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**Sec. 14-344c-1. Operation of retail service stations by producers or refiners for limited time periods**

After July 1, 1980 a producer or refiner may operate a retail service station previously dealer-operated for a period not to exceed ninety days if the dealer has died (if sole proprietor), vacated the station in breach of the lease, has been evicted by the producer or refiner for cause. After July 1, 1980 a producer or refiner may also operate a retail service station previously dealer-operated for a period not to exceed ninety days if the producer or refiner acquires a retail service station from the dealer who previously operated such retail service station as a result of a merger or the acquisition of stock in the dealer or its parent corporation by a producer or refiner. No producer or refiner shall operate any retail service station pursuant to this regulation without first obtaining a license pursuant to Section 14-319 of the General Statutes. Upon determination by the commissioner that a dealer or refiner is entitled to operate a retail service station pursuant to this regulation the commissioner shall issue a certificate of authority to operate a licensed retail service station for the time period indicated.

(Effective May 29, 1980; amended December 11, 2000)