

Senator Wayne A. Harper proposes the following substitute bill:

1 **CONTRACTOR LICENSING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2014 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper**

6 House Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill amends requirements related to the professional licensing of contractors.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ modifies the requirements for licensure as a contractor, including:

14 • allowing experience in any construction classification to count towards
15 employment experience; and

16 • adding a ~~H~~→ [40] 20 ←~~H~~ -hour course of instruction; and

17 ▶ makes technical changes.

18 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21 None

22 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23 AMENDS:

24 58-55-302, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapters 57, 426, and 430



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

27 Section 1. Section **58-55-302** is amended to read:

28 **58-55-302. Qualifications for licensure.**

29 (1) Each applicant for a license under this chapter shall:

30 (a) submit an application prescribed by the division;

31 (b) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

32 (c) (i) meet the examination requirements established by rule by the commission with

33 the concurrence of the director, except for the classifications of apprentice plumber and

34 apprentice electrician for whom no examination is required; or

35 (ii) if required in Section 58-55-304, the individual qualifier must pass the required

36 examination if the applicant is a business entity;

37 (d) if an apprentice, identify the proposed supervisor of the apprenticeship;

38 (e) if an applicant for a contractor's license:

39 (i) produce satisfactory evidence of financial responsibility, except for a construction

40 trades instructor for whom evidence of financial responsibility is not required;

41 (ii) produce satisfactory evidence of ~~[knowledge and at least]~~;

42 (A) two years full-time paid employment experience in the construction industry,

43 which experience, unless more specifically described in this section, may be related to any

44 contracting classification; and

45 (B) knowledge of the principles of the conduct of business as a contractor, reasonably

46 necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare;

47 (iii) except as otherwise provided by rule by the commission with the concurrence of

48 the director, complete a ~~H~~→ [40] 20 ←~~H~~ -hour course established by rule by the

48a commission with the

49 concurrence of the director, which course may include:

50 (A) construction business practices;

51 (B) bookkeeping fundamentals;

52 (C) mechanics lien fundamentals; and

53 (D) other aspects of business and construction principles considered important by the

54 commission with the concurrence of the director;

55 ~~[(iii)]~~ (iv) (A) be a licensed master electrician if an applicant for an electrical

56 contractor's license or a licensed master residential electrician if an applicant for a residential