 4698



Offered by:

- REP. STONE, 9th Dist.
- REP. GREENE, 105th Dist.
- SEN. COLAPIETRO, 31st Dist.
- SEN. CAPPIELLO, 24th Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 562

File No. 113

Cal. No. 349

"AN ACT EXEMPTING P-6, P-7, W-8 AND W-9 LICENSE HOLDERS FROM CERTAIN CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2007,
4 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, with the advice and
5 assistance of the appropriate boards established pursuant to section 20-
6 331 of the general statutes, shall adopt regulations consistent with
7 sections 20-332 and 21a-7 of the general statutes, to establish limited
8 contractor and journeyman gas hearth installer licenses and requisite
9 training requirements regarding hearth product work, as defined in
10 section 20-330 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, as
11 amended by this act. Such regulations shall be adopted by the
12 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
13 general statutes. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the holder of an

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14 occupational license which allows the performance of gas piping work,
15 gas burner work or gas hearth product work from performing gas
16 hearth product work. A holder of such license shall not be required to
17 obtain a limited contractor or journeyman gas hearth installer license.

18 Sec. 2. Section 20-330 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes
19 is amended by adding subdivision (22) as follows (*Effective October 1,*
20 *2006*):

21 (NEW) (22) "Gas hearth product work" means the installation,
22 service or repair of a propane or natural gas fired fireplace, fireplace
23 insert, stove or log set and associated venting and piping that
24 simulates a flame of a solid fuel fire. "Gas hearth product work" does
25 not include (A) fuel piping work, (B) the servicing of fuel piping, or (C)
26 work associated with pressure regulating devices, except for
27 appliances gas valves.

28 Sec. 3. Section 20-420 of the general statutes is repealed and the
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

30 (a) No person shall hold himself or herself out to be a contractor or
31 salesperson without first obtaining a certificate of registration from the
32 commissioner as provided in this chapter, except that an individual or
33 partner, or officer or director of a corporation registered as a contractor
34 shall not be required to obtain a salesperson's certificate. No certificate
35 shall be given to any person who holds himself or herself out to be a
36 contractor that performs radon mitigation unless such contractor
37 provides evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the contractor
38 is certified as a radon mitigator by the National Radon Safety Board or
39 the National Environmental Health Association. No certificate shall be
40 given to any person who holds himself or herself out to be a contractor
41 that performs removal or replacement of any residential underground
42 heating oil storage tank system unless such contractor provides
43 evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the contractor (1) has
44 completed a hazardous material training program approved by the
45 Department of Environmental Protection, (2) has presented evidence

46 of liability insurance coverage of one million dollars, and (3) has
47 presented evidence of a surety bond in an amount not less than two
48 hundred fifty thousand dollars.

49 (b) No contractor shall employ any salesman to procure business
50 from an owner unless the salesman is registered under this chapter.

51 (c) No individual shall act as a home improvement salesman for an
52 unregistered contractor.

53 (d) On and after July 1, 2008, a home improvement contractor shall
54 not perform gas hearth product work, as defined in subdivision (22) of
55 section 20-330 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, as
56 amended by this act, unless such home improvement contractor holds
57 a limited contractor or journeyman gas hearth installer license
58 pursuant to section 1 of this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	20-330
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	20-420

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As Amended by House "A" (LCO 4698)

House Calendar No.: 349

Senate Calendar No.: 120

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill as amended requires the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to establish limited contractor and journeyman gas hearth installer licenses and training requirements, no later than July 1, 2007. The current fee for a contractor's license and a journeyman's license under DCP are \$75 and \$60, respectively. Such licenses are also subject to annual renewal fees. While it is uncertain at the time how many limited contractor and journeyman gas hearth installer licenses will be issued as a result of the bill as amended, the bill as amended would result in a revenue gain.

The bill as amended also prohibits, after July 1, 2008, any home improvement contractor from performing gas hearth product work, unless such person holds a limited contractor or journeyman gas hearth installer license. This could result in additional revenue gain.

House "A" replaces the original bill and results in the fiscal impact described above.

Primary Analyst: JW
Contributing Analyst(s):

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The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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