

Senate Bill 140

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Hill of the 4th, Shafer of the 48th, Unterman of the 45th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 14 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low-voltage contractors, and
3 utility contractors, so as to authorize the Division of Low-voltage Contractors to require
4 continuing education; to provide for a waiver of continuing education requirements under
5 certain circumstances; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 14 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electrical
10 contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low-voltage contractors, and utility
11 contractors, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-14-6, relating to the
12 power and duties of divisions within the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, to read
13 as follows:

14 "(h)(1) The Division of Low-voltage Contractors shall be authorized to require persons
15 seeking renewal of Low-voltage Contractor Class LV-A, Low-voltage Contractor Class
16 LV-T, Low-voltage Contractor Class LV-U, and Low-voltage Contractor Class LV-G
17 licenses to complete board approved continuing education of not more than four hours
18 annually. The division shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of
19 higher learning, vocational-technical schools, and trade, technical, or professional
20 organizations; provided, however, that continuing education courses or programs related
21 to low-voltage contracting provided or conducted by public utilities, equipment
22 manufacturers, or institutions under the State Board of the Technical College System of
23 Georgia shall constitute acceptable continuing professional education programs for the
24 purposes of this subsection. Continuing education courses or programs conducted by
25 manufacturers specifically to promote their products shall not be approved.

26 (2) The Division of Low-voltage Contractors shall be authorized to waive the continuing
27 education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other
28 circumstances as the division deems appropriate.

29 (3) This subsection shall apply to license renewals occurring after February 28, 2018.

30 (4) This subsection shall not apply to any person seeking to renew a Low-voltage
31 Contractor Class LV-A, LV-G, LV-U, or LV-T license who:

32 (A) Holds an Electrical Contractor Class I or Class II license or both; and

33 (B) Has fulfilled the continuing education requirements required by the Division of
34 Electrical Contractors pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section."

35 **SECTION 2.**

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