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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative(s) Attkisson offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 56 and 57, insert:

5 Section 2. Subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection  
6 (5) of section 468.609, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

7 468.609 Administration of this part; standards for  
8 certification; additional categories of certification.--

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

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

13 (b) Is of good moral character.

14 (c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of the  
15 following criteria:

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

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

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

29 4. Currently holds a standard certificate as issued by the  
30 board and satisfactorily completes a building code inspector or  
31 plans examiner training program of not less than 200 hours in  
32 the certification category sought. The board shall establish by  
33 rule criteria for the development and implementation of the  
34 training programs; ~~or~~

35 5. Demonstrates a combination of technical education in  
36 the field of building code inspection or plans review and  
37 experience which totals 2 years, with at least 1 year of such  
38 total being experience in construction, building code  
39 inspection, or plans review. The technical education portion of  
40 this requirement shall require proof of satisfactory completion  
41 of a technical education program of not fewer than 400 hours in  
42 the chosen category of building code inspection or plans review  
43 in the certification category sought with not fewer than 20  
44 hours of the technical education program covering ethics and

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45 professional standards. The board shall coordinate with the  
46 Building Officials Association of Florida, Inc., to establish by  
47 rule the development and implementation of the technical  
48 education programs; or

49 6. Has completed, at a minimum, an associate degree  
50 program in Construction Management from an accredited  
51 institution with a major in Building Code Administration.

52 ~~(d) After the Building Code Training Program is~~  
53 ~~established under s. 553.841, demonstrates successful completion~~  
54 ~~of the core curriculum approved by the Florida Building~~  
55 ~~Commission, appropriate to the licensing category sought.~~

56 (5) (a) To obtain a standard certificate, an individual  
57 must pass an examination approved by the board which  
58 demonstrates that the applicant has fundamental knowledge of the  
59 state laws and codes relating to the construction of buildings  
60 for which the applicant has building code administration, plans  
61 examination, or building code inspection responsibilities. It is  
62 the intent of the Legislature that the examination approved for  
63 certification pursuant to this part be substantially equivalent  
64 to the examinations administered by the International Code  
65 ~~Council Southern Building Code Congress International and the~~  
66 ~~Council of American Building Officials.~~

67 Section 3. Subsection (4) is added to section 468.617,  
68 Florida Statutes, to read:

69 468.617 Joint building code inspection department; other  
70 arrangements.--

71 (4) Nothing in this part shall prohibit any building code  
72 inspector, plans examiner, or building code administrator  
73 holding a limited certificate who is employed by a jurisdiction

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74 within a statutorily defined small county to provide building  
75 code inspection, plans review, or building code administration  
76 services to another jurisdiction within a statutorily defined  
77 small county.

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80 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

81 Remove line 10 and insert:

82 effect; superseding certain provisions of law; amending s.  
83 468.609, F.S.; providing eligibility requirements for a person  
84 to take the examination for certification as a building code  
85 inspector or plans examiner; revising a reference to the  
86 organization administering certain examinations; amending s.  
87 468.617, F.S.; authorizing certain limited certificateholders to  
88 provide services to specified jurisdictions; amending s.