



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 480

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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 Section 31-53b of the general statutes is repealed and the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.

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

34 (c) Not later than January 1, [2009] 2012, the Labor Commissioner
35 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
36 54, to implement the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
37 section. Such regulations shall require that the ten-hour construction
38 safety and health courses required under subsection (a) of this section
39 be conducted in accordance with federal Occupational Safety and
40 Health Administration Training Institute standards, or, in the case of a
41 supplemental refresher training course, shall include, but not be
42 limited to, an update of revised Occupational Safety and Health
43 Administration standards and a review of required construction
44 hazards training, or in accordance with Federal Mine Safety and
45 Health Administration Standards or in accordance with 29 CFR
46 1910.268, as appropriate. The Labor Commissioner shall accept as
47 sufficient proof of compliance with the provisions of subsection (a) or
48 (b) of this section a student course completion card issued by the
49 federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration Training
50 Institute, or such other proof of compliance said commissioner deems
51 appropriate, dated no earlier than five years before the commencement
52 date of such public works project or, in the case of supplemental

53 refresher training, a student course completion card issued by said
54 Occupational Safety and Health Administration authorized trainer
55 dated not earlier than five years prior to the date such electrician or
56 plumber begins work on such public works project.

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

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

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