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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 11-63**—sSB 480

*Labor and Public Employees Committee*

*General Law Committee*

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

**SUMMARY:** This act changes the construction safety training requirement for certain plumbers and electricians on state and municipal public works projects subject to the state prevailing wage law. By law, construction workers who receive prevailing wages on these projects must have taken a 10-hour federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)-approved construction safety course no more than five years before the project's start. In effect, they must re-take the 10-hour course every five years to remain continuously qualified to work on these projects.

Once they have taken the 10-hour course, the act allows plumbers and electricians subject to continuing education licensing requirements to substitute four-hour supplemental courses taught by an OSHA-authorized trainer in place of the additional 10-hour courses that would otherwise be required. Beginning July 1, 2012, instead of retaking the 10-hour course every five years to remain continuously qualified, they can take the 10-hour course once, followed by a four-hour supplemental course every five years. The labor commissioner must accept a student course completion card issued by a federal OSHA-authorized trainer and dated no more than five years before the electrician or plumber started working on the project as proof of compliance. The act does not change the training requirements for other construction workers.

The act also requires the labor commissioner, by January 1, 2012, to adopt regulations that require the four-hour course to include an update on revised OSHA standards and a review of required construction hazards training.

Any workers who do not comply with the safety training requirements can be removed from the project unless they can prove, within 15 days of being found in violation, that they have complied.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

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