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AN ACT CONCERNING AUTO GLASS EMERGENCY TEMPORARY TECHNICIANS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-330 of the 2020 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 As used in this chapter:

5 (1) "Contractor" means any person regularly offering to the general
6 public services of such person or such person's employees in the field of
7 electrical work, plumbing and piping work, solar work, heating, piping,
8 cooling and sheet metal work, fire protection sprinkler systems work,
9 elevator installation, repair and maintenance work, irrigation work,
10 automotive glass work or flat glass work, as defined in this section;

11 (2) "Electrical work" means the installation, erection, maintenance,
12 inspection, testing, alteration or repair of any wire, cable, conduit,
13 busway, raceway, support, insulator, conductor, appliance, apparatus,
14 fixture or equipment that generates, transforms, transmits or uses

15 electrical energy for light, heat, power or other purposes, but does not
16 include low voltage wiring, not exceeding twenty-four volts, used
17 within a lawn sprinkler system;

18 (3) "Plumbing and piping work" means the installation, repair,
19 replacement, alteration, maintenance, inspection or testing of gas, water
20 and associated fixtures, tubing and piping mains and branch lines up to
21 and including the closest valve to a machine or equipment used in the
22 manufacturing process, laboratory equipment, sanitary equipment,
23 other than subsurface sewage disposal systems, fire prevention
24 apparatus, all water systems for human usage, sewage treatment
25 facilities and all associated fittings within a building and includes lateral
26 storm and sanitary lines from buildings to the mains, process piping,
27 swimming pools and pumping equipment, and includes making
28 connections to back flow prevention devices, and includes low voltage
29 wiring, not exceeding twenty-four volts, used within a lawn sprinkler
30 system, but does not include (A) solar thermal work performed
31 pursuant to a certificate held as provided in section 20-334g, except for
32 the repair of those portions of a solar hot water heating system that
33 include the basic domestic hot water tank and the tie-in to the potable
34 water system, (B) the installation, repair, replacement, alteration,
35 maintenance, inspection or testing of fire prevention apparatus within a
36 structure, except for standpipes that are not connected to sprinkler
37 systems, (C) medical gas and vacuum systems work, and (D) millwright
38 work. For the purposes of this subdivision, "process piping" means
39 piping or tubing that conveys liquid or gas that is used directly in the
40 production of a chemical or a product for human consumption;

41 (4) "Solar thermal work" means the installation, erection, repair,
42 replacement, alteration, maintenance, inspection or testing of active,
43 passive and hybrid solar systems that directly convert ambient energy
44 into heat or convey, store or distribute such ambient energy;

45 (5) "Heating, piping and cooling work" means (A) the installation,
46 repair, replacement, maintenance, inspection, testing or alteration of
47 any apparatus for piping, appliances, devices or accessories for heating

48 systems, including sheet metal work, (B) the installation, repair,
49 replacement, maintenance, inspection, testing or alteration of air
50 conditioning and refrigeration systems, boilers, including apparatus
51 and piping for the generation or conveyance of steam and associated
52 pumping equipment and process piping and the installation of tubing
53 and piping mains and branch lines up to and including the closest valve
54 to a machine or equipment used in the manufacturing process and
55 onsite testing and balancing of hydronic, steam and combustion air, but
56 excluding millwright work, and (C) on-site operation, by manipulating,
57 adjusting or controlling, with sufficient technical knowledge, as
58 determined by the commissioner, (i) heating systems with a steam or
59 water boiler maximum operating pressure of fifteen pounds per square
60 inch gauge or greater, or (ii) air conditioning or refrigeration systems
61 with an aggregate of more than fifty horsepower or kilowatt
62 equivalency of fifty horsepower or of two hundred pounds of
63 refrigerant. Heating, piping and cooling work does not include solar
64 thermal work performed pursuant to a certificate held as provided in
65 section 20-334g, or medical gas and vacuum systems work or the passive
66 monitoring of heating, air conditioning or refrigeration systems. For the
67 purposes of this subdivision, "process piping" means piping or tubing
68 that conveys liquid or gas that is used directly in the production of a
69 chemical or a product for human consumption;

70 (6) "Apprentice" means any person registered with the Labor
71 Department for the purpose of learning a skilled trade;

72 (7) "Elevator installation, repair and maintenance work" means the
73 installation, erection, maintenance, inspection, testing and repair of all
74 types of elevators, dumb waiters, escalators, and moving walks and all
75 mechanical equipment, fittings, associated piping and wiring from a
76 source of supply brought to the equipment room by an unlimited
77 electrical contractor for all types of machines used to hoist or convey
78 persons or materials, but does not include temporary hoisting machines
79 used for hoisting materials in connection with any construction job or
80 project, provided "elevator inspection" includes the visual examination
81 of an elevator system or portion of a system, with or without the

82 disassembly or removal of component parts;

83 (8) "Elevator maintenance" means the lubrication, inspection, testing
84 and replacement of controls, hoistway and car parts;

85 (9) "Fire protection sprinkler systems work" means the layout, on-site
86 fabrication, installation, alteration, maintenance, inspection, testing or
87 repair of any automatic or manual sprinkler system designed for the
88 protection of the interior or exterior of a building or structure from fire,
89 or any piping or tubing and appurtenances and equipment pertaining
90 to such system including overhead and underground water mains, fire
91 hydrants and hydrant mains, standpipes and hose connections to
92 sprinkler systems, sprinkler tank heaters excluding electrical wiring, air
93 lines and thermal systems used in connection with sprinkler and alarm
94 systems connected thereto, foam extinguishing systems or special
95 hazard systems including water spray, foam, carbon dioxide or dry
96 chemical systems, halon and other liquid or gas fire suppression
97 systems, but does not include (A) any engineering design work
98 connected with the layout of fire protection sprinkler systems, or (B) any
99 work performed by employees of or contractors hired by a public water
100 system, as defined in subsection (a) of section 25-33d;

101 (10) "State Fire Marshal" means the State Fire Marshal appointed by
102 the Commissioner of Administrative Services;

103 (11) "Journeyman sprinkler fitter" means a specialized pipe fitter
104 craftsman, experienced and skilled in the installation, alteration,
105 maintenance and repair of fire protection sprinkler systems;

106 (12) "Irrigation work" means making the connections to and the
107 inspection and testing of back flow prevention devices, and low voltage
108 wiring, not exceeding twenty-four volts, used within a lawn sprinkler
109 system;

110 (13) "Sheet metal work" means the onsite layout, installation, erection,
111 replacement, repair or alteration, including, but not limited to, onsite
112 testing and balancing of related life safety components, environmental

113 air, heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems by manipulating,
114 adjusting or controlling such systems for optimum balance performance
115 of any duct work system, ferrous, nonferrous or other material for
116 ductwork systems, components, devices, air louvers or accessories, in
117 accordance with the State Building Code;

118 (14) "Journeyman sheet metal worker" means an experienced
119 craftsman skilled in the installation, erection, replacement, repair or
120 alteration of duct work systems, both ferrous and nonferrous;

121 (15) "Automotive glass work" means installing, maintaining or
122 repairing fixed glass in motor vehicles;

123 (16) "Flat glass work" means installing, maintaining or repairing glass
124 in residential or commercial structures;

125 (17) "Medical gas and vacuum systems work" means the work and
126 practice, materials, instrumentation and fixtures used in the
127 construction, installation, alteration, extension, removal, repair,
128 maintenance, inspection, testing or renovation of gas and vacuum
129 systems and equipment used solely to transport gases for medical
130 purposes and to remove liquids, air-gases or solids from such systems;

131 (18) "Solar electricity work" means the installation, erection, repair,
132 replacement, alteration, maintenance, inspection and testing of
133 photovoltaic or wind generation equipment used to distribute or store
134 ambient energy for heat, light, power or other purposes to a point
135 immediately inside any structure or adjacent to an end use;

136 (19) "Active solar system" means a system that uses an external source
137 of energy to power a motor-driven fan or pump to force the circulation
138 of a fluid through solar heat collectors and which removes the sun's heat
139 from the collectors and transports such heat to a location where it may
140 be used or stored;

141 (20) "Passive solar system" means a system that is capable of
142 collecting or storing the sun's energy as heat without the use of a motor-

143 driven fan or pump;

144 (21) "Hybrid solar system" means a system that contains components
145 of both an active solar system and a passive solar system;

146 (22) "Gas hearth product work" means the installation, service,
147 inspection, testing or repair of a propane or natural gas fired fireplace,
148 fireplace insert, stove or log set and associated venting and piping that
149 simulates a flame of a solid fuel fire. "Gas hearth product work" does
150 not include (A) fuel piping work, (B) the servicing of fuel piping, or (C)
151 work associated with pressure regulating devices, except for appliances
152 gas valves;

153 (23) "Millwright work" means the installation, repair, replacement,
154 maintenance or alteration, including the inspection and testing, of (A)
155 power generation machinery, or (B) industrial machinery, including the
156 related interconnection of piping and tubing used in the manufacturing
157 process, but does not include the performance of any action for which
158 licensure is required under this chapter;

159 (24) "Inspection" means the examination of a system or portion of a
160 system, involving the disassembly or removal of component parts of the
161 system; [and]

162 (25) "Testing" means to determine the status of a system as intended
163 for its use, with or without the disassembly of component parts of the
164 system, by the use of testing and measurement instruments; [.]

165 (26) "Auto glass temporary license" means a temporary license
166 granted by the commissioner to an auto glass company doing business
167 in this state that employs individuals who perform automotive glass
168 work;

169 (27) "Auto glass company" means a company that provides auto glass
170 repair or replacement services; and

171 (28) "State disaster or emergency" means a disaster or an emergency
172 event for which: (A) The Governor has issued a proclamation of a

173 disaster or an emergency pursuant to chapter 517, (B) the President of
174 the United States has issued a declaration of the existence in the state of
175 a major disaster or an emergency, or (C) in the opinion of the
176 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, warrants the need for auto glass
177 temporary licenses.

178 Sec. 2. Section 20-333a of the general statutes is repealed and the
179 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

180 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, upon the
181 payment of the appropriate fee, as provided in section 20-335, grant a
182 license or a card of registration provided for in this chapter, without an
183 examination, to any currently practicing, competent person who holds
184 a similar license or card of registration granted by any other state,
185 licensure jurisdiction within another state, the District of Columbia or
186 any territory or commonwealth of the United States having licensure or
187 registration requirements substantially similar to, or higher than, those
188 of this state, if the licensing authority in such other state, licensure
189 jurisdiction within another state, the District of Columbia or any
190 territory or commonwealth of the United States may grant such similar
191 license or card of registration, without an examination, to any currently
192 practicing, competent licensee or registrant from this state. The
193 commissioner, in consultation with the appropriate examining board,
194 may adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
195 in order to carry out the provisions of this section.

196 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, in the event
197 of a state disaster or emergency, and upon payment of an eighteen
198 hundred dollar licensing fee, grant an annual auto glass temporary
199 license to an auto glass company that employs individuals who perform
200 automotive glass work and does business in the state. Such temporary
201 license shall be utilized by an auto glass company that employs out-of-
202 state employees who (A) perform automotive glass work, and (B) whose
203 qualifications are substantially similar to, or higher than, those of this
204 state. Holders of an auto glass temporary license shall, upon initial
205 application and renewal, provide a list to the department, on a form

206 prescribed by the commissioner, listing the out-of-state employees that
207 such company may utilize to perform work in this state in the event of
208 a state disaster or emergency.

209 (2) In the case of a state disaster or emergency, an auto glass company
210 with a valid auto glass temporary license shall notify the department
211 within thirty days of each declared state disaster or emergency of its
212 intent to use not more than fifteen out-of-state employees, as listed on
213 their license application. Such temporary license shall be used for no
214 longer than fourteen calendar days for each declared state disaster or
215 emergency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-330
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	20-333a

Statement of Purpose:

To establish an auto glass temporary license to allow auto glass companies doing business in the state to perform auto glass work in the event of a state disaster or emergency.

[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.]