

House Bill 341

By: Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Taylor of the 79th, Gravley of the 67th, and Frye of the 118th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 8-2-26.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions and requirements regarding state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, so as to provide that certain qualified inspectors may be certified by the Building Officials' Association of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 8-2-26.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions and requirements regarding state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(2) 'Qualified inspector' means:

(A) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Building Code or the building portion of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings who holds a certification from the ICC as a building inspector or a certification from the Building Officials' Association of Georgia meeting the minimum experience and testing requirements set forth in certification levels II, III, IV, or V, each of these levels require a tested certification from ICC or other Building Officials' Association of Georgia Certification Committee approved testing agency. Anyone possessing a Building Officials' Association of Georgia certification at such stated level or levels on the effective date of this Code section shall be deemed a qualified inspector under this Code section;

(B) A person inspecting for the compliance of residential buildings with the National Electrical Code or the electrical portion of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings who holds a certification from the ICC as a residential electrical inspector, ~~or~~ an electrical contractor license from the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, or a certification from the Building Officials' Association of

Georgia meeting the minimum experience and testing requirements set forth in certification levels II, III, IV, or V, each of these levels require a tested certification from ICC or other Building Officials' Association of Georgia Certification Committee approved testing agency. Anyone possessing a Building Officials' Association of Georgia certification at such stated level or levels on the effective date of this Code section shall be deemed a qualified inspector under this Code section;

(C) A person inspecting for the compliance of nonresidential buildings with the National Electrical Code who holds a certification from the ICC as a commercial electrical inspector, ~~or~~ an electrical contractor license from the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, or a certification from the Building Officials' Association of Georgia meeting the minimum experience and testing requirements set forth in certification levels II, III, IV, or V, each of these levels require a tested certification from ICC or other Building Officials' Association of Georgia Certification Committee approved testing agency. Anyone possessing a Building Officials' Association of Georgia certification at such stated level or levels on the effective date of this Code section shall be deemed a qualified inspector under this Code section;

(D) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Fuel Gas Code who holds a certification from the ICC as a mechanical inspector or plumbing inspector, ~~or~~ a conditioned air contractor, journeyman plumber, or master plumber license from the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, or a certification from the Building Officials' Association of Georgia meeting the minimum experience and testing requirements set forth in certification levels II, III, IV, or V, each of these levels require a tested certification from ICC or other Building Officials' Association of Georgia Certification Committee approved testing agency. Anyone possessing a Building Officials' Association of Georgia certification at such stated level or levels on the effective date of this Code section shall be deemed a qualified inspector under this Code section;

(E) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Mechanical Code or the mechanical portion of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings who holds a certification from the ICC as a mechanical inspector, ~~or~~ a conditioned air contractor license from the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, or a certification from the Building Officials' Association of Georgia meeting the minimum experience and testing requirements set forth in certification levels II, III, IV, or V, each of these levels require a tested certification from ICC or other Building Officials' Association of Georgia Certification Committee approved testing agency. Anyone possessing a Building Officials' Association of Georgia certification at such

63 stated level or levels on the effective date of this Code section shall be deemed a
64 qualified inspector under this Code section;

65 (F) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Plumbing Code or the
66 plumbing portion of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family
67 Dwellings who holds a certification from the ICC as a plumbing inspector, ~~or~~ a
68 journeyman plumber or master plumber license from the State Construction Industry
69 Licensing Board, or a certification from the Building Officials' Association of Georgia
70 meeting the minimum experience and testing requirements set forth in certification
71 levels II, III, IV, or V, each of these levels require a tested certification from ICC or
72 other Building Officials' Association of Georgia Certification Committee approved
73 testing agency. Anyone possessing a Building Officials' Association of Georgia
74 certification at such stated level or levels on the effective date of this Code section shall
75 be deemed a qualified inspector under this Code section;

76 (G) A person inspecting for compliance with any portion of the International
77 Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings who holds a certification from
78 the ICC as a ~~one~~ one- and two-family dwelling inspector or a certification from the
79 Building Officials' Association of Georgia meeting the minimum experience and testing
80 requirements set forth in certification levels II, III, IV, or V, each of these levels require
81 a tested certification from ICC or other Building Officials' Association of Georgia
82 Certification Committee approved testing agency. Anyone possessing a Building
83 Officials' Association of Georgia certification at such stated level or levels on the
84 effective date of this Code section shall be deemed a qualified inspector under this
85 Code section;

86 (H) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Energy Conservation
87 Code for Buildings who has completed eight hours of training that is conducted or
88 approved by the department; or

89 (I) A person inspecting for compliance with any of the codes listed in
90 subparagraphs (A) through (H) of this paragraph who holds a certificate of registration
91 as a professional engineer issued under Chapter 15 of Title 43 and is practicing within
92 the scope of his or her branch of engineering expertise while conducting such
93 inspection."

94 **SECTION 2.**

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