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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICIANS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2003*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Accredited continuing professional education" means any
4 education of an electrician that is designed to maintain professional
5 competence in the pursuit, practice and standards of electrical work
6 and that is approved by the commissioner and is provided by an
7 organization, institution or agency that is approved by the
8 commissioner;

9 (2) "Certificate of continuing education" means a document issued
10 to an electrician by an organization, institution or agency approved by
11 the commissioner that offers accredited continuing professional
12 education, which (A) certifies that an electrician has satisfactorily
13 completed a specified number of continuing education hours, and (B)
14 bears the name of such organization, institution or agency, the title of
15 the program, the dates during which the program was conducted, the

16 number of continuing education hours satisfactorily completed and the
17 signature of the director of such organization, institution or agency or
18 the signature of the director's authorized agent;

19 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
20 Protection.

21 (b) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
22 Electrical Work Board established pursuant to subsection (b) of section
23 20-331 of the general statutes, shall adopt regulations, in accordance
24 with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to (1) establish requirements for
25 accredited continuing professional education for electricians licensed
26 pursuant to sections 20-330 to 20-341, inclusive, of the general statutes;
27 (2) establish qualifying criteria for accredited continuing professional
28 education programs and establish qualifying criteria for acceptable
29 certificates of continuing education; and (3) provide for the waiver of
30 required accredited continuing professional education for electricians
31 for good cause.

32 Sec. 2. Section 20-335 of the general statutes is repealed and the
33 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2003*):

34 Any person who has successfully completed an examination for
35 [his] such person's initial license under this chapter shall pay to the
36 Department of Consumer Protection a fee of seventy-five dollars for a
37 contractor's license or a fee of sixty dollars for any other such license.
38 All such licenses shall expire annually. No person shall carry on or
39 engage in the work or occupations subject to this chapter after the
40 expiration of [his] such person's license until such person has filed an
41 application bearing the date of [his] such person's registration card
42 with the appropriate board. Such application shall be in writing,
43 addressed to the secretary of the board from which such renewal is
44 sought and signed by the person applying for such renewal. The board
45 may renew such license if the application for such renewal is received
46 by the board no later than one month after the date of expiration of
47 such license, upon payment to the department of a renewal fee of

48 seventy-five dollars in the case of a contractor and of sixty dollars for
49 any other such license. As a condition of renewal, the licensee shall
50 furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee has
51 completed any continuing professional education required under
52 sections 20-330 to 20-341, inclusive, and section 1 of this act, or any
53 regulations adopted thereunder. The department shall issue a receipt
54 stating the fact of such payment, which receipt shall be a license to
55 engage in such work or occupation. A licensee who has failed to renew
56 [his] such licensee's license for a period of over one year from the date
57 of expiration of such license shall have it reinstated only upon
58 complying with the requirements of section 20-333. All license fees and
59 renewal fees paid to the department pursuant to this section shall be
60 deposited in the General Fund.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to adopt regulations requiring the continuing professional education of electricians and to require electricians to provide proof of completion of continuing professional education as a condition of license renewal.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]