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LCO No. 457

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION SAFETY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) Each contract entered
2 into on or after July 1, 2007, for the construction, remodeling,
3 refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation, alteration or repair of any
4 public building project by the state or any of its agents, or by any
5 political subdivision of the state or any of its agents, where the total
6 cost of all work to be performed by all contractors and subcontractors
7 in connection with the contract is at least one hundred thousand
8 dollars, shall contain a provision requiring that, not later than thirty
9 days after the date such contract is awarded, each contractor furnish
10 proof to the Labor Commissioner that all employees performing
11 manual labor on or in such public building, pursuant to such contract,
12 have completed a course of at least ten hours in duration in
13 construction safety and health approved by the federal Occupational
14 Safety and Health Administration or, in the case of
15 telecommunications employees, have completed at least ten hours of
16 training in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.268.

17 (b) Any employee required to complete a construction safety and

18 health course required under subsection (a) of this section who has not
19 completed the course shall be subject to removal from the worksite if
20 the employee does not provide documentation of having completed
21 such course by the fifteenth day after the date the employee is found to
22 be in noncompliance. The Labor Commissioner or said commissioner's
23 designee shall enforce this section.

24 (c) Not later than January 1, 2007, the Labor Commissioner shall
25 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of
26 the general statutes, to implement the provisions of subsections (a) and
27 (b) of this section. Such regulations shall require that the ten-hour
28 construction safety and health courses required under subsection (a) of
29 this section be conducted in accordance with federal Occupational
30 Safety and Health Administration Training Institute standards, or in
31 accordance with 29 CFR 1910.268, as appropriate. The Labor
32 Commissioner shall accept as sufficient proof of compliance with the
33 provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this section a student course
34 completion card issued by the federal Occupational Safety and Health
35 Administration Training Institute, or such other proof of compliance
36 said commissioner deems appropriate, dated no earlier than five years
37 before the commencement date of such public works project.

38 (d) For the purposes of this section, "public building" means a
39 structure, paid for, in whole or in part, with state funds, within a roof
40 and within exterior walls or fire walls, designed for the housing,
41 shelter, enclosure and support or employment of people, animals or
42 property of any kind, including, but not limited to, sewage treatment
43 plants and water treatment plants. "Public building" does not include
44 site work, roads or bridges, rail lines, parking lots or underground
45 water, sewer or drainage systems including pump houses or other
46 utility systems.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require construction safety training to promote safety on public works projects.

[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.]