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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF LICENSED ELECTRICIANS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Under current law, an applicant seeking renewal of a license to be a journeyman electrician, a master electrician, or a residential wireman must demonstrate competency through an assessment performed by a private company in compliance with state electrical board (board) rules.

Section 1 of the bill modifies the competency requirement by requiring an applicant seeking renewal or reinstatement of his or her license to complete 24 hours of continuing education during each cycle of his or her license in compliance with board rules. The continuing

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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education requirements established by the board must include course work related to the National Electrical Code, including core competencies as determined by the board.

Section 2 requires that each inspection performed by an incorporated town or city, a county, a city and county, or a qualified state institution of higher education include a contemporaneous review to ensure compliance with electrician licensure and inspection requirements. Each incorporated town or city, county, city and county, or qualified state institution of higher education conducting inspections is required to develop standard procedures to advise its inspectors how to conduct a contemporaneous review and to post its current procedures on its web site.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-23-106, **amend**
3 (4) (d) as follows:

4 **12-23-106. License requirements - rules - repeal.**
5 (4) (d) (I) (A) On or after January 1, 2011, the department shall not
6 renew a license unless the applicant has demonstrated competency
7 through an assessment of competency, which may be performed by
8 private entities in accordance with rules promulgated by the board.

9 (B) THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (I) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,
10 2018.

11 (II) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2018, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT
12 RENEW OR REINSTATE A LICENSE UNLESS THE APPLICANT HAS COMPLETED
13 TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION SINCE THE DATE OF
14 ISSUANCE OF THE APPLICANT'S INITIAL LICENSE OR, IF THE APPLICANT'S
15 LICENSE WAS RENEWED OR REINSTATED, THE MOST RECENT RENEWAL OR
16 REINSTATEMENT.

17 ~~(H)~~ (III) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2017, the board, in collaboration
18 with established industry training programs and industry representatives,
19 shall adopt rules establishing continuing competency standards. ~~The rules~~

1 shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following elements:

2 (A) ~~Assessment of the knowledge and skills required to renew a~~
3 ~~license;~~

4 (B) ~~The methods to obtain the required knowledge and skills; and~~

5 (C) ~~The~~ EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS, WHICH
6 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS MUST INCLUDE COURSE WORK RELATED
7 TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, INCLUDING CORE COMPETENCIES AS
8 DETERMINED BY THE BOARD. A RENEWAL OR REINSTATEMENT LICENSE
9 APPLICANT SHALL FURNISH OR CAUSE TO BE FURNISHED TO THE BOARD, IN
10 A FORM AND MANNER REQUIRED BY THE BOARD, documentation necessary
11 to demonstrate compliance with this subparagraph (H) (III) AND RULES
12 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (III). TO ENSURE
13 CONSUMER PROTECTION, THE BOARD'S RULES MAY INCLUDE AUDIT
14 STANDARDS FOR LICENSEE COMPLIANCE WITH CONTINUING EDUCATION
15 REQUIREMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO THE TESTING OF
16 LICENSEES BY THE CONTINUING EDUCATION VENDOR.

17 (H) ~~The assessment required by sub-subparagraph (A) of~~
18 ~~subparagraph (H) of this paragraph (d) shall provide sufficient~~
19 ~~information to each licensee to allow the licensee to address any areas of~~
20 ~~deficiency. If the licensee fails to demonstrate competency, the license~~
21 ~~may be renewed if the licensee provides evidence that the licensee has~~
22 ~~complied with the requirements of the continuing competency program.~~

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-23-116, **amend**
24 (10) as follows:

25 **12-23-116. Inspection - application - standard - rules - repeal.**
26 (10) An inspector performing an inspection for the state, an incorporated
27 town or city, a county, a city and county, or a qualified state institution of

1 higher education may verify compliance with ~~any provision of this article;~~
2 ~~and~~ HOWEVER, AN INSPECTION PERFORMED BY AN INCORPORATED TOWN
3 OR CITY, A COUNTY, A CITY AND COUNTY, OR A QUALIFIED STATE
4 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MUST INCLUDE A CONTEMPORANEOUS
5 REVIEW TO ENSURE THAT THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS
6 12-23-105 AND 12-23-110.5 HAVE BEEN MET. A CONTEMPORANEOUS
7 REVIEW MAY INCLUDE A FULL OR PARTIAL REVIEW OF THE ELECTRICIANS
8 AND APPRENTICES WORKING ON A JOB SITE BEING INSPECTED. TO ENSURE
9 THAT ENFORCEMENT IS CONSISTENT, TIMELY, AND EFFICIENT, EACH
10 BUILDING DEPARTMENT, AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (10), SHALL
11 DEVELOP STANDARD PROCEDURES TO ADVISE ITS INSPECTORS HOW TO
12 CONDUCT A CONTEMPORANEOUS REVIEW. EACH BUILDING DEPARTMENT
13 SHALL POST ITS CURRENT PROCEDURES REGARDING CONTEMPORANEOUS
14 REVIEWS IN A PROMINENT LOCATION ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE. AN
15 INSPECTOR may file a complaint with the board for a ANY violation of this
16 article.

17 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.