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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Business & Professions
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Eagle offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 38 and 39, insert:

7 Section 1. Subsections (2), (3) and (7) of section
 8 468.609, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

9 468.609 Administration of this part; standards for
 10 certification; additional categories of certification.—

11 (2) A person may take the examination for certification as
 12 a building code inspector or plans examiner pursuant to this
 13 part if the person:

14 (a) Is at least 18 years of age.

15 (b) Is of good moral character.

16 (c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of the
 17 following criteria:

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18 1. Demonstrates 5 years' combined experience in the field
19 of construction or a related field, building code inspection, or
20 plans review corresponding to the certification category sought;

21 2. Demonstrates a combination of postsecondary education
22 in the field of construction or a related field and experience
23 which totals 4 years, with at least 1 year of such total being
24 experience in construction, building code inspection, or plans
25 review;

26 3. Demonstrates a combination of technical education in
27 the field of construction or a related field and experience
28 which totals 4 years, with at least 1 year of such total being
29 experience in construction, building code inspection, or plans
30 review;

31 4. Currently holds a standard certificate as issued by the
32 board, or a fire safety inspector license issued pursuant to
33 chapter 633, has a minimum of 3 5 years' verifiable full-time
34 experience in inspection or plan review, and satisfactorily
35 completes a building code inspector or plans examiner training
36 program of not less than 100 hours nor more than 200 hours of
37 cross-training in the certification category sought. The board
38 shall establish by rule criteria for the development and
39 implementation of the training programs. The board shall accept
40 all classroom training that is offered by any approved provider
41 that includes content substantially meeting the intent of the
42 classroom component of the training program;~~or~~

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43 5. Demonstrates a combination of the completion of an
44 approved training program in the field of building code
45 inspection or plan review and a minimum of 2 years' experience
46 in the field of building code inspection, plan review, fire code
47 inspections and fire plans review of new buildings as a
48 firesafety inspector certified under s. 633.216, or
49 construction. The approved training portion of this requirement
50 shall include proof of satisfactory completion of a training
51 program of not less than 200 hours nor more than 300 hours of
52 cross-training which is approved by the board in the chosen
53 category of building code inspection or plan review in the
54 certification category sought with not less than 20 hours nor
55 more than 30 hours of instruction in state laws, rules, and
56 ethics relating to professional standards of practice, duties,
57 and responsibilities of a certificateholder. The board shall
58 coordinate with the Building Officials Association of Florida,
59 Inc., to establish by rule the development and implementation of
60 the training program. However, the board shall accept all
61 classroom training that is offered by any approved provider that
62 includes content substantially meeting the intent of the
63 classroom component of the training program; or

64 6. Currently holds either a standard certificate as issued
65 by the board or a fire safety inspector license issued pursuant
66 to chapter 633, and:

67 a. Has a minimum of 5 years of verifiable full-time
68 experience as an inspector or plans examiner in a standard

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69 certification category currently held or has a minimum of 5
70 years' verifiable full-time experience as a fire safety
71 inspector licensed pursuant to chapter 633; and,

72 b. Satisfactorily completes a building code inspector or
73 plans examiner classroom training course or program of not less
74 than 40 and not more than 300 hours in the certification
75 category sought, except for one or two family dwelling
76 certification which may be not less than 500 and not more than
77 800 hours, as prescribed by the board. The board shall establish
78 by rule criteria for the development and implementation of
79 classroom training courses and programs in each certification
80 category.

81 (3) A person may take the examination for certification as
82 a building code administrator pursuant to this part if the
83 person:

84 (a) Is at least 18 years of age.

85 (b) Is of good moral character.

86 (c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of the
87 following criteria:

88 1. Demonstrates 7 ~~10~~ years' combined experience as an
89 architect, engineer, plans examiner, building code inspector,
90 firesafety inspector certified under s. 633.216, registered or
91 certified contractor, or construction superintendent, with at
92 least 3 ~~5~~ years of such experience in supervisory positions; or

93 2. Demonstrates a combination of postsecondary education
94 in the field of construction or related field, no more than 5

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95 years of which may be applied, and experience as an architect,
96 engineer, plans examiner, building code inspector, firesafety
97 inspector certified under s. 633.216, registered or certified
98 contractor, or construction superintendent which totals 7 ~~10~~
99 years, with at least 3 ~~5~~ years of such total being experience in
100 supervisory positions. In addition, the applicant must have
101 completed not less than 20 hours nor more than 30 hours of
102 instruction in state laws, rules and ethics relating to
103 professional standards of practice, duties, and responsibilities
104 of a certificate holder.

105 (7) (a) The board shall ~~may~~ provide for the issuance of
106 provisional certificates valid for 1 year, as specified by board
107 rule, to any newly employed or promoted building code inspector
108 or plans examiner who meets the eligibility requirements
109 described in subsection (2) and any newly employed or promoted
110 building code administrator who meets the eligibility
111 requirements described in subsection (3). The provisional
112 license may be renewed by the board for just cause; however, a
113 provisional license is not valid for a period longer than 3
114 years.

115 (b) No building code administrator, plans examiner, or
116 building code inspector may have a provisional certificate
117 extended beyond the specified period by renewal or otherwise.

118 (c) The board shall ~~may~~ provide for appropriate levels of
119 provisional certificates and may issue these certificates with
120 such special conditions or requirements relating to the place of

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121 employment of the person holding the certificate, the
122 supervision of such person on a consulting or advisory basis, or
123 other matters as the board may deem necessary to protect the
124 public safety and health.

125 (d) A newly employed or hired person may perform the
126 duties of a plans examiner or building code inspector for 120
127 days if a provisional certificate application has been submitted
128 if such person is under the direct supervision of a certified
129 building code administrator who holds a standard certification
130 and who has found such person qualified for a provisional
131 certificate. Direct supervision and the determination of
132 qualifications may also be provided by a building code
133 administrator who holds a limited or provisional certificate in
134 a county having a population of fewer than 75,000 and in a
135 municipality located within such county.

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139 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

140 Between lines 2 and 3, insert:

141 468.609, F.S.; revising the requirements for building code
142 instructor or plans examiner examinations; revising rule making
143 authority for the Florida Building Code Administrators and
144 Inspectors Board; amending s.