

## CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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## IMPLEMENTATION ORDER REGARDING EXTENSION OF DEADLINES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

In accordance with Executive Order No. 7M, the Department of Consumer Protection has determined that an extension of the following deadlines is reasonably necessary to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects:

- Section 4-180 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides that an Agency shall resolve pending matters with "a final decision within ninety days following the close of evidence or the due date for the filing of briefs, whichever is later, in such proceedings;" and
- Section 21a-7(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, which provides that in the event a board or commission within the Department of Consumer Protection "makes a proposed final decision that is adverse to a party" such proposed decision shall be submitted to the Commissioner. And, "[n]ot later than thirty calendar days after receipt of any such proposed decision, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall notify such board or commission that the commissioner shall render the final decision concerning such matter. Not later than thirty days after receipt of any such proposed decision, the commissioner shall approve, modify or reject the proposed decision or remand the proposed decision for further review or for the taking of additional evidence."

Each of the above deadlines shall be extended to the extent appropriate considering the current COVID-19 pandemic, but it no event will the deadline extend more than 90 days beyond the otherwise required time limitations.