

By Senator Baker

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to building code officials;  
3           amending s. 468.609, F.S.; providing  
4           requirements for certification as a trainee for  
5           the position of building code inspector or  
6           plans examiner; authorizing adoption of rules  
7           relating to trainee programs by the Florida  
8           Building Code Administrators and Inspectors  
9           Board; updating a reference; providing an  
10          effective date.

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

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14           Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2), subsection  
15 (4), and paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 468.609,  
16 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (11) is added to  
17 that section, to read:

18           468.609 Administration of this part; standards for  
19 certification; additional categories of certification.--

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

23           (c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of  
24 the following criteria:

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

29           2. Demonstrates a combination of postsecondary  
30 education in the field of construction or a related field and  
31 experience which totals 4 years, with at least 1 year of such

1 total being experience in construction, building code  
2 inspection, or plans review;

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

8 4. Currently holds a standard certificate as issued by  
9 the board and satisfactorily completes a building code  
10 inspector or plans examiner training program of not less than  
11 200 hours in the certification category sought. The board  
12 shall establish by rule criteria for the development and  
13 implementation of the training programs; or-

14 5. Demonstrates a combination of technical education  
15 in the field of construction or a related field and experience  
16 which totals 2 years, with at least 1 year of such total being  
17 experience in construction, building code inspection, or plans  
18 review, and successfully completes the classroom and  
19 on-the-job portions of a trainee program of not less than 300  
20 hours in the certification category sought. The board may  
21 establish by rule criteria for the development and  
22 implementation of the trainee programs.

23 (4) ~~A No~~ person may not engage in the duties of a  
24 building code administrator, plans examiner, or building code  
25 inspector pursuant to this part after October 1, 1993, unless  
26 such person possesses one of the following types of  
27 certificates, currently valid, issued by the board attesting  
28 to the person's qualifications to hold such position:

- 29 (a) A standard certificate.  
30 (b) A limited certificate.  
31 (c) A provisional certificate.

1           (d) A trainee certificate, which certificate is  
2 limited to the position of plans examiner or building code  
3 inspector.

4           (5)(a) To obtain a standard certificate, an individual  
5 must pass an examination approved by the board which  
6 demonstrates that the applicant has fundamental knowledge of  
7 the state laws and codes relating to the construction of  
8 buildings for which the applicant has building code  
9 administration, plans examination, or building code inspection  
10 responsibilities. It is the intent of the Legislature that  
11 the examination approved for certification pursuant to this  
12 part be substantially equivalent to the examinations  
13 administered by the International Code Council ~~Southern~~  
14 ~~Building Code Congress International~~ and the Council of  
15 ~~American Building Officials.~~

16           (11) The board shall issue a trainee certificate to  
17 each applicant meeting the eligibility requirements of  
18 subparagraph (2)(c)5. who successfully completes a trainee  
19 program for the position of building code inspector or plans  
20 examiner of not less than 300 hours in the certification  
21 category sought. The board shall determine a probationary  
22 period during which a trainee certificate is valid.

23           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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26 SENATE SUMMARY

27 Provides requirements for certification as a trainee for  
28 the position of building code inspector or plans  
29 examiner. Authorizes rulemaking relating to trainee  
30 programs by the Florida Building Code Administrators and  
31 Inspectors Board.