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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION SAFETY REFRESHER  
TRAINING COURSES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-53b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Each contract for a public works project entered into on or after  
4 July 1, 2009, by the state or any of its agents, or by any political  
5 subdivision of the state or any of its agents, described in subsection (h)  
6 of section 31-53, shall contain a provision requiring that each  
7 contractor furnish proof with the weekly certified payroll form for the  
8 first week each employee begins work on such project that any person  
9 performing the work of a mechanic, laborer or worker pursuant to the  
10 classifications of labor under section 31-53 on such public works  
11 project, pursuant to such contract, has completed a course of at least  
12 ten hours in duration in construction safety and health approved by  
13 the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration or, has  
14 completed a new miner training program approved by the Federal  
15 Mine Safety and Health Administration in accordance with 30 CFR [48]  
16 46 or, in the case of telecommunications employees, has completed at

17 least ten hours of training in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.268, and, on  
18 or after July 1, 2012, that any plumber or electrician subject to the  
19 continuing education requirements of section 20-334d, who has  
20 completed a course of at least ten hours in duration in construction  
21 safety and health approved by the federal Occupational Safety and  
22 Health Administration five or more years prior to the date such  
23 electrician or plumber begins work on such public works project, has  
24 completed a supplemental refresher training course of at least four  
25 hours in duration in construction safety and health taught by a federal  
26 Occupational Safety and Health Administration authorized trainer not  
27 earlier than five years prior to the commencement date of such public  
28 works project.

29 (b) Any person required to complete a course or program under  
30 subsection (a) of this section who has not completed the course or  
31 program shall be subject to removal from the worksite if the person  
32 does not provide documentation of having completed such course or  
33 program by the fifteenth day after the date the person is found to be in  
34 noncompliance. The Labor Commissioner or said commissioner's  
35 designee shall enforce this section.

36 (c) Not later than January 1, [2009] 2012, the Labor Commissioner  
37 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter  
38 54, to implement the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this  
39 section. Such regulations shall require that the ten-hour construction  
40 safety and health courses required under subsection (a) of this section  
41 be conducted in accordance with federal Occupational Safety and  
42 Health Administration Training Institute standards, or, in the case of a  
43 supplemental refresher training course, shall include, but not be  
44 limited to, an update of revised Occupational Safety and Health  
45 Administration standards and a review of required construction  
46 hazards training, or in accordance with Federal Mine Safety and  
47 Health Administration Standards or in accordance with 29 CFR  
48 1910.268, as appropriate. The Labor Commissioner shall accept as  
49 sufficient proof of compliance with the provisions of subsection (a) or

50 (b) of this section a student course completion card issued by the  
51 federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration Training  
52 Institute, or such other proof of compliance said commissioner deems  
53 appropriate, dated no earlier than five years before the commencement  
54 date of such public works project or, in the case of supplemental  
55 refresher training, a student course completion card issued by said  
56 Occupational Safety and Health Administration authorized trainer  
57 dated not earlier than five years prior to the commencement date of  
58 such public works project.

59 (d) This section shall not apply to employees of public service  
60 companies, as defined in section 16-1, or drivers of commercial motor  
61 vehicles driving the vehicle on the public works project and delivering  
62 or picking up cargo from public works projects provided they perform  
63 no labor relating to the project other than the loading and unloading of  
64 their cargo.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	31-53b

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow plumbers and electricians required to pursue certificates of continuing education in order to maintain licensure to take a four-hour OSHA refresher training course every five years rather than a ten-hour training course every five years.

*[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.]*