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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-334d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

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

10 (2) "Certificate of continuing education" means a document issued
11 to an electrician or plumber by an organization, institution or agency
12 approved by the commissioner that offers accredited continuing
13 professional education, which (A) certifies that an electrician or
14 plumber has satisfactorily completed a specified number of continuing

15 education hours, and (B) bears the name of such organization,
16 institution or agency, the title of the program, the dates during which
17 the program was conducted, the number of continuing education
18 hours satisfactorily completed and the signature of the director of such
19 organization, institution or agency or the signature of the director's
20 authorized agent;

21 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
22 Protection.

23 (b) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
24 Electrical Work Board established pursuant to subsection (b) of section
25 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to (1)
26 establish requirements for accredited continuing professional
27 education for electricians licensed pursuant to sections 20-330 to 20-
28 341, inclusive, which regulations shall require not more than a total of
29 seven hours of accredited continuing professional education every
30 three years; (2) establish qualifying criteria for accredited continuing
31 professional education programs and establish qualifying criteria for
32 acceptable certificates of continuing education; and (3) provide for the
33 waiver of required accredited continuing professional education for
34 electricians for good cause.

35 (c) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
36 Plumbing and Piping Work Board established pursuant to subsection
37 (d) of section 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
38 chapter 54, to (1) establish requirements for accredited continuing
39 professional education for plumbers licensed pursuant to sections 20-
40 330 to 20-341, inclusive, which regulations shall require not more than
41 a total of seven hours of accredited continuing professional education
42 every three years; (2) establish qualifying criteria for accredited
43 continuing professional education programs and establish qualifying
44 criteria for acceptable certificates of continuing education; and (3)
45 provide for the waiver of required accredited continuing professional
46 education for plumbers for good cause.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-334d

Statement of Purpose:

To require appropriate accredited continuing education requirements for plumbers and electricians.

[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.]