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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 On page 3, line 31, insert:

5 Section 3. 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;:-

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 4. 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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81 On page 1, line 8,
82 remove: all of said line,

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84 and insert: regional emergency elevator access; amending s.
85 468.609, F.S.; providing eligibility requirements for a person
86 to take the examination for certification as a building code
87 inspector or plans examiner; revising a reference to the
88 organization administering certain examinations; amending s.
89 468.617, F.S.; authorizing certain limited certificateholders to
90 provide services to specified jurisdictions; amending s.