

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offers the following substitute to HB 341:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

11 "(2) 'Qualified inspector' means:

12 (A) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Building Code or the
13 building portion of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family
14 Dwellings who holds a certification from the ICC as a building inspector;

15 (B) A person inspecting for the compliance of residential buildings with the National
16 Electrical Code or the electrical portion of the International Residential Code for One-
17 and Two-Family Dwellings who holds a certification from the ICC as a residential
18 electrical inspector or an electrical contractor license from the State Construction
19 Industry Licensing Board;

20 (C) A person inspecting for the compliance of nonresidential buildings with the
21 National Electrical Code who holds a certification from the ICC as a commercial
22 electrical inspector or an electrical contractor license from the State Construction
23 Industry Licensing Board;

24 (D) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Fuel Gas Code who
25 holds a certification from the ICC as a mechanical inspector or plumbing inspector or

26 a conditioned air contractor, journeyman plumber, or master plumber license from the
27 State Construction Industry Licensing Board;

28 (E) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Mechanical Code or the
29 mechanical portion of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family
30 Dwellings who holds a certification from the ICC as a mechanical inspector or a
31 conditioned air contractor license from the State Construction Industry Licensing
32 Board;

33 (F) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Plumbing Code or the
34 plumbing portion of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family
35 Dwellings who holds a certification from the ICC as a plumbing inspector or a
36 journeyman plumber or master plumber license from the State Construction Industry
37 Licensing Board;

38 (G) A person inspecting for compliance with any portion of the International
39 Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings who holds a certification from
40 the ICC as a one and two-family dwelling inspector;

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

44 (I) A person inspecting for compliance with any of the codes listed in
45 subparagraphs (A) through (H) of this paragraph who holds:

46 (i) A a certificate of registration as a professional engineer issued under Chapter 15
47 of Title 43 and is practicing within the scope of his or her branch of engineering
48 expertise while conducting such inspection;

49 (ii) A level II, III, IV, or V certification from the Building Officials Association of
50 Georgia, provided that such levels of certification require work experience and an
51 examination by the ICC or a testing agency approved by the Building Officials
52 Association of Georgia; or

53 (iii) A level II, III, IV, or V certification from the Building Officials Association of
54 Georgia on the effective date of this Code section."

55 **SECTION 2.**

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