

CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES
CHAPTER 388
ELECTROLOGISTS

Section 20-267. Definitions. As used in this chapter:

- (1)"The practice of electrology" means the permanent removal of superfluous hair by electrical or other methods approved by the commissioner of public health;
- (2)"Board" means the Board of Examiners of Electrologists; and
- (3)"Department" means the department of public health.

Section 20-268. Board of examiners. There shall be in the department of public health a Board of Examiners of Electrologists, composed of five members, one of whom shall be a doctor of medicine licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state and a diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology, two of whom shall be public members and two of whom shall be practicing electrologists who are residents of this state. The governor shall appoint the members of said board, subject to the provisions of section 4-9a. Said board shall meet at least once during each calendar quarter and at such other times as the chairman deems necessary. Special meetings shall be held on the request of a majority of the board after notice in accordance with the provisions of section 1-21. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum. Members shall not be compensated for their services. Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from office. Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded by the board. No member shall participate in the affairs of the board during the pendency of any disciplinary proceedings by the board against such member. No professional member shall be an elected or appointed officer of a professional society of electrologists or have been such an officer during the year immediately preceding his appointment. Said board shall (1) hear and decide matters concerning suspension or revocation of licensure, (2) adjudicate complaints against practitioners and (3) impose sanctions where appropriate.

Section 20-269. Powers and duties of board. Assistance to be rendered by department of public health.

The department of public health shall hold examinations at least twice each year at such times and places as the commissioner of public health determines. The commissioner of public health, with advice and assistance from the board, shall make regulations for the administration of this chapter and for the conduct of the business of electrology, which regulations may prescribe requirements concerning the layout, use and equipment of licensees' places of business, all in accordance with the public interest, health and safety. The board, with the consent of the commissioner of public health, shall prescribe the course of training for the practice thereof and shall adopt a schedule and minimum educational requirements. The board shall keep a record of the proceedings of said board, which shall be open to public inspection. The department shall provide the board with all necessary clerical and other assistance, keep its records and files, collect the fees due under this chapter and conduct any investigations and inspections required for the purposes hereof.

Section 20-270. Licenses; examinations; disciplinary action; grounds. No person shall engage in the practice of electrology, except as hereinafter provided, until he has obtained a license issued by the department. No person shall receive a license, except as hereinafter provided, until he has passed a written, oral and practical examination prescribed by the department with the advice and consent of the board. The examination shall be administered to applicants by the department under the supervision of the board. All applications to the department for examination shall be in writing signed by the applicant and upon blanks, furnished by the department, which shall set forth such facts concerning the applicant as the department may require. Application to the department shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred fifty dollars. No person shall be eligible for examination under the provisions of this chapter unless the department finds, from evidence satisfactory to it, presented by the applicant, that he has met the educational and other requirements prescribed

by the board with the consent of the department. The department shall issue a license to any person who has passed such examination, which license shall include a statement that the person named therein has been examined and found qualified to practice electrology. The department may waive the written examination for a person who has passed the written examination of a nationally recognized board or agency approved by the department and the board. The department may refuse to grant a license, or the board may revoke such license or take any action set forth in section 19a-17 for the following reasons: The employment of fraud or deception in applying for admittance to examination or in the act of taking an examination; addiction to alcoholic liquor, narcotics or other habit-forming drugs; or conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction, either within or without this state, of any crime in the practice of his profession. Such person shall file with the department such certificates and a statement on blanks furnished by the department, subscribed to by the applicant, which shall set forth his name, age, place of birth, residence, academic and professional training with such other information as the department requires, and he shall thereupon receive from said department a license to practice electrology, which license shall include a statement that the person named therein is qualified to practice electrology. Such license shall also contain a statement defining the practice of electrology. The department shall establish a passing score for examinations with the consent of the board. No license shall be issued under this section to any applicant against whom professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the subject of an unresolved complaint in this or any other state or territory.

Section 20-271. Disciplinary action; grounds. The license of any electrologist in this state may be revoked or suspended by the board, or such electrologist may be the subject of any action set forth in section 19a-17, after notice and hearing, on the recommendation of the board for any cause named below. Proceedings relative to the revocation or suspension of a license or such action may be begun by the filing of written charges, verified by affidavit, with the department. The causes for which a license may be revoked or suspended or for which a practitioner may be the subject of any action set forth in section 19a-17 include conviction either within or without this state, of any crime in the practice of his profession; fraudulent or deceptive conduct in the course of professional services or activities or illegal, incompetent or negligent conduct, in his practice; habitual intemperance in the use of alcoholic liquor or addiction to the use of narcotics or other habit-forming drugs; violation of any provision of this chapter or of any regulation adopted under this chapter; aiding or abetting the unlawful practice of electrology; physical or mental illness or emotional disorder or loss of motor skill including but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process, of the practitioner; fraud or material deception in obtaining a license; splitting of fees or offering of commissions or gifts. The commissioner of public health may order a licensee to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17.

Section 20-272. Hearing and procedure in disciplinary action. On receipt of a written charge by the department, the practitioner named therein shall be given notice and afforded opportunity for hearing, in accordance with the regulations adopted by the commissioner of public health. The attorney general shall, upon request, furnish legal assistance to the board. If the board, by a majority vote of its members, finds the existence of any of the causes set forth in section 20-271, it may take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17.

Section 20-273. Appeal. Any person aggrieved by the finding of the board or the department may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.

Section 20-275. Renewal of licenses. Each person licensed under the provisions of this chapter shall renew such license once every two years with the department in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88, as amended by this act, on forms provided by the department. The renewal fee shall be two hundred dollars.

Section 20-276. Display of license and certificate. Use of titles. Each person licensed under the provisions of this chapter to practice electrology shall display in a prominent place in his place of business his original

license and his annual registration certificate. Such licensee shall not use any title, including the title "Doctor" or "registered nurse" or their synonyms or abbreviations, except "electrologist", and shall not use any adjective or qualification in addition to such title except that such licensee may use the title "certified professional electrologist" or its abbreviation "CPE" provided he has been awarded certification by the international board of electrologist certification of The American Electrologist Association.

Section 20-277. Scope of chapter. No provision of this chapter shall be construed to confer any authority to practice medicine or surgery; nor shall this chapter prohibit the practice of electrology by a person licensed to practice the healing arts or a person employed in a hospital or in the office of a licensed physician under his immediate direction; nor shall this chapter prohibit the use of nonelectrical cosmetic devices or the use of wax or other proprietary depilatories used for the temporary removal of superfluous hair from the surface of the skin.

Section 20-278. Prohibited acts. No person shall: (1) Buy, sell or fraudulently obtain or furnish any diploma, certificate, license, record or registration purporting to show that any person is qualified or authorized to practice electrology, or participate in any such act; (2) practice or attempt or offer to practice electrology under cover of any diploma, certificate, license, record or registration illegally or fraudulently obtained or signed, or issued unlawfully or under fraudulent representation or mistake of fact in a material regard; (3) practice or attempt or offer to practice electrology under a name other than his own or under a false or assumed name; (4) aid or abet practice by a person not lawfully licensed to practice within this state or by a person whose license to practice has been suspended or revoked; or (5) use in his advertising the word "electrologist" or any description of services involving permanent hair removal, without having obtained a license under the provisions of this chapter; and no person shall, during the time his license is revoked or suspended, practice or attempt or offer or advertise to practice electrology or be employed by, work or assist, in any way, any person licensed to practice electrology. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or both.