

2023 Changes to Connecticut Law for Occupational Continuing Education Courses

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By Public Act 23-99, effective immediately, Section 20-341 of the General Statutes has been amended to include the following new language:

(b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may order any person who is not registered as an apprenticeship sponsor with the Labor Department and who advertises, offers, engages in or practices the work of a program of apprenticeship training for the purpose of providing the experience necessary to obtain a journeyperson's license under this chapter without first registering such program with the Labor Department pursuant to sections 31-22m to 31-22v, inclusive, to immediately cease and desist such advertising, offer, engagement or practice unless such person and program are properly registered with the Labor Department pursuant to sections 31-22m to 31-22v, inclusive. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, after a hearing held in accordance with chapter 54, impose a fine in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars for each violation of this subsection.

(c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may order any person who is registered as an apprenticeship sponsor with the Labor Department to provide a program of apprenticeship training pursuant to sections 31-22m to 31-22v, inclusive, for the purpose of providing the experience necessary to obtain a journeyperson's license under this chapter and who employs an individual as an apprentice without first verifying that such individual is registered as an apprentice under this chapter to immediately cease and desist any conduct for which an apprenticeship registration is required under this chapter. The commissioner may, after a hearing held in accordance with chapter 54, impose a fine in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars for each violation of this subsection.

By Public Act 23-114, effective October 1, 2023, Section 20-338b of the General Statutes has been amended to include the following new language:

(b) If a building official provides an electronic building permit application, any licensed contractor who seeks to obtain a permit from the building official may complete and submit such electronic application.

By Public Act 23-162, effective October 1, 2023, Section 31-76a of the General Statutes has been amended to include the following new language:

(b) The commissioner or the director, for such purpose, may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and records. Any employer or any officer or agent of any employer, corporation, firm or partnership who willfully fails to furnish me and wage records as required by law to the commissioner, the director of minimum wage or any wage enforcement agent upon request, or who refuses to admit the commissioner, the director or such agent to the place of employment of such employer, corporation, firm or partnership, or who hinders or delays the commissioner, the director or such agent in the performance of the commissioner's, the director's or such agent's duties in the enforcement of this section shall be fined not less than **one thousand dollars**. Each day of such failure to furnish the me and wage records to the commissioner, the director or such agent shall constitute a separate offense, and each day of refusal to admit, of hindering or of delaying the commissioner, the director or such agent shall constitute a separate offense.

By Public Act 23-162, effective October 1, 2023, Section 31-69a of the General Statutes has been amended to include the following new language:

(a) In addition to the penalties provided in this chapter and chapter 568, any employer, officer, agent or other person who violates any provision of this chapter, chapter 557 or subsection (g) of section 31-288 shall be liable to the Labor Department for a civil penalty of three hundred dollars for each violation of said chapters and for each violation of subsection (g) of section 31-288, except that (1) any person who violates (A) a stop work order issued pursuant to subsection (c) of section 31-76a, as amended by this act, shall be liable to the Labor Department for a civil penalty of **five thousand dollars** and each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense, and (B) any provision of section 31-12, 31-13 or 31-14, subsection (a) of section 31-15 or section 31-18, 31-23 or 31-24 shall be liable to the Labor Department for a civil penalty of six hundred dollars for each violation of said sections, and (2) a violation of subsection (g) of section 31-288 shall constitute a separate offense for each day of such violation.

By Public Act 23-204, effective January 1, 2024, Section 31-22r of the General Statutes has been amended to include the following new language:

(b) Each person sponsoring an apprenticeship program registered with the Labor Department as of July 1, 2003, shall pay to the Labor Department an annual registration fee of sixty dollars for each appearance participating in such program until the appearance has completed the apprenticeship and possesses a valid journey person card of occupational license, if required, or such program is cancelled by the sponsor or deregistered for cause by the Labor Department in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter, whichever is earlier.

(c) Each person sponsoring an apprenticeship program registered with the Labor Department as of or on or after July 1, 2024, shall annually submit the following information along with such sponsor's annual registration fee: (1) The current minimum completion rate of such sponsor's apprenticeship program, (2) the number of registered apprentices currently participating in such sponsor's program, (3) the number of licensed journeypersons currently employed by such sponsor, (4) the number of registered apprentices participating in such program who have advanced a year since the date of such sponsor's previous registration, or year to date for new sponsors, (5) the number of apprentices who have separated from such sponsor's program since the date of such sponsor's previous registration, or year to date for new sponsors, (6) the number of apprentices who have completed an apprenticeship program with such sponsor since the date of such sponsor's previous registration, or year to date for new sponsors, and (7) the number of apprentices who completed such sponsor's program who have been issued an occupational license by the Department of Consumer Protection and are currently employed by such sponsor. All information shall be submitted in a form and manner as prescribed by the commissioner and disaggregated by gender identity, race and ethnicity. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-210, such information provided by a sponsor shall be considered a public record and all persons shall have the right to inspect and copy such records in accordance with the provisions of section 1-212.

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