



**Governor Ned Lamont
State of Connecticut**



FACT SHEET
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SENATE BILL 13
***AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN LICENSED
OCCUPATIONS***

Summary of Proposal: Governor Lamont is proposing to modernize and update occupational licensing in this state. This proposal transitions additional licenses to an online renewal system; expedites the process for recognizing licenses conferred by other states; provides for a study of means to remove barriers of entry for vulnerable populations; clarifies and limits which criminal convictions can bar people from a licensed profession; and allows initial or continuing education training for licenses to be completed online.

Reason for Proposal: Occupational licensing regulations require people who wish to work in certain fields to first obtain the permission of the state government. Those regulations preserve public health and safety, as well as consumer confidence and employee welfare. In certain circumstances, however, outmoded requirements increase consumer costs, frustrate professionals attempting to renew their licenses, prevent lower income and other workers from entering promising fields, and discourage skilled workers from moving to Connecticut.

Significant Impacts: It is expected that consumer costs will be lower as a result of more competition in the various professions; that more people will be able to realize their professional and personal goals in life; lower income workers will be able to enter more promising fields and workers of all kinds will be encouraged to relocate to our state.

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