

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Notice of Intent to Adopt Regulations

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4-168 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, notice is hereby given that the Labor Commissioner, pursuant to Section 4-8 and 4-167 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, and under the authority of section 31-372 of the General Statutes, proposes to adopt by reference the following changes in the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Standards.

It should be noted that, because the scope of the Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Act is limited to the public sector employment, these regulations apply only to employment in state and municipal government agencies.

Section 1. Section 31-372-107-1926 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended by adding the following:

Section 31-372-107-1926. Safety and Health Standards for Construction Industry

<u>Standard Affected</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Fed. Reg. Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
1926.1427	Operator qualification and certification.	9/26/14	Amended

Statement of Purpose: The adoption by reference of these revisions to the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Standards will serve to update Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Standards in accordance with Section 31-372 of the Connecticut General Statutes. On September 26, 2014, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published its intent to update its construction standards pertaining to cranes and derricks used in construction.

Conn. Gen. Stat. 31-372 requires, as an element of Connecticut’s approved Public Sector-Only State Plan, that the Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Division (CONN-OSHA) adopt all occupational health and safety standards, amendments or changes adopted or recognized by the United States Secretary of Labor under the authority of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

OSHA noted therein that it was extending its November 10, 2014, deadline for employers to ensure that crane operators are certified by three years, until November 10, 2017. OSHA also extended its employer duty to ensure that crane operators are competent to operate a crane safely for the same three-year period. The final rule became effective on November 9, 2014.

All interested parties who wish to submit data, views, or arguments may do so in writing within thirty (30) days following publication of this notice. Any such written material should be directed to:

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Any interested party may request a copy of the fiscal note from the Office of Program Policy at the above address.

A public hearing will be held on March 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Office of Program Policy Conference Room at the Connecticut State Labor Department, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield, CT 06109. Interested parties may submit data, facts, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at this hearing.

https://www.osha.gov/FedReg_osha_pdf/FED20140926A.pdf

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