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Building Inspector Amendments

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor:

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3	LONG TITLE
4	General Description:
5	This bill modifies provisions relating to building inspectors.
6	Highlighted Provisions:
7	This bill:
8	 defines terms;
9	 directs the Uniform Building Code Commission to:
10	 collect data pertaining to building inspectors;
11	• publish gathered data on an annual basis; and
12	• report the data annually to the Legislature;
13	 expands the scope for the Division of Professional Licensing to spend money from
14	surcharges;
15	 adds unlawful and unprofessional conduct provisions for licensed building inspectors
16	acting as qualified building officials;
17	 requires a local regulator to hire or contract with a qualified building official;
18	 schedules the repeal of the licensing requirement for a building inspector and related
19	unlawful conduct provisions; and
20	 makes technical and conforming changes.
21	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
22	None
23	Other Special Clauses:
24	None
25	Utah Code Sections Affected:
26	AMENDS:
27	15A-1-105, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 375
28	15A-1-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 375, 431
29	15A-1-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 199, 344
30	15A-1-209, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 72
31	58-56-9, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 375

58-56-9.1, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 145
58-56-9.3, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 229
63I-1-258, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section 15A-1-105 is amended to read:
15A-1-105 . Third-party inspection firms.
(1) As used in this section:
(a) "Building permit applicant" means [a person] an individual who applies to a local
regulator for a building permit.
(b) "Inspection" means a physical examination of all aspects of a structure to ensure
compliance with the State Construction Code.
(c) "Local regulator" means the same as that terms is defined in Section $[15A-1-102]$
<u>15A-1-202</u> .
(d) "Third-party inspection firm" means an entity that [-is]:
[(i) licensed under Title 58, Chapter 56, Building Inspector and Factory Built
Housing Licensing;]
[(ii)] (i) employs or contracts with licensed building inspectors to enforce building
codes adopted in this title;
(ii) is independent, but may include a building inspector for an adjacent city or
county; and
(iii) is included on the local regulator's third-party inspection firm list.
(e) "Third-party inspection firm list" means a list of:
(i) for a first, second, third, or fourth class county, or a municipality located within a
first, second, third, or fourth class county, three or more third-party inspection
firms approved by the local regulator; or
(ii) for a fifth or sixth class county, or a municipality located within a fifth or sixth
class county, one or more third-party inspection firms approved by the local
regulator.
(2)(a) Subject to the provisions of this section and Subsections 10-6-160(2) and
17-36-55(2), after submitting a request for inspection, a building permit applicant
may engage a third-party inspection firm from the local regulator's third-party
inspection firm list to conduct or complete an inspection for the scope of work
identified under the original request for inspection.

66	(b) If a building permit applicant wishes to engage a third-party inspection firm in
67	accordance with Subsection (2)(a), the building permit applicant shall first notify the
68	local regulator of the third-party inspection firm the building permit applicant intends
69	to engage.
70	(c) Upon completing the inspection, the third-party inspection firm shall submit the
71	inspection report to the local regulator.
72	(d)(i) The local regulator shall pay the cost of the inspection to the third-party
73	inspection firm after the local regulator receives the third-party inspection report
74	indicating the third-party inspection firm completed the inspection.
75	(ii) This section does not require a local regulator to pay for an inspection that
76	exceeds the scope of work identified under the original request for inspection.
77	(3)(a) The local regulator shall issue a certificate of occupancy to the building permit
78	applicant if the third-party inspection firm:
79	(i) completes the inspection; and
80	(ii) submits the inspection report to the local regulator.
81	(b) The local regulator shall promptly issue the certificate of occupancy or letter of
82	completion after the third-party inspection firm submits the final inspection report to
83	the local regulator as described in Subsection (3)(a)(ii).
84	(4) A local regulator is not liable for any inspection performed by a third-party inspection
85	firm.
86	Section 2. Section 15A-1-202 is amended to read:
87	15A-1-202 . Definitions.
88	As used in this chapter:
89	(1) "Agricultural use" means a use that relates to the tilling of soil and raising of crops, or
90	keeping or raising domestic animals.
91	(2)(a) "Approved code" means a code, including the standards and specifications
92	contained in the code, approved by the division under Section 15A-1-204 for use by a
93	compliance agency.
94	(b) "Approved code" does not include the State Construction Code.
95	(3) "Building" means a structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or
96	occupancy and any improvements attached to it.
97	(4) "Building permit applicant" means the same as that term is defined in Section 15A-1-105.
98	(5) "Code" means:
99	(a) the State Construction Code; or

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100	(b) an approved code.
101	(6) "Commission" means the Uniform Building Code Commission created in Section
102	15A-1-203.
103	(7) "Compliance agency" means:
104	(a) an agency of the state or any of its political subdivisions [which] that issues permits
105	for construction regulated under the codes;
106	(b) any other agency of the state or its political subdivisions specifically empowered to
107	enforce compliance with the codes;
108	(c) a third-party inspection firm as defined in Section 15A-1-105; or
109	(d) any other state agency [which] that chooses to enforce codes adopted under this
110	chapter by authority given the agency under a title other than this part and Part 3,
111	Factory Built Housing and Modular Units Administration Act.
112	(8) "Construction code" means standards and specifications published by a nationally
113	recognized code authority for use in circumstances described in Subsection 15A-1-204
114	(1), including:
115	(a) a building code;
116	(b) an electrical code;
117	(c) a residential one and two family dwelling code;
118	(d) a plumbing code;
119	(e) a mechanical code;
120	(f) a fuel gas code;
121	(g) an energy conservation code;
122	(h) a swimming pool and spa code;
123	(i) a manufactured housing installation standard code; and
124	(j) Modular Building Institute Standards 1200 and 1205, issued by the International
125	Code Council, except as specifically modified by provisions of this title governing
126	modular units.
127	(9) "Construction project" means the same as that term is defined in Section 38-1a-102.
128	(10) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Department of Commerce.
129	(11) "Legislative action" includes legislation that:
130	(a) adopts a new State Construction Code;
131	(b) amends the State Construction Code; or
132	(c) repeals one or more provisions of the State Construction Code.
133	(12)(a) "Local regulator" means a political subdivision of the state that <u>employs or</u>

134 contracts a qualified building official and is empowered to engage in the regulation of 135 construction, alteration, remodeling, building, repair, installation, inspection, or other 136 activities subject to the codes. (b) "Local regulator" [may include] includes the local regulator's designee. 137 138 (13) "Membrane-covered frame structure" means a nonpressurized building with a structure 139 composed of a rigid framework to support a tensioned membrane that provides a 140 weather barrier. 141 (14) "Not for human occupancy" means use of a structure for purposes other than protection 142 or comfort of human beings, but allows people to enter the structure for: 143 (a) maintenance or repair; or 144 (b) the care of livestock, crops, or equipment intended for agricultural use which are 145 kept there. 146 (15) "Opinion" means a written, nonbinding, and advisory statement issued by the 147 commission concerning an interpretation of the meaning of the codes or the application 148 of the codes in a specific circumstance issued in response to a specific request by a party 149 to the issue. 150 (16) "Qualified building official" means an individual who: 151 (a) has at least six years of experience as an architect, engineer, inspector, contractor or 152 superintendent of construction, or any combination of these; 153 (b) is actively licensed as an inspector in accordance with Section 58-56-9; and 154 (c) has completed 40 hours of management training as established by the division in 155 rule. 156 [(16)] (17) "Remote yurt" means a membrane-covered frame structure that: 157 (a) is no larger than 710 square feet; 158 (b) is not used as a permanent residence; 159 (c) is located in an unincorporated county area that is not zoned for residential, 160 commercial, industrial, or agricultural use; 161 (d) does not have plumbing or electricity: 162 (e) is set back at least 300 feet from any river, stream, lake, or other body of water; and 163 (f) is registered with the local health department. 164 [(17)] (18) "State regulator" means an agency of the state [which] that is empowered to 165 engage in the regulation of construction, alteration, remodeling, building, repair, and 166 other activities subject to the codes adopted pursuant to this chapter. 167 Section 3. Section 15A-1-203 is amended to read:

168	15A-1-203 . Uniform Building Code Commission Unified Code Analysis
169	Council.
170	(1) There is created a Uniform Building Code Commission to advise the division with
171	respect to the division's responsibilities in administering the codes.
172	(2) The commission shall consist of 13 members as follows:
173	(a) one member shall be a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractor licensed
174	by the state;
175	(b) one member shall be a licensed building inspector nominated by the Utah League of
176	Cities and Towns;
177	(c) one member shall be a licensed professional engineer;
178	(d) one member shall be a licensed architect;
179	(e) one member shall be:
180	(i) a licensed architect who specializes in residential architecture; or
181	(ii) a residential home designer;
182	(f) one member shall be a member of an association of building owners;
183	(g) one member shall be a fire official;
184	(h) four members shall be contractors licensed by the state, of which:
185	(i) two shall be general contractors, one of which shall specialize in residential
186	construction;
187	(ii) one shall be an electrical contractor; and
188	(iii) one shall be a plumbing contractor;
189	(i) one member shall be from the general public and have no affiliation with the
190	construction industry or real estate development industry; and
191	(j) one member shall be from the Division of Facilities Construction and Management of
192	the Department of Government Operations.
193	(3)(a) The executive director shall appoint each commission member after submitting a
194	nomination to the governor for confirmation or rejection.
195	(b)(i) If the governor rejects a nominee, the executive director shall submit an
196	alternative nominee until the governor confirms the nomination.
197	(ii) An appointment is effective after the governor confirms the nomination.
198	(4)(a) Except as required by Subsection (4)(b), as terms of commission members expire,
199	the executive director shall appoint each new commission member or reappointed
200	commission member [to] for a four-year term.
201	(b) [Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (4)(a), the] The executive director

202	shall adjust, at the time of appointment or reappointment, [adjust] the length of terms
203	to ensure that the terms of commission members are staggered so that approximately
204	half of the commission is appointed every two years.
205	(5) When a vacancy occurs in the commission membership for any reason, the executive
206	director shall appoint a replacement for the unexpired term.
207	(6)(a) A commission member may not serve more than two full terms.
208	(b) A commission member who ceases to serve may not again serve on the commission
209	until after the expiration of two years after the day on which service ceased.
210	(7) A majority of the commission members constitute a quorum and may act on behalf of
211	the commission.
212	(8) A commission member may not receive compensation or benefits for the commission
213	member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
214	(a) Section 63A-3-106;
215	(b) Section 63A-3-107; and
216	(c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and
217	63A-3-107.
218	(9)(a) The commission shall [annually designate] designate annually one of the
219	commission's members to serve as chair of the commission.
220	(b) The division shall provide a secretary to facilitate the function of the commission and
221	to record the commission's actions and recommendations.
222	(10) The commission shall:
223	(a) in accordance with Section 15A-1-204, report to the Business and Labor Interim
224	Committee;
225	(b) act as an appeals board as provided in Section 15A-1-207;
226	(c) establish advisory peer committees on either a standing or ad hoc basis to advise the
227	commission with respect to matters related to a code, including a committee to advise
228	the commission regarding health matters related to a plumbing code; [and]
229	(d) assist the division in overseeing code-related training in accordance with Section
230	15A-1-209[.] <u>;</u>
231	(e) collect, with the assistance of the division, data related to the building inspection
232	process, including building code interpretation and enforcement, throughout the state
233	through the following methods:
234	(i) surveying and interviewing stakeholders;
235	(ii) visiting building sites and building departments; and

236	(iii) any other reasonable data collection method;
237	(f) use the data outlined in Subsection (10)(e) to:
238	(i) issue guidance to the division for providing education using surcharges described
239	in Subsection 15A-1-209(5);
240	(ii) issue opinions regarding the proper interpretation of commonly disputed code
241	items;
242	(iii) send letters of concern to local regulators, building officials, third-party firms,
243	and contractors who are found to be incorrectly interpreting, enforcing, or
244	complying with code; and
245	(iv) issue a publicly available report annually, before October 1, on the performance
246	of local regulators within the state on the following:
247	(A) interpreting and enforcing of the building code consistent with this chapter;
248	(B) interpreting code for all building permit applicants and all inspectors
249	consistently and equitably;
250	(C) following consistent and equitable building inspection processes for all permit
251	holders and across all inspectors;
252	(D) meeting inspection timelines as described in Subsection 10-6-160(2);
253	(E) responding to building permit applicants in a timely manner;
254	(F) maintaining adequate training, oversight, and use of employed and contracted
255	qualified building inspectors; and
256	(G) employing or contracting with a qualified building inspector;
257	(g) annually make a summary of data collected in accordance with Subsection (10)(f)
258	publicly available through the Division of Professional Licensing; and
259	(h) annually present the report described in Subsection (10)(f)(iv) and the summary
260	required in Subsection (10)(g), to the Business and Labor Interim Committee before
261	October 1.
262	(11)(a) In a manner consistent with Subsection (10)(c), the commission shall [jointly
263	ereate] create jointly with the Utah Fire Prevention Board an advisory peer committee
264	known as the ["]Unified Code Analysis Council["]_to review fire prevention and
265	construction code issues that require definitive and specific analysis.
266	(b) The commission and Utah Fire Prevention Board shall provide jointly, by rule made
267	in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,[
268	provide] for:
269	(i) the appointment of members to the Unified Code Analysis Council; and

270	(ii) procedures followed by the Unified Code Analysis Council.
271	Section 4. Section 15A-1-209 is amended to read:
272	15A-1-209 . Building permit requirements Geologic, fault hazard, or
273	geotechnical report.
274	(1) As used in this section, "project" means a "construction project" as defined in Section
275	38-1a-102.
276	(2)(a) The division shall develop a standardized building permit numbering system for
277	use by any compliance agency in the state that issues a permit for construction.
278	(b) The standardized building permit numbering system described under Subsection
279	(2)(a) shall include a combination of alpha or numeric characters arranged in a format
280	acceptable to the compliance agency.
281	(c) A compliance agency issuing a permit for construction shall use the standardized
282	building permit numbering system described under Subsection (2)(a).
283	(d) A compliance agency may not use a numbering system other than the system
284	described under Subsection (2)(a) to define a building permit number.
285	(3)(a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
286	the division shall adopt a standardized building permit form by rule.
287	(b) The standardized building permit form created under this Subsection (3) shall
288	include fields for indicating the following information:
289	(i) the name and address of the owner of each parcel of property on which the project
290	will occur;
291	(ii) the name and address of the contractor for the project;
292	(iii)(A) the address of the project; or
293	(B) a general description of the project;
294	(iv) the county in which the property on which the project will occur is located;
295	(v) the tax parcel identification number of each parcel of the property; and
296	(vi) [whether-]the permit applicant's role as[-is] an original contractor or
297	owner-builder.
298	(c) The standardized building permit form created under this Subsection (3) may include
299	any other information the division considers useful.
300	(d) A compliance agency shall issue a permit for construction only on a standardized
301	building permit form approved by the division.
302	(e) A permit for construction issued by a compliance agency under Subsection (3)(d)
303	shall print the standardized building permit number assigned under Subsection (2) in

304	the upper right-hand corner of the building permit form in at least 12-point font.
305	(f)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(f)(ii), a compliance agency may not issue
306	a permit for construction if the information required by Subsection (3)(b) is not
307	completed on the building permit form.
308	(ii) If a compliance agency does not issue a separate permit for different aspects of
309	the same project, the compliance agency may issue a permit for construction
310	without the information required by Subsection (3)(b)(vi).
311	(g) A compliance agency may require additional information for the issuance of a permit
312	for construction.
313	(4) A local regulator issuing a single-family residential building permit application shall
314	include in the application or attach to the building permit the following notice
315	prominently placed in at least 14-point font: "Decisions relative to this application are
316	subject to review by the chief executive officer of the municipal or county entity issuing
317	the single-family residential building permit and appeal under the International
318	Residential Code as adopted by the Legislature."
319	(5)(a) A compliance agency shall:
320	(i) charge a 1% surcharge on a building permit the compliance agency issues; and
321	(ii) transmit 85% of the amount collected to the division [to be used by the division]
322	for use in accordance with Subsection (5)(c).
323	(b) The division shall deposit the portion of the surcharge transmitted to the division [
324	shall be deposited]as a dedicated credit.
325	(c)(i) The division shall use 30% of the money received under Subsection $(5)(a)(ii)$ to:
320	(A) provide education to building inspectors, and individuals working to become
328	building inspectors, regarding the codes and code amendments under Section
329	15A-1-204 that are adopted, approved, or being considered for adoption or
330	approval[-] <u>; and</u>
331	(B) collect data as outlined in Subsection 15A-1-203(10)(e).
332	(ii) The division shall use 10% of the money received under Subsection (5)(a)(ii) to
333	provide education to individuals licensed in construction trades or related
334	professions through a construction trade association or a related professional
335	association.
336	(iii) The division shall transmit 60% of the money received under Subsection
337	(5)(a)(ii) to the Office of the Property Rights Ombudsman created in Title 13,
338	Chapter 43, Property Rights Ombudsman Act, to provide education and training

339	regarding:
340	(A) the drafting and application of land use laws and regulations; and
341	(B) land use dispute resolution.
342	(6)(a)(i) A compliance agency that receives a geologic report, fault hazard report, or
343	geotechnical report as part of a building permitting process or another
344	infrastructure permitting process shall submit the final report to the Utah
345	Geological Survey within 90 days after the day on which the compliance agency
346	receives the report.
347	(ii)(A) When submitting a report, the compliance agency shall indicate what
348	portion of the report is confidential.
349	(B) [The-] In accordance with Subsection 79-3-202(2), the Utah Geological
350	Survey shall keep confidential[-those-] the portions of the report that the
351	compliance agency indicates are confidential [- in accordance with Subsection
352	79-3-202(2)].
353	(b)(i) If submitting a physical copy of a report, a compliance agency shall mail or
354	deliver the physical copy of the report to the address shown on the Utah
355	Geological Survey website.
356	(ii) The Utah Geological Survey shall return the physical copy of a report to the
357	compliance agency submitting the report after the Utah Geological Survey
358	completes digital scanning of the report.
359	(c) If submitting a digital copy of a report, a compliance agency shall:
360	(i) submit the digital copy in a form[-approved by-]the Utah Geological Survey
361	approves; and
362	(ii)(A) submit the digital copy through an online process [approved by]the Utah
363	Geological Survey <u>approves;</u>
364	(B) email the digital copy to an email address provided on the Utah Geological
365	Survey's public website; or
366	(C) mail or deliver the digital copy to the address described in Subsection (6)(b).
367	(d) A compliance agency may include in a contract related to a geologic report, fault
368	hazard report, or geotechnical report, a statement that:
369	(i) the compliance agency shall share a copy of the report with the Utah Geological
370	Survey in accordance with this Subsection (6); and
371	(ii) the Utah Geological Survey may use information in the report as provided in
372	Section 79-3-202 subject to keeping portions of the report confidential as provided

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373	in Subsection (6)(a)(ii).
374	(e) A compliance agency may not be held liable for the use or reliance on a geologic
375	report, fault hazard report, or geotechnical report shared with the Utah Geological
376	Survey by:
377	(i) the Utah Geological Survey; or
378	(ii) a person [who] that obtains information from the Utah Geological Survey that is
379	based on the geologic report, fault hazard report, or geotechnical report.
380	Section 5. Section 58-56-9 is amended to read:
381	58-56-9 . Qualifications of inspectors Contract for inspection services.
382	(1) An inspector employed by a local regulator, state regulator, or compliance agency to
383	enforce the codes shall:
384	[(a)(i) meet minimum qualifications as established by the division in collaboration with
385	the commission;]
386	[(ii) be certified by a nationally recognized organization which promulgates
387	construction codes; or]
388	[(iii) pass an examination developed by the division in collaboration with the
389	commission;]
390	(a) be currently licensed by the division as meeting [those] the minimum qualifications
391	the division establishes in collaboration with the commission; and
392	[(c)] (b) be subject to disciplinary or other action if the licensee engages in unlawful or
393	unprofessional conduct.
394	(2) A local regulator, state regulator, or compliance agency may contract for the services of
395	a licensed inspector not regularly employed by the regulator or agency.
396	(3) In accordance with Section 58-1-401, the division may:
397	(a) refuse to issue a license to an applicant;
398	(b) refuse to renew the license of a licensee;
399	(c) revoke, suspend, restrict, or place on probation the license of a licensee;
400	(d) issue a public or private reprimand;
401	(e) issue a citation to a licensee; and
402	(f) issue a cease and desist order.
403	Section 6. Section 58-56-9.1 is amended to read:
404	58-56-9.1 . Unlawful conduct.
405	(1) "Unlawful conduct" [is as] means the same as that term is defined in [Subsection] [
406	58-1-501(1)] Section 58-1-501. [and includes:]

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407	(2) <u>"Unlawful conduct" includes:</u>
408	[(1)] (a) engaging in the sale of factory built housing without being registered with the
409	division as a dealer, unless the sale is exempt under Section 58-56-16;
410	[(2)] (b) selling factory built housing within the state as a dealer without collecting and
411	remitting to the division the fee required by Section 58-56-17;
412	[(3)] (c) acting as a building inspector or representing oneself to be acting as a building
413	inspector, unless licensed or exempted from licensure under this chapter or using the
414	title building inspector or any other description, words, letters, or abbreviation
415	indicating that the person is a building inspector if the person has not been licensed
416	under this chapter;
417	[(4)] (d) acting as a building inspector beyond the scope of the license held under this
418	chapter; [and]
419	[(5)] (e) hiring or employing in any manner an unlicensed [person] individual as a
420	building inspector, unless exempted from licensure under this chapter[-] ; and
421	(f) as a building official, directing or knowingly allowing an employed or contracted
422	inspector to perform beyond the scope of the inspector's license held under this
423	chapter.
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424	Section 7. Section 58-56-9.3 is amended to read:
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424 425	58-56-9.3 . Unprofessional conduct.
424 425 426	58-56-9.3 . Unprofessional conduct. (<u>1</u>) "Unprofessional conduct" [is as] means the same as that term is defined in [Subsection] [
424 425 426 428	 58-56-9.3 . Unprofessional conduct. (1) "Unprofessional conduct" [is as] means the same as that term is defined in [Subsection] [58-1-501(2)] Section 58-1-501.
424 425 426 428 429	58-56-9.3 . Unprofessional conduct. (1) "Unprofessional conduct" [is as] means the same as that term is defined in [Subsection] [58-1-501(2)] Section 58-1-501. [and includes:]
424 425 426 428 429 430	58-56-9.3 . Unprofessional conduct. (1) "Unprofessional conduct" [is as] means the same as that term is defined in [Subsection] [58-1-501(2)] Section 58-1-501. [and includes:] [(1)] (2) "Unprofessional conduct" includes:
424 425 426 428 429 430 431	58-56-9.3. Unprofessional conduct. (1) "Unprofessional conduct" [is as] means the same as that term is defined in [Subsection] [58-1-501(2)] Section 58-1-501. [and includes:] [(1)] (2) "Unprofessional conduct" includes: (a) as a building inspector:
424 425 426 428 429 430 431 432	58-56-9.3. Unprofessional conduct. (1) "Unprofessional conduct" [is as] means the same as that term is defined in [Subsection] [58-1-501(2)] Section 58-1-501. [and includes:] [(1)] (2) "Unprofessional conduct" includes: (a) as a building inspector: (j) knowingly failing to inspect or issue correction notices for code violations [which]
 424 425 426 428 429 430 431 432 433 	 58-56-9.3. Unprofessional conduct. (1) "Unprofessional conduct" [is as] means the same as that term is defined in [Subsection] [58-1-501(2)] Section 58-1-501. [and includes:] [(1)] (2) "Unprofessional conduct" includes: (a) as a building inspector: (i) knowingly failing to inspect or issue correction notices for code violations [which] that when left uncorrected would constitute a hazard to the public health and safety;
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 424 425 426 428 429 430 431 432 433 434 435 	 58-56-9.3. Unprofessional conduct. (1) "Unprofessional conduct" [is as] means the same as that term is defined in [Subsection] [58-1-501(2)] Section 58-1-501. [and includes:] [(+)] (2) "Unprofessional conduct" includes: (a) as a building inspector: (j) knowingly failing to inspect or issue correction notices for code violations [which] that when left uncorrected would constitute a hazard to the public health and safety; and (ii) [and-]knowingly failing to require [that] compliance with correction notices[-are
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442	unauthorized persons when that information has been obtained by a building
443	inspector as a result of the inspector's employment, work, or position as an inspector;
444	[(5)] (e) unlawful acts or practices $[which]$ that are clearly unethical under generally
445	recognized standards of conduct of a building inspector;
446	[(6)] (f) engaging in fraud or knowingly misrepresenting a fact relating to the
447	performance of duties and responsibilities as a building inspector;
448	[(7)] (g) a building inspector knowingly failing to require that all plans, specifications,
449	drawings, documents, and reports be stamped by architects, professional engineers,
450	or both as established by law;
451	[(8)] (h) a building inspector knowingly failing to report to the division an act or
452	omission of a licensee under[-Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades
453	Licensing Act] Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act, which when left
454	uncorrected constitutes a hazard to public health and safety;
455	[(9)] (i) a building inspector knowingly failing to report to the division unlicensed
456	practice persons who are required to be licensed under[-Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah
457	Construction Trades Licensing Act] Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing
458	Act;
459	[(10)] (j) a building inspector's approval of work [which] that materially varies from
460	approved documents that have been stamped by an architect, professional engineer,
461	or both unless authorized by the licensed architect, professional engineer, or both;
462	[(11)] (k) a building inspector failing to produce verification of current licensure and
463	current certifications for the codes upon request of the division, a compliance agency,
464	or a contractor or property owner whose work is being inspected;
465	[(12)] (1) a building inspector requiring work that materially varies from the [building-]
466	codes adopted by the state, including amendments;
467	(m) a building inspector failing to make reasonable efforts to maintain a current
468	knowledge of amendments to code;
469	(n) falsifying inspection reports or purporting to perform an inspection that was not
470	actually performed as a building inspector;
471	(o) a building inspector engaging in retaliatory actions against individuals or companies
472	that file complaints or question the local regulator's decisions;
473	(p) a building inspector accepting what would reasonably be viewed as a bribe,
474	including monetary, goods, materials, or other benefits in the course of duty;
475	(q) any willful, fraudulent, or deceitful act by a licensee, caused by a licensee, or at a

476	licensee's direction that causes material injury to another;
477	[(13)] (r) nondelivery of goods or services by a registered dealer [which] that constitutes a
478	breach of contract by the dealer;
479	[(14)] (s) the failure of a registered dealer to pay a subcontractor or supplier any amounts
480	to which that subcontractor or supplier is legally entitled; [and]
481	[(15)] (t) any other activity [which] that is defined as unprofessional conduct by division
482	rule in accordance with the provisions of Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
483	Rulemaking Act[-] ; and
484	(u) a building official knowingly or willfully allowing an inspector contracted or
485	employed within the building official's jurisdiction or firm to engage in the actions
486	listed in Subsections (2)(a) through (2)(t).
487	Section 8. Section 63I-1-258 is amended to read:
488	63I-1-258 . Repeal dates: Title 58.
489	(1) Title 58, Chapter 13, Health Care Providers Immunity from Liability Act, is repealed
490	July 1, 2026.
491	(2) Title 58, Chapter 15, Health Facility Administrator Act, is repealed July 1, 2025.
492	(3) Title 58, Chapter 20b, Environmental Health Scientist Act, is repealed July 1, 2028.
493	(4) Section 58-37-3.5, Drugs for behavioral health treatment, is repealed July 1, 2027.
494	(5) Subsection 58-37-6(7)(f)(iii), regarding a seven-day opiate supply restriction, is
495	repealed July 1, 2032.
496	(6) Title 58, Chapter 40, Recreational Therapy Practice Act, is repealed July 1, 2033.
497	(7) Title 58, Chapter 41, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, is
498	repealed July 1, 2029.
499	(8) Title 58, Chapter 46a, Hearing Instrument Specialist Licensing Act, is repealed July 1,
500	2033.
501	(9) Title 58, Chapter 47b, Massage Therapy Practice Act, is repealed July 1, 2034.
502	(10) Subsection 58-55-201(2), regarding the Alarm System and Security Licensing
503	Advisory Board, is repealed July 1, 2027.
504	(11) Title 58, Chapter 61, Part 7, Behavior Analyst Licensing Act, is repealed July 1, 2026.
505	(12) Subsection 58-56-9(b), regarding the building inspector being licensed by the division,
506	is repealed July 1, 2030.
507	(13) Subsection 58-56-9.1(3), regarding acting as a building inspector while unlicensed, is
508	repealed July 1, 2030.
509	(14) Subsection 58-56-9.1(4), regarding the building inspector acting beyond the scope of

- 510 the license, is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 511 (15) Subsection 58-56-9.3(9), regarding a building inspector failing to report unlicensed
- 512 individuals performing work requiring a license, is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 513 Section 1. Effective Date.
- 514 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.