

House Bill 1313

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 8-2-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 enforcement of building codes, so as to add a requirement for recipients of building permits
3 to show proof of completion of a continuing education class in a field related to the
4 construction they are undertaking; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 8-2-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enforcement of
9 building codes, is amended by adding a new paragraph (4) to subsection (e) to read as
10 follows:

11 "(4) Beginning on January 2, 2005, before any person or entity is issued a permit which
12 authorizes improvements to new or existing residential or commercial real property, such
13 person or entity shall be required to show proof of completion of a continuing education
14 class in a field related to the construction to be undertaken. The continuing education
15 class must have been taken at an accredited college, university, or technical school, or be
16 a class presented by a trade association that has been in existence for two or more years
17 and is on an approved list that shall be developed by the Governor's Office of Consumer
18 Affairs. This paragraph shall not be applied to persons who are doing personal work on
19 their own home or other property they own or lease. A utility bill, lease, deed, or
20 documents from a financial institution indicating ownership or control of the property
21 may be used to show ownership or control of the property to be improved."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.