

CHAPTER 395*

SANITARIANS

Sec. 20-358. Definitions. As used in this chapter:

(1) “Environmental health” means the study, art and technique of applying scientific knowledge for the improvement of the environment of man for his health and welfare;

(2) “Sanitarian” means a person trained in environmental health who is qualified to carry out educational and investigational duties in the fields of environmental health such as investigation of air, water, sewage, foodstuffs, housing and refuse by observing, sampling, testing and reporting and who is licensed pursuant to section 20-361; and

(3) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Public Health.

Sec. 20-360. Application for licensure. Fee. Applications for licensure shall be on forms prescribed by the commissioner. The licensure fee for a sanitarian shall be eighty dollars for initial licensure. Each license shall be renewed annually in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88. The fee for license renewal shall be forty dollars.

Sec. 20-361. Qualification for licensure. Except as provided in section 20-365, no person shall be licensed as a sanitarian who does not prove to the satisfaction of the commissioner that such person holds a degree from an accredited college or university following four years of study and has two years of full-time experience, or the equivalent, in the field of environmental health acceptable to the commissioner. An applicant who successfully completes a special training course in environmental health approved by the commissioner may substitute such course for six months of such required experience in the field of environmental health. The applicant shall also be required to pass a written or oral examination in the science of environmental health as determined by the commissioner. An applicant for licensure shall not be required to be licensed while completing the work experience requirements of this section, provided, on and after January 1, 1998, such experience shall be completed under the supervision of a sanitarian licensed pursuant to this chapter or licensed, certified or registered in the jurisdiction in which such experience was completed.

Sec. 20-362. Licensure requirement. Use of title. (a) No person shall engage in, practice, or offer to perform the work of a sanitarian, as defined in section 20-358, unless he is licensed pursuant to section 20-361.

(b) No person shall use the title of licensed sanitarian unless he is the holder of a current license issued by the commissioner under the provisions of this chapter. A holder of a current license may append to his name the letters “R.S.”. Any certificate granted by the commissioner prior to October 1, 1995, shall be deemed a valid license permitting continuance of practice subject to the provisions of chapter 395.

Sec. 20-363. Suspension, revocation or refusal to issue license. Disciplinary action. The commissioner may refuse to issue or renew or may suspend or revoke a license or take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17 upon proof that the applicant or license holder (1) has employed or knowingly cooperated in fraud or material deception in order to obtain a license or has engaged in fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities at any place; (2) has been guilty of illegal, incompetent or negligent conduct in his or her practice; (3) has violated any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted under this chapter; (4) has been found guilty or convicted as a result of an act which constitutes a felony under (A) the laws of this state, (B) federal law, or (C) the laws of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a felony under the laws of this state; or (5) has been subject to disciplinary action similar to that specified in section 19a-17 by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of any state, the District of Columbia, a United States possession or territory, or a foreign jurisdiction. The commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17. Before the commissioner may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a license or take such other action, the commissioner shall give the applicant or license holder notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in the regulations adopted by the commissioner.

Sec. 20-364. Appeal. Any person aggrieved by any decision or order of the commissioner after hearing may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.

Sec. 20-365. Licensure without examination. Licensure exemptions. (a) The commissioner may, upon receipt of an application and the payment of a fee of forty dollars, issue a license to any person who holds a license or certificate of registration issued to him by proper authority of any state, territory or possession of the United States, provided the requirements for the license, registration or certification of sanitarians under which such license or certificate of registration was issued shall not conflict with the provisions of this chapter and shall be of a standard equal to or higher than that specified in section 20-361.

(b) Nothing in section 19a-200, subsection (a) of section 19a-206, or sections 19a-207, 19a-242, 20-358 or 20-360 to 20-365, inclusive, shall prevent any of the following persons from engaging in the performance of their duties: (1) Any person certified by the Department of Public Health as a food or sewage inspector in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-36, (2) any person employed by a local health department performing the duties of a lead inspector who complies with training standards established pursuant to section 20-479, (3) a director of health acting pursuant to subsection (a) of section 19a-200 or section 19a-244, (4) any employee of a water utility or federal or state agency performing his duties in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations, (5) any person employed by a local health department working under the direct supervision of a licensed sanitarian, (6) any person licensed or certified by the Department of Public Health in a specific program performing certain duties that are included within the duties of a sanitarian, or (7) a student enrolled in an accredited academic program leading to a degree in environmental health or completing a special training course in environmental health approved by the commissioner, provided such student is clearly identified by a title which indicates his status as a student.

Sec. 20-366. Penalty. Any person who knowingly or wilfully violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.