

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 846

January Session, 2021



AN ACT CONCERNING THE CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT INSPECTION FIRMS TO PERFORM STATE BUILDING INSPECTIONS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2021) (a) The State Building 2 Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee acting jointly, with 3 the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services, shall 4 establish a certification program to certify independent inspection firms 5 to perform inspections under the State Building Code for submission to 6 a local building official. To apply for certification under such program, 7 any inspector employed by an independent inspection firm shall hold a 8 license or certificate issued under the provisions of section 29-262 of the 9 general statutes. The State Building Inspector and the Codes and 10 Standards Committee shall consult with representatives of organized 11 labor and impacted industries when establishing such program. Such 12 program shall: (1) Establish the criteria for certifying an independent 13 inspection firm, specifying the duties, responsibilities, qualifications 14 and insurance requirements; and (2) permit the State Building Inspector 15 to provide administrative oversight and conduct audits to ensure the 16 consistency and quality of inspections performed by certified 17 independent inspection firms.

(b) The Commissioner of Administrative Services may charge a

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- 19 reasonable fee to apply for certification under such program, provided
- 20 the commissioner may waive such fee for any independent inspection
- 21 firm that applies for a waiver of such fee, in the form and manner
- 22 prescribed by the commissioner, and demonstrates that such firm is
- 23 financially unable to pay such fee.

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(c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to govern the establishment and administration of such program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:				י ס
Section 1	October 1, 2021		New section	

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (a), the second sentence was rewritten for clarity and accuracy and in Subsec. (b), "for a waiver of such fee" was inserted for clarity.

PS Joint Favorable Subst.