

**CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS**

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper

Senate Sponsor: Kevin T. Van Tassell

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ establishes continuing education requirements for electricians and plumbers; and
- ▶ requires the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to establish a

continuing education program and provides for its administration.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-55-303, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 198

ENACTS:

58-55-302.7, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **58-55-302.7** is enacted to read:



28 **58-55-302.7. Continuing education requirements for electricians and plumbers.**

29 (1) As used in this section:

30 (a) "Licensed electrician" means an individual licensed under this chapter as an
 31 apprentice electrician, journeyman electrician, ~~H→~~ [or] ~~←H~~ master electrician ~~H→~~, residential
 31a journeyman electrician, or residential master electrician ~~←H~~.

32 (b) "Licensed plumber" means an individual licensed under this chapter as an
 33 apprentice plumber, journeyman plumber, ~~H→~~ [or] ~~←H~~ master plumber ~~H→~~, residential
 33a journeyman plumber, or residential master plumber ~~←H~~.

34 (2) ~~H→~~ [During] Beginning December 1, 2010, during ~~←H~~ each two-year renewal cycle
 34a established by rule under Subsection
 35 58-55-303(1):

36 (a) a licensed electrician shall complete ~~H→~~ [the number of] 16 ~~←H~~ hours of continuing
 36a education

37 ~~H→~~ [that the division specifies] ~~←H~~ under the continuing education program established under this
 38 section; and

39 (b) a licensed plumber shall complete ~~H→~~ [the number of] 12 ~~←H~~ hours of continuing
 39a education ~~H→~~ [that
 40 the division specifies] ~~←H~~ under the continuing education program established under this section.

41 (3) The commission shall, with the concurrence of the division, establish by rule:

42 (a) a continuing education program for licensed electricians; and

43 (b) a continuing education program for licensed plumbers.

44 (4) The division may contract with a person to establish and maintain a continuing
 45 education registry to include:

46 (a) an online application for a continuing education course provider to apply to the
 47 division for approval of the course for inclusion in the continuing education program;

48 (b) a list of courses that the division has approved for inclusion in the continuing
 49 education program; and

50 (c) a list of courses that:

51 (i) a licensed electrician or licensed plumber has completed under the continuing
 52 education program; and

53 (ii) the licensed electrician or licensed plumber may access to monitor compliance with
 54 the continuing education requirement under Subsection (2).

55 (5) The division may charge a fee, established by the division under Section 63J-1-504,
 56 to administer the requirements of this section.

57 Section 2. Section **58-55-303** is amended to read:

58 **58-55-303. Term of license -- Expiration -- Renewal.**

59 (1) Each license issued under this chapter shall be issued in accordance with a two-year
 60 renewal cycle established by rule. The division may by rule extend or shorten a renewal period
 61 by as much as one year to stagger the renewal cycle it administers.

62 (2) At the time of renewal, the licensee shall show satisfactory evidence of:

63 (a) continuing financial responsibility as required under Section 58-55-306[-]; and

64 (b) if the licensee is an apprentice electrician or plumber, journeyman electrician or
 65 plumber, ~~H→ [or] ←H~~ master electrician or plumber, ~~H→ residential journeyman electrician or~~
 65a plumber, or residential master electrician or plumber, ←H completion of the number of hours of
 65b continuing
 66 education ~~H→ [that the division specifies under a continuing education program that the division~~
 67 establishes] specified ←H under Section 58-55-302.7.

68 (3) Each license automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license
 69 unless the licensee renews the license in accordance with Section 58-1-308.

70 (4) The requirements of Subsection 58-55-302(9) shall also apply to applicants seeking
 71 to renew or reinstate a license.

72 (5) In addition to any other requirements imposed by law, if a license has been
 73 suspended or revoked for any reason, the applicant must pay in full all fines imposed by the
 74 division, resolve any outstanding citations or disciplinary actions with the division, satisfy any
 75 Section 58-55-503 judgment and sentence or nontrial resolution, complete a new financial
 76 responsibility review as required under Section 58-55-306, using only titled assets, and pay in
 77 full any reimbursement amount as provided in Title 38, Chapter 11, Residence Lien Restriction
 78 and Lien Recovery Fund Act.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

The Department of Commerce will incur expenses of approximately \$66,500 annually for licensure and oversight of continuing education courses. Fees established by the bill will generate the same amount in revenue to the Commerce Service Fund.

	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2011</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2012</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2011</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2012</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Commerce Service Fund	\$0	\$66,500	\$66,500	\$0	\$66,500	\$66,500
Total	\$0	\$66,500	\$66,500	\$0	\$66,500	\$66,500

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Providers of continuing education will be required to pay a new course transaction fee; licensees will incur a cost in completing the courses.