

By Representative Trovillion

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to building code administrators  
3           and inspectors; amending s. 468.603, F.S.;  
4           providing an additional definition; amending s.  
5           468.609, F.S.; providing a limitation in  
6           certain postsecondary education requirements;  
7           providing additional eligibility to take a  
8           certification examination; authorizing certain  
9           newly employed persons to perform plans  
10          examiner or inspector duties under certain  
11          circumstances; amending s. 468.617, F.S.;  
12          providing for local governments to contract for  
13          plans examinations; providing an effective  
14          date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18           Section 1. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (6) of  
19 section 468.603, Florida Statutes, to read:

20           468.603 Definitions.--As used in this part:

21           (6) "Categories of building inspectors" include the  
22 following:

23           (h) "Electrical inspector" means a person who is  
24 qualified to inspect and determine the electrical safety of  
25 commercial buildings and accessory structures and residential  
26 buildings and accessory structures by inspecting for  
27 compliance with the provisions of the applicable governing  
28 electrical code.

29           Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
30 468.609, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is  
31 added to subsection (6) of said section, to read:

1           468.609 Administration of this part; standards for  
2 certification; additional categories of certification.--

3           (2) A person shall be entitled to take the examination  
4 for certification pursuant to this part if the person:

5           (c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of  
6 the following criteria:

7           1. Demonstrates 5 years' combined experience in the  
8 field of construction or inspection corresponding to the  
9 certification category sought;

10           2. Demonstrates a combination of postsecondary  
11 education in the field of construction or a related field and  
12 experience which totals 4 years, with at least 1 year of such  
13 experience in construction or building inspection; ~~or~~

14           3. For certification as a building code administrator  
15 or building official, demonstrates 10 years' combined  
16 experience as an architect, engineer, building inspector,  
17 contractor, or construction superintendent, with at least 5  
18 years of such experience in supervisory positions; or

19           4. Currently holds a standard certificate issued by  
20 the board and satisfactorily completes an inspector or plans  
21 examiner training program of not less than 200 hours, as  
22 established by the board and administered by such agencies and  
23 institutions as approved by the board corresponding to the  
24 certification category sought.

25           (6)

26           (d) A newly employed person who is qualified for a  
27 provisional or temporary certificate may perform the duties of  
28 a plans examiner or inspector if a provisional or temporary  
29 certificate application has been submitted to the board for  
30 approval and such person is under the direct supervision of a  
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1 certified building code administrator who holds a standard  
2 certificate.

3 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 468.617, Florida  
4 Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

5 468.617 Joint inspection department; other  
6 arrangements.--

7 (2) Nothing in this part shall prohibit local  
8 governments from employing persons certified pursuant to this  
9 part to perform inspections or examine plans on a contract  
10 basis.

11 Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

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13 HOUSE SUMMARY

14 Revises building code administrator and inspector  
15 provisions relating to the definition of electrical  
16 inspector, certification examination eligibility, and the  
17 duties of newly employed persons who qualify for a  
18 provisional or temporary certificate. See bill for  
19 details.

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