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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PLUMBERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-334d of the 2006 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

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

34 (c) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
35 Plumbing and Piping Work Board established pursuant to subsection
36 (d) of section 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
37 chapter 54, to (1) establish requirements for accredited continuing
38 professional education for plumbers licensed pursuant to sections 20-
39 330 to 20-341, inclusive, as amended, which regulations shall require
40 not more than a total of seven hours of accredited continuing
41 professional education every three years, except in the event of
42 significant changes to the building code, as approved by the Building
43 Officials and Code Administrators International, Incorporated, and
44 that relate to plumbing, the commissioner, at such commissioner's
45 discretion, may require more than a total of seven hours of accredited
46 continuing professional education every three years; (2) establish
47 qualifying criteria for accredited continuing professional education

48 programs and establish qualifying criteria for acceptable certificates of
49 continuing education; and (3) provide for the waiver of required
50 accredited continuing professional education for plumbers for good
51 cause.

52 (d) Any plumber who has served an apprenticeship that included at
53 least seven hundred hours of related classroom instruction shall be
54 exempt from any continuing education requirement established
55 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

56 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section,
57 any person who has been issued a P-6 or P-7 license pursuant to
58 section 20-334a and the regulations of Connecticut state agencies shall
59 not be required to meet the continuing education requirements
60 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

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 limit the number of hours of continuing education for plumbers and to exempt holders of P-6 and P-7 plumbing and piping work licenses from continuing education requirements.

[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.]