

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to HB 232:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and
2 businesses, so as to repeal Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers,
3 conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors, and enact a new
4 Chapter 14; to provide for the State Construction Industry Licensing Board; to provide for
5 the Division of Electrical Contractors; to provide for the Division of Master Plumbers; to
6 provide for the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors; to provide for the Division of Low
7 Voltage Contractors; to provide for the Division of Utility Contractors; to provide for
8 membership, powers, and duties of each; to provide for licensure or certification within the
9 fields of plumbing, electrical, air conditioning, low voltage, and utility contracting; to
10 provide for application; to provide for requirements for licensure or certification; to provide
11 for recertification; to provide for continuing education; to provide for prohibitions; to provide
12 for exceptions; to provide for reciprocity; to provide for licensing or certification of current
13 or former members of the military; to provide for a misdemeanor; to provide for definitions;
14 to provide for legislative intent; to provide for conformity with federal law; to amend Code
15 Section 48-7-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to deduction for
16 payments to classified subcontractors, disclosure of tax returns, and maintenance of list of
17 classified subcontractors, so as to provide for a definition; to amend Code Section 43-24A-8
18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensure of massage therapists,

19 application, and requirements, so as to increase the required hours of initial educational
20 training to be a massage therapist; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
21 and for other purposes.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

23 **SECTION 1.**

24 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,
25 is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (d) of Code Section 43-1-34, relating
26 to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, to read as follows:

27 "(5) The provisions of this subsection shall be cumulative to those provided in 50 U.S.C.
28 Section 4025a, and nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted as limiting or imposing
29 additional obligations on portability pursuant to 50 U.S.C. Section 4025a."

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 Said title is further amended by repealing Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors,
32 plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors, and
33 enacting a new Chapter 14 to read as follows:

34 "CHAPTER 14

35 43-14-1.

36 This chapter is enacted for the purpose of safeguarding homeowners, other property
37 owners, tenants, and the general public against faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe
38 electrical, plumbing, low voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air installations.
39 The practices of electrical contracting, plumbing contracting, low voltage contracting,
40 utility contracting, and conditioned air contracting are declared to be businesses or

41 professions affecting the public interest; and this chapter shall be liberally construed so as
42 to accomplish the purposes stated in this Code section.

43 43-14-2.

44 As used in this chapter, the term:

45 (1) 'Alarm system' means any device or combination of devices used to detect a situation,
46 causing an alarm in the event of a burglary, fire, robbery, medical emergency, or
47 equipment failure, or on the occurrence of any other predetermined life safety event.

48 Such term shall also include any alarm system communication system used or required
49 to transmit notice of a life safety or intrusion event to a local or remote monitoring
50 facility.

51 (2) 'Board' means the State Construction Industry Licensing Board.

52 (3) 'Conditioned air contracting' means the installation, repair, or service of conditioned
53 air systems or conditioned air equipment, which includes, but is not limited to, the service
54 to or installation of the electrical circuit from the electrical distribution panel to the
55 conditioned air equipment, provided that the electrical service to the building or site is
56 a single-phase electrical circuit not exceeding 200 amperes performed by conditioned air
57 contractors licensed under this chapter.

58 (4) 'Conditioned air contractor' means any person engaged in conditioned air contracting
59 under express or implied contract or that bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the
60 capacity to perform, or does perform conditioned air contracting services under express
61 or implied contract.

62 (5) 'Conditioned Air Contractor Class I' means any individual licensed under this chapter
63 to conduct business as a Residential and Light Commercial entity for air conditioning and
64 heat pump systems of 60,000 BTUs of cooling or less, and for gas heating systems of
65 175,000 BTUs or less. The scope of practice for a Conditioned Air Contractor Class I
66 shall include, but is not limited to, the business of permitting jobs, bidding on projects,

67 and performing maintenance, service, and repairs of equipment and components, as well
68 as installing new equipment and components, including ductwork, refrigerant lines, gas
69 pipng, controls, and accessories.

70 (6) 'Conditioned Air Contractor Class II' means any individual licensed under this
71 chapter to conduct business as a residential and commercial entity, without limitations
72 or restrictions on project size or equipment types, except for the installation of boilers,
73 which is licensed under the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire.
74 The scope of practice for a Conditioned Air Contractor Class II shall include, but is not
75 limited to, the design, bidding, permitting, and the performance of maintenance, service,
76 and repairs of equipment and components, as well as the installation of new and
77 replacement systems, including split air conditioning and heat pump systems, package
78 units, variable refrigerant flow systems, chillers, ventilation systems, and all associated
79 components.

80 (7) 'Conditioned air equipment' means heating and air conditioning equipment covered
81 under state codes and the fuel gas piping system on the outlet side of the gas meter.

82 (8) 'Electrical contracting' means the installation, maintenance, alteration, or repair of
83 any electrical equipment, apparatus, control system, or electrical wiring device which is
84 attached to or incorporated into any building or structure in this state but shall not include
85 low voltage contracting.

86 (9) 'Electrical contractor' means any individual licensed under this chapter as Electrical
87 Contractor Class I or Electrical Contractor Class II by the Division of Electrical
88 Contractors, engaged in the business of electrical contracting under express or implied
89 contract or that bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or
90 does perform electrical contracting services under express or implied contract.

91 (10) 'Electrical Contractor Class I' means any individual licensed under this chapter by
92 the Division of Electrical Contractors to perform work as an electrical contractor on
93 residential multifamily structures of not more than two levels or single-family dwellings

94 of up to three levels, provided that structures shall have single-phase electrical
95 installations which do not exceed 400 amperes at the service drop or the service lateral.
96 (11) 'Electrical Contractor Class II' means any individual licensed under this chapter by
97 the Division of Electrical Contractors to perform work as an electrical contractor without
98 restriction, including, but not limited to, the installation of raceway systems, including
99 pull boxes, junction boxes, conduit bodies, service entrances, metering devices, cabinets,
100 switchboards, service risers, and fasteners, overcurrent protective devices, disconnecting
101 means, ground electrodes, main bonding jumpers, ground fault protectors, switches,
102 disconnects, and controls that supply lighting fixtures, appliances, electrical circuits,
103 controls for heating and air conditioning equipment, and other utilization and general use
104 equipment, according to installation requirements set by the state minimum standard
105 codes, the National Electrical Code, and any successor code.
106 (12) 'Executive director' means the executive director of the State Construction Industry
107 Licensing Board.
108 (13) 'Full-time experience' means working at least 2,000 hours in a calendar year in a
109 qualifying capacity, with each 2,000 hours of documented work equating to one year of
110 experience for purposes of licensure or qualifications requirements.
111 (14) 'General low voltage system' means any electrical system, other than an alarm or
112 telecommunications system, that involves low voltage wiring and consists of a group or
113 combination of interconnected components functioning together to perform a specific
114 purpose using low voltage power or signaling, including devices, wiring, control
115 equipment, software, and network connections operating as a single, integrated system.
116 (15) 'Journeyman plumber' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the
117 Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers who engages in the installation,
118 maintenance, alteration, or repair of piping, fixtures, and appliances, including water
119 heaters, and all appurtenances thereto, in connection with sanitary drainage systems,
120 storm drainage systems, venting systems, fuel gas piping systems on the outlet side of

121 tanks or gas meters, or public or private water supply systems, whether located within or
122 adjacent to any building, structure, conveyance, or manhole under the direction of a
123 plumbing contractor. A journeyman plumber shall have the ability to install or service
124 a single phase of the electrical connection between the electrical disconnect and water
125 heater, plumbing appliance or appurtenance, provided that the work performed adheres
126 to the state minimum standard plumbing code, state minimum electrical code, and state
127 minimum standard fuel gas code.

128 (16) 'License' means a valid license or certification issued by a division of the board,
129 which authorizes the named person to engage in the activity prescribed thereon.

130 (17) 'Low voltage contracting' means the installation, alteration, service, or repair of a
131 power limited or signal based system that utilizes low voltage wiring and components to
132 transmit information, control devices, or monitor conditions. Such term shall not include
133 electrical power distribution systems.

134 (18) 'Low voltage contractor' means any person licensed under this chapter by the
135 Division of Low Voltage Contractors who purports to have the capacity to perform, or
136 does perform low voltage contracting services under express or implied contract,
137 including the installation, alteration, servicing, or repair of integrated systems made up
138 of wiring, devices, software, and networked components that function together as a
139 complete solution.

140 (19) 'Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A' means any individual licensed under this
141 chapter by the Division of Low Voltage Contractors to perform work restricted to alarm
142 systems and general low voltage systems.

143 (20) 'Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G' means any individual licensed under this
144 chapter by the Division of Low Voltage Contractors to perform work restricted to general
145 low voltage systems.

146 (21) 'Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T' means any individual licensed under this
147 chapter by the Division of Low Voltage Contractors to perform work restricted to
148 telecommunications systems and general low voltage systems.

149 (22) 'Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U' means any individual licensed under this
150 chapter by the Division of Low Voltage Contractors to engage in low voltage contracting
151 without limitation as to specialty or system type, and who is authorized to design, install,
152 alter, service, repair, and maintain all low voltage systems, including general low voltage
153 systems, alarm and life-safety systems, and telecommunications systems for voice, data,
154 and network infrastructure, based on demonstrated competence across multiple low
155 voltage disciplines.

156 (23) 'Low voltage wiring' means wiring systems and associated control circuits which
157 include, but are not limited to:

158 (A) Wiring systems of 50 volts or less;

159 (B) Wiring systems having a voltage in excess of 50 volts, provided such systems
160 consist solely of power limited circuits meeting the definition of a Class II and Class
161 III wiring system as defined in Article 725 of the National Electrical Code; or

162 (C) Line voltage wiring having a voltage not in excess of 300 volts to ground and
163 installed from the load-side terminals of a suitable disconnecting means which has been
164 installed for the specific purpose of supplying the low voltage wiring system involved
165 or installed from a suitable junction box.

166 (24) 'Master Plumber Class I' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the
167 Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, who is authorized to perform
168 plumbing work and contract for on residential single-family dwellings, townhomes, and
169 multifamily dwellings, including duplexes, hotels, motels, and apartment buildings, not
170 exceeding three stories in height, and on commercial buildings not exceeding 20,000
171 square feet in total building area.

172 (25) 'Master Plumber Class II' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the
173 Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, who is authorized to perform
174 work and contract for all scopes of plumbing work, without limitation, as defined in the
175 state minimum standard plumbing code and the state minimum standard fuel gas code.
176 Such work shall include, but is not limited to, plumbing work on commercial buildings
177 of any size; industrial facilities; institutional occupancies; multistory structures of any
178 occupancy classification; and specialized use facilities.

179 (26) 'Plumbing' means:

180 (A) The practice of installing, maintaining, altering, or repairing piping fixtures,
181 appliances, and appurtenances in connection with sanitary drainage or storm drainage
182 facilities, venting systems, medical gas piping systems, natural gas piping systems on
183 the outlet side of gas meters, or public or private water supply systems within or
184 adjacent to any building, structure, conveyance, or manhole; and

185 (B) The practice of and materials used in installing, maintaining, extending, or altering
186 the natural gas, storm-water, sewerage, and water supply systems of any premises to
187 their connection with any point of public disposal or other acceptable terminal.

188 (27) 'Plumbing contractor' means any person licensed under this chapter as a Master
189 Plumber Class I or Master Plumber Class II by the Division of Master Plumbers and
190 Journeyman Plumbers, who is engaged in the business of plumbing contracting, including
191 bidding for, offering to perform, purporting to have the capacity to perform, or
192 performing plumbing contracting services under an express or implied contract, and who
193 is responsible for obtaining required permits, ensuring compliance with applicable codes,
194 coordinating inspections, performing or correcting work as necessary, and securing final
195 approval of permitted work. Such term shall not include a licensed journeyman plumber.

196 (28) 'Telecommunications system' means a system of transmission facilities, conductors,
197 equipment, and associated apparatus used to convey voice, data, video, or other
198 information by electromagnetic means, whether wired or wireless, consistent with

199 telecommunications circuits and systems recognized under the state minimum standard
200 codes, including systems capable of local or remote monitoring, management, or
201 administration through secured access.

202 (29) 'Utility contracting' means undertaking to construct, erect, alter, or repair or have
203 constructed, erected, altered, or repaired any utility system.

204 (30) 'Utility contractor' means a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation licensed
205 under this chapter by the Division of Utility Contractors which is engaged in utility
206 contracting under express or implied contract or which bids for, offers to perform,
207 purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform utility contracting under
208 express or implied contract.

209 (31) 'Utility foreman' means any individual certified under this chapter by the Division
210 of Utility Contractors who is employed by a licensed utility contractor to directly
211 supervise a project performing the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility
212 systems in the field.

213 (32) 'Utility manager' means any individual certified under this chapter by the Division
214 of Utility Contractors who is employed by a licensed utility contractor to oversee multiple
215 projects performing the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems.

216 (33) 'Utility system' means:

217 (A) Any system at least five feet underground, when installed or accessed by trenching,
218 open cut, cut and cover, or other similar construction methods which install or access
219 the system from the ground surface, including, but not limited to, gas distribution
220 systems, electrical distribution systems, communication systems, water supply systems,
221 and sanitary sewerage and drainage systems; and

222 (B) Reservoirs and filtration plants, water and waste-water treatment plants, leachate
223 collection and treatment systems associated with landfills, and pump stations, when the
224 system distributes or collects a service, product, or commodity for which a fee or price

225 is paid for said service, product, or commodity or for the disposal of said service,
226 product, or commodity.

227 43-14-3.

228 (a) There is created within the executive branch of state government the State Construction
229 Industry Licensing Board. The board shall be assigned to the Secretary of State's office for
230 administrative purposes and shall be under the jurisdiction of the division director, in
231 accordance with Code Section 43-1-2.

232 (b) The board shall be composed of 27 members as follows:

233 (1) Five members known as the Division of Electrical Contractors, one of whom shall
234 be a professional engineer engaged in electrical practice, another of whom shall have
235 experience as an inspector with electrical inspection duties of a county or municipality
236 or a third-party inspector regularly providing inspections to a county or municipality, and
237 the remaining three of whom shall be licensed electrical contractors in this state;

238 (2) Five members known as the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers,
239 one of whom shall have experience as an inspector with plumbing inspection duties of
240 a county or municipality or a third-party inspector regularly providing inspections to a
241 county or municipality, three of whom shall be master or contracting plumbers, and one
242 of whom shall be a journeyman plumber;

243 (3) Five members known as the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors, one of whom
244 shall be a licensed professional engineer engaged in mechanical practice, one of whom
245 shall have experience as an inspector with conditioned air inspection duties of a county
246 or municipality or a third-party inspector regularly providing inspections to a county or
247 municipality, and three of whom shall be conditioned air contractors with more than five
248 years of installation and service experience in the trade;

249 (4) Five members known as the Division of Low Voltage Contractors, one of whom shall
250 be a Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A, one of whom shall be a Low Voltage

251 Contractor Class LV-U, one of whom shall be a Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T, one
252 of whom shall be a professional electrical engineer, and one of whom shall have
253 experience as an inspector with electrical inspection duties of a county or municipality
254 or contracted by a county or municipality to perform electrical inspections;

255 (5) Five members known as the Division of Utility Contractors, three of whom shall be
256 utility contractors, one of whom shall be a registered professional engineer, and one of
257 whom shall be an insurance company representative engaged primarily in the bonding of
258 construction projects; and

259 (6) Two members who shall not have any connection with the utility contracting, low
260 voltage contracting, electrical contracting, plumbing, or conditioned air contracting
261 businesses whatsoever but who shall have a recognized interest in consumer affairs and
262 consumer protection concerns.

263 (c) All members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the
264 Senate, for four-year terms. Each member shall serve until a successor has been duly
265 appointed and qualified. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies
266 occurring prior to the expiration of a term, for whatever cause, shall be filled by
267 appointment of the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term. Any member who
268 ceases to meet the qualifications required for original appointment during the member's
269 term shall automatically forfeit membership on the board.

270 (d) Each member of the board shall take an oath of office before the Governor or the
271 Governor's designee to faithfully perform the duties of such office.

272 (e) The Governor may remove any member for failure to attend meetings, neglect of duty,
273 incompetence, revocation or suspension of professional trade license, or other dishonorable
274 conduct.

275 (f) Members of the board shall be reimbursed as provided for in subsection (f) of Code
276 Section 43-1-2.

277 43-14-4.

278 (a) The board chairperson shall be rotated among the five divisions enumerated in Code
279 Section 43-14-3. In the instance of a vacancy by the board chairperson, the members of
280 the board shall select a current member to serve the former board chairperson's unexpired
281 term. The individual selected to fill the vacancy shall be a member of the same division
282 as the previous board chairperson.

283 (b) The board shall meet at the call of the board chairperson or upon the recommendation
284 of a majority of its members.

285 (c) Each division within the board shall also elect from its membership a division
286 chairperson who shall serve for a term of two years. Any vacancy in the office of division
287 chairperson shall be filled by one of the members for the unexpired term.

288 (d) Any member elected division chairperson may serve more than one consecutive term
289 of office.

290 (e) Each division shall carry out its powers and duties provided for in this chapter with the
291 assistance of the division director and staff of the board.

292 (f) Each division shall meet at the call of its division chairperson.

293 (g) Three members of each division shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
294 business of such division.

295 43-14-5.

296 The board shall have the power to:

297 (1) Request from the various state departments and other agencies and authorities of the
298 state and its political subdivisions and their agencies and authorities such available
299 information as it may require in its work; and all such agencies and authorities shall
300 furnish such requested available information to the board within a reasonable time;

301 (2) Provide by regulation for reciprocity with other states in the registration and licensing
302 of electrical contractors, master plumbers, journeyman plumbers, low voltage contractors,

303 utility contractors, or conditioned air contractors and in the certification of utility
304 contracting foremen, provided that such other states have requirements substantially
305 similar to the requirements in force in this state for registration, licensure, and
306 certification; provided, further, that a similar privilege is offered to residents of this state;
307 (3) Adopt an official seal for its use and modify such seal as the board deems necessary;
308 (4) Establish rules and regulations, consistent with this chapter, for the protection of the
309 health, safety, and welfare of the public and for regulating the licensing of electrical
310 contracting, plumbing contracting, low voltage contracting, utility contracting, and
311 conditioned air contracting professionals; and
312 (5) Upon notice and hearing authorized and conducted in accordance with Code Section
313 43-14-17 and any rules and regulations promulgated by the board, either by the board
314 directly or through a valid delegation of the board's enforcement power to a division
315 thereof, assess civil penalties in an amount up to \$10,000.00 per violation against any
316 person found to be in violation of any requirement of this chapter.

317 43-14-6.

318 (a) The Division of Electrical Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to
319 engage in or licensees engaging in the business of electrical contracting; the Division of
320 Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, with respect to applicants for a license to
321 engage in or licensees engaging in the business of plumbing as a Master Plumber Class I,
322 Master Plumber Class II, or journeyman plumber; the Division of Low Voltage
323 Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in
324 the business of low voltage contracting; the Division of Utility Contractors, with respect
325 to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of utility
326 contracting and with respect to applicants for a certificate to be a utility manager or utility
327 foreman or holders of a utility manager or utility foreman certificate; and the Division of

328 Conditioned Air Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or
329 licensees engaging in the business of conditioned air contracting, shall:

330 (1) Assess and approve examination requirements for each class or type of license or
331 certificate issued under this chapter, as follows:

332 (A) The Division of Electrical Contractors shall approve separate examinations for
333 Electrical Contractor Class I and Electrical Contractor Class II;

334 (B) The Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers shall approve separate
335 examinations for Master Plumber Class I, Master Plumber Class II, and Journeyman
336 Plumbers;

337 (C) The Division of Conditioned Air Contractors shall approve separate examinations
338 for Conditioned Air Contractor Class I and Conditioned Air Contractor Class II; and

339 (D) The Division of Low Voltage Contractors shall approve separate examinations for
340 Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A, Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T, Low
341 Voltage Contractor Class LV-G, and Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U;

342 (2) Register and license or grant a certificate and issue renewal licenses and renewal
343 certificates biennially to all persons meeting the qualifications for a license or certificate.

344 The following licenses or certificates shall be issued by the divisions:

345 (A) Electrical Contractor Class I;

346 (B) Electrical Contractor Class II;

347 (C) Master Plumber Class I;

348 (D) Master Plumber Class II;

349 (E) Journeyman Plumber;

350 (F) Conditioned Air Contractor Class I;

351 (G) Conditioned Air Contractor Class II;

352 (H) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A;

353 (I) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T;

354 (J) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G;

- 355 (K) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U;
356 (L) Utility Contractor;
357 (M) Utility Manager (certificate); and
358 (N) Utility Foreman (certificate);
- 359 (3) Investigate, with the aid of the division director, alleged violations of this chapter or
360 other laws and rules and regulations of the board relating to the profession;
- 361 (4) After notice and hearing, have the power to reprimand any person, licensee, or
362 certificate holder, or to suspend, revoke, or cancel the license or certificate of or refuse
363 to grant, renew, or restore a license or certificate to any person, licensee, or certificate
364 holder upon any one of the following grounds:
- 365 (A) The commission of any false, fraudulent, or deceitful act or the use of any forged,
366 false, or fraudulent document in connection with the license or certificate requirements
367 of this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board;
- 368 (B) Failure at any time to comply with the requirements for a license or certificate
369 under this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board;
- 370 (C) Engaging in any fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest conduct in the practice of the
371 profession regulated under this chapter that is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the
372 public, including knowingly making misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent
373 representations in the practice of the profession or on any document connected
374 therewith;
- 375 (D) Knowingly aiding, abetting, assisting, or permitting any unlicensed or noncertified
376 person or entity to engage in the practice of the profession regulated under this chapter,
377 including by lending, leasing, renting, assigning, or otherwise allowing the use of one's
378 license, or by combining or conspiring with such person or entity to evade the
379 provisions of this chapter;
- 380 (E) Knowingly performing any act which in any way assists an unlicensed or
381 noncertified person to practice such profession;

382 (F) Violating, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting any violation of any
383 provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation of the board; or

384 (G) The performance of any faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe electrical
385 contracting, plumbing, low voltage contracting, utility contracting, or conditioned air
386 contracting likely to endanger life, health, or property. The performance of any work
387 that does not comply with the standards set by state codes or by local codes in
388 jurisdictions where such codes are adopted, provided that such local codes are as
389 stringent as the state codes, or by other codes or regulations which have been adopted
390 by the board, shall be prima-facie evidence of the faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or
391 unsafe character of such electrical, plumbing, low voltage contracting, utility
392 contracting, or conditioned air contracting; provided, however, that the board, in its sole
393 discretion, for good cause shown and under such conditions as it may prescribe, may
394 restore a license to any person whose license has been suspended or revoked;

395 (5) Review amendments to or revisions in the state minimum standard codes as prepared
396 pursuant to Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8; and the Department of Community
397 Affairs shall be required to provide to the division director a copy of any amendment to
398 or revision in the state minimum standard codes at least 45 days prior to the adoption
399 thereof; and

400 (6) Do all other things necessary and proper to exercise their powers and perform their
401 duties in accordance with this chapter.

402 (b) The divisions mentioned in subsection (a) of this Code section shall also hear appeals
403 resulting from the suspension of licenses by an approved municipal or county licensing or
404 inspection authority pursuant to Code Section 43-14-16.

405 43-14-7.

406 (a) All orders and processes of the board and the divisions of the board shall be signed and
407 attested by the division director; and any notice or legal process necessary to be served
408 upon the board or the divisions may be served upon the division director.

409 (b) The division director or his or her designee is vested with the power and authority to
410 make such investigations in connection with the enforcement of this chapter and the rules
411 and regulations of the board as the director, the board, the divisions of the board, or any
412 district attorney may deem necessary or advisable.

413 (c) In accordance with Code Section 43-1-2, the division director shall be authorized to
414 review each application for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license under this
415 chapter, and upon determining that an application satisfies all of the qualifications,
416 attainments, and other conditions required for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a
417 particular license under this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to
418 this chapter, shall be authorized, on behalf of the board, to issue, renew, or reinstate the
419 license of the applicant.

420 43-14-8.

421 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Electrical
422 Contractors.

423 (b)(1) No person shall engage in electrical contracting unless such person has a valid
424 license issued by the division.

425 (2) A person that is not licensed as an electrical contractor shall be prohibited from
426 advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of electrical
427 contracting unless the work is performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

428 (c) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who
429 satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

430 (d) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage
431 in the business of electrical contracting unless there is regularly connected with such
432 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons actively engaged
433 in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid licenses issued to
434 them as provided for in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and
435 employees of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be
436 authorized to engage in the business of electrical contracting under a license which was
437 valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death.
438 The division may, at its discretion, grant one additional 90 day grace period for such
439 partners, officers, and employees. It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability
440 companies, and corporations qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division
441 within seven days of the severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability
442 company, or corporation of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.
443 (e) Any individual seeking to obtain a license as an Electrical Contractor Class I under the
444 provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with division on a form
445 prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction
446 Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:
447 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;
448 (2) Meet eligibility requirements according to one of the following criteria:
449 (A) At least three years of full-time experience in the electrical field as would be
450 covered by the Georgia Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, or any successor
451 code, which shall mean working experience gained through the direct installation of
452 electrical systems and directly related activities of a type covered by the National
453 Electrical Code or its successor code. To satisfy the experiential requirements for
454 licensure as an Electrical Contractor Class I under this criteria, an applicant shall
455 demonstrate successful completion of electrical projects encompassing not fewer than
456 five of the experience areas described in divisions (i) through (vii) of this subparagraph

457 and shall additionally demonstrate competency in the experience area described in
458 division (viii) of this subparagraph:

459 (i) Installation of raceway systems, including pull boxes, junction boxes, conduit
460 bodies, and the connections in the system and to cabinets, panelboards, switchboards,
461 and boxes;

462 (ii) Installation of conductors, including flexible cords, cables, splices, taps,
463 terminations, bonding jumpers, overcurrent protective devices, and metering devices,
464 in cabinets, panelboards, switchboards, boxes, and conduit, which meet all sizing,
465 ampacity, and voltage installation requirements;

466 (iii) Installation of service entrances, metering devices, cabinets, switchboards,
467 service risers and fasteners, overcurrent protective devices, disconnecting means,
468 ground electrodes, main bonding jumpers, and ground fault protectors, which meet
469 sizing, rating, clearances, and weatherproofing installation requirements;

470 (iv) Installation of motors and generators with feeders, branch circuits, overcurrent
471 protective devices, disconnect means, and controllers, which meet sizing, rating,
472 usage, and location requirements;

473 (v) Installation of switches, disconnects, and controls that supply lighting fixtures,
474 appliances, electrical circuits, controls for heating and air conditioning equipment,
475 and other utilization and general use equipment;

476 (vi) Installation of materials and equipment required for use in special occupancies
477 according to the state minimum standard codes;

478 (vii) Bonding of interior metal piping systems, installation of properly sized
479 equipment grounding conductors, grounding of exposed noncurrent carrying metal
480 parts of electrical equipment, and protection of grounding conductors from physical
481 damage; and

482 (viii) Determination of general lighting loads, minimum branch circuits, minimum
483 ampacity of conductors in feeder and branch circuits, maximum allowable conductor

484 fill for raceways, net loads, using specified or optional methods, rates or demand
485 factors, and derating factors given in the state minimum standard codes; and

486 (B) Completed a two-year academic diploma or certificate program in electrical
487 contracting offered by an accredited technical college, university, or other institution
488 recognized by the division, and has completed two years of full-time experience, which
489 experience shall meet the definition of qualifying experience set forth in
490 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and shall consist of work of a type covered by the
491 state minimum standard codes, or has successfully completed an electrical
492 apprenticeship program accredited or approved by the United States Department of
493 Labor;

494 (3) Submit a signed affidavit attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential
495 requirements set forth in this subsection. Such affidavit shall be executed by the
496 supervising licensed contractor or, in the alternative, by a licensed architect, professional
497 engineer, or electrical engineer, and shall be made under oath. Where the applicant's
498 qualifying full-time experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such
499 individual, a separate affidavit shall be submitted from each individual for the period of
500 experience supervised; and

501 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
502 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
503 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
504 documentation for noncitizen applicants.

505 (f) Any individual seeking to obtain a license as an Electrical Contractor Class II under the
506 provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form
507 prescribed by the division, shall pay the required fees established by the State Construction
508 Industry Licensing Board, and shall meet the following requirements:

509 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

510 (2) Meet one of the following criteria:

511 (A) At least four years of full-time experience in the electrical field as would be
512 covered by the Georgia Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, or any successor
513 code of which not less than two years shall have been in the installation, alteration, or
514 repair of three-phase electrical systems, including the following:

515 (i) Work involving electrical installations exceeding single-phase, 200 amperes, as
516 governed by the National Electrical Code or its successor code;

517 (ii) Installation of raceway systems, including pull boxes, junction boxes, conduit
518 bodies, and the connections in the system and to cabinets, panelboards, switchboards,
519 and boxes;

520 (iii) Installation of conductors, including flexible cords, cables, splices, taps,
521 terminations, bonding jumpers, overcurrent protective devices, and metering devices,
522 in cabinets, panelboards, switchboards, boxes, and conduit, which meet all sizing,
523 ampacity, and voltage installation requirements;

524 (iv) Installation of service entrances, metering devices, cabinets, switchboards,
525 service risers and fasteners, overcurrent protective devices, disconnecting means,
526 ground electrodes, main bonding jumpers, and ground fault protectors which meet all
527 sizing, rating, clearances, and weatherproofing installation requirements;

528 (v) Installation of motors and generators with feeders, branch circuits, overcurrent
529 protective devices, disconnect means, and controllers, which meet all sizing, rating,
530 usage, and location requirements;

531 (vi) Installation of switches, disconnects, and controls that supply lighting fixtures,
532 appliances, electrical circuits, controls for heating and air conditioning equipment,
533 and other utilization and general use equipment;

534 (vii) Installation of materials and equipment required for use in special occupancies
535 according to use and code installation requirements, as defined by the National
536 Electrical Code or its successor code;

537 (viii) Bonding of interior metal piping systems, installation of properly sized
538 equipment grounding conductors, grounding of exposed noncurrent carrying metal
539 parts of electrical equipment, and protection of grounding conductors from physical
540 damage; and

541 (ix) Determination of general lighting loads, minimum branch circuits, minimum
542 ampacity of conductors in feeder and branch circuits, maximum allowable conductor
543 fill for raceways, net loads, using specified or optional methods, rates or demand
544 factors, and derating factors given in the state minimum standard codes;

545 (B) Completed a two-year academic diploma or certificate program in electrical
546 contracting offered by an accredited technical college, university, or other institution
547 recognized by the division, and has completed four years of full-time experience, of
548 which not less than two years shall have been in the installation, alteration, or repair of
549 three-phase electrical systems which experience shall meet the definition of qualifying
550 experience set forth in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and shall consist of work of
551 a type covered by the Georgia Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, or any
552 successor code; or

553 (C) Completed an electrical apprenticeship program accredited or approved by the
554 United States Department of Labor and has completed one year of full-time experience
555 in the installation, alteration, or repair of three-phase electrical systems which
556 experience shall meet the definition of qualifying experience set forth in paragraph (2)
557 of this subsection and shall consist of work of a type covered by the Georgia Electrical
558 Code, the National Electrical Code, or any successor code;

559 (3) Submit a signed affidavit attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential
560 requirements set forth in this subsection. Such affidavit shall be executed by the
561 supervising licensed contractor or, in the alternative, by a licensed architect, professional
562 engineer, or electrical engineer, and shall be made under oath. Where the applicant's
563 qualifying full-time experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such

564 individual, a separate affidavit shall be submitted from each individual for the period of
565 experience supervised; and

566 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
567 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
568 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
569 documentation for noncitizen applicants.

570 (g) An application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent
571 and authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a
572 criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary
573 of State for licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information
574 necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable
575 sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the
576 performance of such background check.

577 (h) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the
578 absence of fraud, be conclusive. All individuals, individuals serving as partners in
579 partnerships, applicants for limited liability companies, or applicants for corporations
580 desiring to engage in electrical contracting shall be licensed under this Code section before
581 engaging in such vocation and business, including at the local level.

582 (i) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
583 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
584 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
585 action authorized by the division.

586 43-14-9.

587 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Low Voltage
588 Contractors.

589 (b) No person shall engage in alarm system, general low voltage system, or
590 telecommunications system low voltage contracting unless such person has a valid license
591 issued by the division.

592 (c) No individual, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall advertise,
593 offer, bid, contract, or perform, for compensation, Low Voltage General (LV-G), Low
594 Voltage Telecommunications (LV-T), Low Voltage Alarm (LV-A), or Low Voltage
595 Unrestricted (LV-U) work in this state unless such individual or entity holds a valid low
596 voltage contractor license issued by the division in the applicable classification.

597 (d) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage
598 in the business of low voltage contracting unless there is regularly connected with such
599 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons, actively engaged
600 in the performance of such business on a full-time basis and supervising the low voltage
601 systems installation, repair, alteration, and service work of all employees of such
602 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, who have valid licenses issued to
603 them as provided in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees
604 of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized
605 to engage in the business of low voltage contracting under a license which was valid at the
606 time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The
607 division may, at its discretion, upon application by the low voltage contractor showing
608 good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

609 (e) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who
610 satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

611 (f) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations
612 qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division within seven days of the
613 severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation
614 of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.

615 (g) Partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations having more than one office
616 location from which low voltage contracting is performed shall have at least one person
617 stationed in each branch office of such partnership, limited liability company, or
618 corporation who is engaged in the performance of low voltage contracting on a full-time
619 basis; who is supervising the low voltage wiring systems installation, repair, alteration, and
620 service work of all employees of such branch office locations; and who has a valid license
621 issued as provided in this Code section.

622 (h) Any individual seeking to obtain a state-wide Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G
623 license under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the
624 division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State
625 Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

626 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;
627 (2) Have completed at least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage
628 wiring in general low voltage systems under the direct supervision of a licensed Low
629 Voltage Class LV-U, LV-A, LV-T, or LV-G Contractor or another state equivalent
630 contractor, which experience shall have been obtained within six years immediately
631 preceding the date of application, and which shall include:

632 (A) The installation, alteration, service, or repair of power limited low voltage
633 electrical systems, including, but not limited to, intercom, public address, and sound
634 systems, residential and commercial low voltage audio systems, low voltage lighting
635 systems, including associated controls, transformers, and power supplies, and other
636 general power limited low voltage wiring systems that do not constitute alarm or
637 telecommunications systems; or

638 (B) Completion of coursework in electronics or low voltage systems through an
639 accredited technical college, university, or certificate program shall be credited toward
640 the experience requirement for low voltage general (LV-G), based on the actual
641 instructional time completed, up to a maximum of six months;

- 642 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from the supervising Low Voltage Class LV-U, LV-A,
643 LV-T, or LV-G contractor(s), attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential
644 requirements set forth in this subsection; and
- 645 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
646 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
647 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
648 documentation for noncitizen applicants.
- 649 (i) Any individual seeking to obtain a state-wide Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T
650 license under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the
651 division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State
652 Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:
- 653 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;
654 (2) Have completed a minimum of three years of full-time experience performing low
655 voltage wiring under the direct supervision of a licensed Low Voltage Class LV-U
656 Contractor, a licensed Low Voltage Class LV-T Contractor, another state equivalent
657 contractor, or the general manager of a tier 2 local exchange company, as defined in Code
658 Section 46-5-162, regardless of whether such general manager holds a Low Voltage Class
659 LV-U or LV-T Contractor license, which experience shall have been obtained within six
660 years immediately preceding the date of application and includes:
- 661 (A) At least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in general
662 low voltage systems. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall include the
663 installation, alteration, service, or repair of power limited low voltage electrical
664 systems, including, but not limited to:
- 665 (i) Intercom, public address, and sound systems;
666 (ii) Residential and commercial low voltage audio systems;
667 (iii) Low voltage lighting systems, including associated controls, transformers, and
668 power supplies; and

669 (iv) Other general power limited low voltage wiring systems that do not constitute
670 alarm or telecommunications systems; or

671 (B) At least two years of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in
672 telecommunications. Qualifying experience under this subsection may include work
673 involving installation, configuration, testing, administration, management, maintenance,
674 or repair of low voltage telecommunications systems, including, but not limited to, the
675 following:

676 (i) Telecommunications and communications systems, including voice and data
677 systems such as plain old telephone service, Voice over Internet Protocol,
678 telecommunications equipment connections, terminations, cross-connects, patching,
679 and related infrastructure;

680 (ii) Audio, video, and security systems, including residential and commercial audio
681 and video systems, video surveillance systems, intercom systems, public address
682 systems, access control systems, and power over ethernet based systems;

683 (iii) Networked and wireless systems, including residential and commercial Wi-Fi
684 systems, local area or home area network based systems, internet protocol networking
685 equipment such as routers, switches, hubs, and related devices, and distributed
686 antenna systems for voice and data communications; and

687 (iv) Fiber optic, commercial wireless, and other communications systems, including
688 fiber optic system installation, termination, testing, and management; commercial
689 wireless systems such as cellular and private communications systems, and
690 proprietary, specialized, or otherwise unregulated communications systems within the
691 scope of low voltage work; or

692 (C) Completion of coursework in electronics or low voltage systems through an
693 accredited technical college, university, or certificate program shall be credited toward
694 the experience requirement for low voltage general (LV-G), based on the actual
695 instructional time completed, up to a maximum of six months;

- 696 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from the supervising Low Voltage Class LV-U or LV-T
697 contractor(s), or the general manager of a tier 2 local exchange company, as defined in
698 Code Section 46-5-162, regardless of whether such general manager holds a Low Voltage
699 Class LV-U or LV-T Contractor license, attesting to the applicant's completion of the
700 experiential requirements set forth in this subsection; and
- 701 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
702 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
703 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
704 documentation for noncitizen applicants.
- 705 (j) Any individual seeking to obtain a state-wide Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A
706 license under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the
707 division on a form prescribed by the division, shall pay the required fees established by the
708 State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and shall meet the following requirements:
- 709 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;
710 (2) Have completed a minimum of three years of full-time experience performing low
711 voltage wiring under the direct supervision of a licensed Low Voltage Class LV-U or
712 LV-A Contractor, or another state equivalent contractor, which experience shall have
713 been obtained within six years immediately preceding the date of application and
714 includes:
- 715 (A) At least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in general
716 systems. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall include the installation,
717 alteration, service, or repair of power limited low voltage electrical systems, including,
718 but not limited to:
- 719 (i) Intercom, public address, and sound systems;
720 (ii) Residential and commercial low voltage audio systems;
721 (iii) Low voltage lighting systems, including associated controls, transformers, and
722 power supplies; and

723 (iv) Other general power limited low voltage wiring systems that do not constitute
724 alarm or telecommunications systems;

725 (B) At least two years of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in alarm
726 systems. Qualifying experience under this paragraph shall include work involving the
727 installation, configuration, testing, administration, management, maintenance, or repair
728 of the following alarm systems and related technologies:

729 (i) Life safety alarm systems, including any alarm system designed, intended, or
730 configured to transmit life safety related alarm events to a central monitoring station
731 or other supervising entity;

732 (ii) Alarm system communication pathways, including the utilization of approved and
733 recognized transmission methods such as analog telephone lines, cellular networks,
734 internet based protocols, Voice over Internet Protocol, or other comparable
735 communication technologies; and

736 (iii) Alarm system planning and lifecycle activities, including the planning, design,
737 engineering, installation, programming, testing, inspection, servicing, repair, and
738 ongoing maintenance of proprietary or open-source alarm systems; and

739 (C) Completion of coursework in electronics or low voltage systems through an
740 accredited technical college, university, or certificate program shall be credited toward
741 the experience requirement for low voltage general (LV-G), based on the actual
742 instructional time completed, up to a maximum of six months;

743 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from the supervising Low Voltage Class LV-U or LV-A
744 contractor(s) attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set
745 forth in this subsection; and

746 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
747 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
748 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
749 documentation for noncitizen applicants.

750 (k) Any individual seeking to obtain a state-wide Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U
751 license under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the
752 division on a form prescribed by the division, shall pay the required fees established by the
753 State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and shall meet the following requirements:

754 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;
755 (2) Have completed a minimum of four years of full-time experience performing low
756 voltage wiring under the direct supervision of a licensed Low Voltage Class LV-U
757 Contractor, another state equivalent contractor, or the general manager of a tier 2 local
758 exchange company, as defined in Code Section 46-5-162, regardless of whether such
759 general manager holds a Low Voltage Class LV-U Contractor license, which experience
760 shall have been obtained within six years immediately preceding the date of application,
761 and also includes:

762 (A) At least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in general
763 systems. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall include the installation,
764 alteration, service, or repair of power limited low voltage electrical systems, including,
765 but not limited to:

766 (i) Intercom, public address, and sound systems;
767 (ii) Residential and commercial low voltage audio systems;
768 (iii) Low voltage lighting systems, including associated controls, transformers, and
769 power supplies; and
770 (iv) Other general power limited low voltage wiring systems that do not constitute
771 alarm or telecommunications systems;

772 (B) At least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in
773 telecommunications. Qualifying experience under this paragraph shall include work
774 involving installation, configuration, testing, administration, management, maintenance,
775 or repair of low voltage telecommunications systems, including, but not limited to, the
776 following:

- 777 (i) Telecommunications and communications systems, including voice and data
778 systems such as plain old telephone service, Voice over Internet Protocol,
779 telecommunications equipment connections, terminations, cross-connects, patching,
780 and related infrastructure;
- 781 (ii) Audio, video, and security systems, including residential and commercial audio
782 and video systems, video surveillance systems, intercom systems, public address
783 systems, access control systems, and Power over Ethernet based systems;
- 784 (iii) Networked and wireless systems, including residential and commercial Wi-Fi
785 systems, local area or home area network based systems, Internet Protocol
786 networking equipment such as routers, switches, hubs, and related devices, and
787 distributed antenna systems for voice and data communications; and
- 788 (iv) Fiber optic, commercial wireless, and other communications systems, including
789 fiber optic system installation, termination, testing, and management; commercial
790 wireless systems such as cellular and private communications systems; and
791 proprietary, specialized, or otherwise unregulated communications systems within the
792 scope of low voltage work;
- 793 (C) At least two years of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in alarm
794 systems. Qualifying experience under this paragraph shall include work involving the
795 installation, configuration, testing, administration, management, maintenance, or repair
796 of the following alarm systems and related technologies:
- 797 (i) Life safety alarm systems, including any alarm system designed, intended, or
798 configured to transmit life safety related alarm events to a central monitoring station
799 or other supervising entity;
- 800 (ii) Alarm system communication pathways, including the utilization of approved and
801 recognized transmission methods such as analog telephone lines, cellular networks,
802 internet based protocols, Voice over Internet Protocol, or other comparable
803 communication technologies; and

804 (iii) Alarm system planning and lifecycle activities, including the planning, design,
805 engineering, installation, programming, testing, inspection, servicing, repair, and
806 ongoing maintenance of proprietary or open-source alarm systems; and
807 (D) Completion of coursework in electronics or low voltage systems through an
808 accredited technical college, university, or certificate program shall be credited toward
809 the experience requirement for low voltage general (LV-G), based on the actual
810 instructional time completed, up to a maximum of six months;
811 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from the supervising Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U,
812 or the general manager of a tier 2 local exchange company, as defined in Code Section
813 46-5-162, regardless of whether such general manager holds a Low Voltage Class LV-U
814 Contractor license, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements
815 set forth in this paragraph; and
816 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
817 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
818 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
819 documentation for noncitizen applicants.
820 (l) An application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and
821 authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal
822 background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for
823 licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information necessary
824 to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of
825 fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance
826 of such background check.
827 (m) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the
828 absence of fraud, be conclusive. All individuals, individuals serving as partners in
829 partnerships, applicants for limited liability companies, or applicants for corporations

830 desiring to engage in the vocation of low voltage contracting shall be licensed under this
831 Code section before engaging in such vocation.

832 (n) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
833 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
834 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
835 action authorized by the division.

836 43-14-10.

837 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Utility
838 Contractors.

839 (b)(1) No person shall engage in utility contracting unless such person has a valid license
840 issued by the division.

841 (2) A person that is not licensed as a utility contractor shall be prohibited from
842 advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of utility
843 contracting unless the work is performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

844 (c) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who
845 satisfy the requirements in this Code section.

846 (d) Any utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter shall
847 be authorized to bid for and perform work on any utility system in this state without
848 obtaining a license under Chapter 41 of this title. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a
849 utility system or anyone soliciting work to be performed on a utility system to refuse to
850 allow a utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter to bid
851 for or perform work on a utility system on the basis that such contractor does not hold a
852 license under Chapter 41 of this title.

853 (e) Any company which holds a valid utility contractor's license shall be qualified to
854 construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system which extends from the property line up to
855 but not within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance, regardless of the cost or

856 depth of any such plumbing system; provided, however, that only persons who hold a valid
857 license to engage in plumbing under this chapter shall be qualified to construct, alter, or
858 repair any plumbing system within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance.

859 (f)(1) No sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation shall have the right to engage
860 in the business of utility contracting unless:

861 (A) Such business holds a utility contractor license; and

862 (B) There is regularly connected with such business a person or persons who hold a
863 valid utility manager certificate issued under this chapter, and such utility manager must
864 be actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis and must
865 oversee the utility contracting work of all employees of the business.

866 (2) If a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation has more than one permanent
867 office, then each permanent office shall be registered with the division and at least one
868 person who holds a valid utility manager certificate issued under this chapter shall be
869 stationed in each office on a full-time basis and shall oversee the utility contracting work
870 of all employees of that office.

871 (3) The requirements of this Code section shall not prevent any person holding a valid
872 license issued by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, or any division
873 thereof, pursuant to this chapter, from performing any work defined in the Code section
874 or sections under which the license held by said person was issued.

875 (g) Any corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship desiring to qualify for and be
876 issued a utility contractor license under the provisions of this Code section shall file an
877 application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the application fee
878 established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following
879 requirements:

880 (1) Submit a completed application to the division on the form provided indicating:

881 (A) The names and addresses of proprietor, partners, or officers of such applicant;

882 (B) The place and date such partnership was formed, or such corporation was
883 incorporated;

884 (C) The address of each permanent office location of the business registered with the
885 division, defined under this article as a place of business where utility contracting is
886 undertaken from in terms of bid or proposed acquisition, procurement, utility
887 construction, is not a temporary structure, has permanent utilities installed, and has been
888 in service for a period of more than three years;

889 (D) The name and certification number of the qualifying utility manager holding a
890 current utility manager certificate issued under this chapter who is employed at each
891 permanent office location of the business from which utility contracting is performed;
892 and

893 (E) If the applicant operates more than one permanent office location, the name of the
894 qualifying utility manager holding a current utility manager certificate issued under this
895 chapter who is employed on a full-time basis at each permanent office location of the
896 business from which utility contracting is performed; and

897 (2) Submit a written safety policy that meets the minimum standards established by the
898 board and the United States Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health
899 Administration.

900 (h) An application for licensure under this Code section shall constitute express consent
901 and authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a
902 criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary
903 of State for licensure or a permit agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all
904 information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to,
905 classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated
906 with the performance of such background check.

907 (i) The decision of the division as to the qualifications of applicants shall, in the absence
908 of fraud, be conclusive.

909 (j) It shall be the duty of the utility manager certificate holders and the licensed utility
910 contractor to notify the division, in accordance with board rules, of the severance of
911 connection between such utility contractor and the utility manager certificate holder or
912 holders upon whom the qualification of the utility contractor rested.

913 (k) In the event that a licensed utility contractor temporarily does not have employed a
914 utility manager certificate holder to oversee its utility contracting work, upon notice by
915 such utility contractor to the division within seven days following the last day of
916 employment of the utility manager certificate holder, the division shall grant the utility
917 contractor a 90 day grace period in which to employ a utility manager certificate holder to
918 oversee its utility contracting work before any action may be taken by the division to
919 revoke the utility contractor's license. The division may, at its discretion, upon application
920 by the utility contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.
921 Grace periods totaling not more than 180 days may be granted during any two-year period.
922 Failure to have employed a utility manager certificate holder to oversee the utility
923 contracting work of the utility contractor shall be grounds for the revocation or suspension
924 of the utility contractor license after a notice of hearing.

925 (l) It shall be unlawful for any person to contract with any other person for the
926 performance of utility contracting work who is known by such person not to have a current,
927 valid license as a utility contractor pursuant to this chapter.

928 (m) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate the provisions of Chapter 9 of Title 25
929 applicable to utility contractors.

930 (n) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
931 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
932 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
933 action authorized by the division.

934 43-14-11.

935 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Utility
936 Contractors.

937 (b) No person shall be employed as a utility manager unless such person holds a valid
938 utility manager certificate issued by the division.

939 (c) No utility system shall be constructed, erected, altered, or repaired unless a certified
940 utility manager or certified utility foreman who holds a current certification is present at
941 the job site of such construction, erection, alteration, or repair of the utility system.

942 (d) The division shall certify all applicants for certification under this Code section who
943 satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

944 (e) Any individual seeking certification as a utility manager under the provisions of this
945 chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by the
946 division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing
947 Board, and meet the following requirements:

948 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

949 (2) Submit proof of completion of 12 hours of board approved safety training courses,
950 which shall include eight hours of Competent Person Training for Excavations and four
951 hours of Competent Person Training for Confined Spaces;

952 (3) Have completed a minimum of three years of full-time experience in the field,
953 performing the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems. Such
954 experience shall be obtained as follows:

955 (A) At least one year of full-time experience working under the supervision of a utility
956 manager holding a valid certificate issued under this chapter, which experience shall
957 qualify the applicant for certification as a utility foreman; and

958 (B) At least two additional years of full-time experience obtained while holding a valid
959 utility foreman certificate issued under this chapter;

960 (4) Submit a signed affidavit from each utility manager who is employed by a utility
961 contractor and who is or was the applicant's current or former employer, attesting to the
962 applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set forth in this subsection.
963 Qualifying experience under this subsection shall be obtained through a combination of
964 roles, including, but not limited to, supervisory, construction management, or utility
965 operations positions in the field on a utility construction project, as well as:

966 (A) Participation in the management of multiple utility construction projects, including
967 scheduling work activities; coordinating labor, equipment, and materials; supporting
968 field supervision; tracking productivity; and assisting with resolution of routine onsite
969 issues during the course of the construction project;

970 (B) Involvement in administering scopes of work or construction contracts; managing
971 risks related to utility conflicts, permitting, inspections, traffic control, and public
972 safety; and ensuring compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration
973 requirements and applicable federal, state, and local regulations;

974 (C) Implementation and enforcement of safety procedures, including excavation,
975 trenching, and confined space entry requirements; participation in safety programs,
976 conducting or participating in daily job safety analyses and safety meetings, reporting
977 incidents, near misses, and hazards; and ensuring proper use of required personal
978 protective equipment;

979 (D) Supervision or lead responsibility for utility personnel, including training,
980 assigning duties, evaluating performance, monitoring safe operation of equipment, and
981 administering discipline in accordance with established policies;

982 (E) Assisting with review of construction plans, utility maps, and job specifications;
983 identifying underground and overhead utilities; verifying permits, locates, and
984 clearances; and coordinating activities with project managers, engineers, inspectors, and
985 utility representatives;

- 986 (F) Assisting with planning crew assignments, equipment needs, and work schedules;
987 coordinating material delivery and staging; inspecting materials and equipment for
988 damage or irregularities; reporting findings; and participating in the proper use and
989 routine maintenance of heavy equipment;
- 990 (G) Participating in the installation of water, sewer, gas, electrical, and
991 telecommunications utility systems installed on a fee-for-service basis, including
992 bedding, backfill, compaction, and erosion and sediment control measures, in
993 accordance with project specifications and utility standards;
- 994 (H) Inspecting work for compliance with plans and specifications under supervision;
995 assisting with daily logs, production reports, and as-built documentation; and
996 documenting utility locations and field changes; and
- 997 (I) Communicating job site conditions, safety concerns, and work progress to a
998 supervising Utility Foreman or Utility Manager; and
- 999 (5) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
1000 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, and submit an affidavit verifying lawful
1001 presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, together with any
1002 required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.
- 1003 (f) Application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and
1004 authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal
1005 background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for
1006 licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information necessary
1007 to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of
1008 fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance
1009 of such background check.
- 1010 (g) An applicant may request an oral administration of the examination.
- 1011 (h) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the
1012 absence of fraud, be conclusive.

1013 (i) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
1014 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
1015 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
1016 action authorized by the division.

1017 43-14-12.

1018 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Utility
1019 Contractors.

1020 (b) No person shall be employed as a utility foreman unless such person holds a valid
1021 current utility foreman certificate issued by the division.

1022 (c) The division shall certify all applicants for certification under this Code section who
1023 satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

1024 (d) No utility system shall be constructed, erected, altered, or repaired unless a certified
1025 utility manager or certified utility foreman who holds a current certification is present at
1026 the job site of such construction, erection, alteration, or repair of the utility system.

1027 (e) Any individual seeking certification as a utility foreman under the provisions of this
1028 chapter shall file an application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, pay
1029 the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet
1030 the following requirements:

1031 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

1032 (2) Have completed at least one year of full-time experience in the field performing the
1033 construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems under the supervision of a
1034 licensed Utility Manager;

1035 (3) Submit proof of completion of 12 hours of board approved safety training courses,
1036 which shall include eight hours of Competent Person Training for Excavations and four
1037 hours of Competent Person Training for Confined Spaces; and

1038 (4) Provide a signed affidavit by a current or former employer attesting to the completion
1039 of experiential requirements. Each employer who oversaw the completion of projects
1040 which satisfied the experiential requirements shall provide their own signed affidavit.
1041 Qualifying experience under this subsection shall be obtained through a combination of
1042 roles, including, but not limited to, crew member, lead worker, assistant foreman, utility
1043 operations, construction support, or other field based positions, provided the work was
1044 performed under the required supervision, and shall include:

1045 (A) Assisting with review of construction plans, utility maps, and job specifications,
1046 identifying underground and overhead utilities, coordinating activities with project
1047 managers, engineers, inspectors, and utility representatives, verifying permits, locates,
1048 and clearances, and assisting with planning crew assignments, equipment needs, and
1049 work schedules;

1050 (B) Participating in daily job safety analyses and safety meetings, performing work in
1051 compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards and
1052 applicable local, state, and federal regulations, including traffic control requirements,
1053 working in properly protected trenches, participating in confined space entry activities,
1054 using required personal protective equipment, and reporting incidents, near misses, and
1055 hazards;

1056 (C) Assisting with supervision of utility crews, monitoring safe operation of
1057 equipment, supporting productivity tracking and daily work coordination, and assisting
1058 with resolution of routine onsite issues;

1059 (D) Assisting with coordination of material delivery and staging, inspecting materials
1060 and equipment for damage or irregularities and reporting findings, and participating in
1061 the proper use and routine maintenance of heavy equipment;

1062 (E) Participating in the installation of water, sewer, gas, electrical, and
1063 telecommunications utility systems installed on a fee-for-service basis, including

1064 bedding, backfill, compaction, and erosion and sediment control measures, in
1065 accordance with project specifications and utility standards;

1066 (F) Inspecting work for compliance with plans and specifications under supervision,
1067 assisting with daily logs, production reports, as-built documentation, and documenting
1068 utility locations and field changes; and

1069 (G) Communicating job site conditions, safety concerns, and work progress to a
1070 supervising Utility Foreman or Utility Manager.

1071 (f) An application for a certification under this Code section shall constitute express
1072 consent and authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform
1073 a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary
1074 of State for certification agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all
1075 information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to,
1076 classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated
1077 with the performance of such background check.

1078 (g) An applicant may request an oral administration of the examination.

1079 (h) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the
1080 absence of fraud, be conclusive.

1081 (i) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
1082 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
1083 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
1084 action authorized by the division.

1085 43-14-13.

1086 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Master Plumbers
1087 and Journeyman.

1088 (b) No person shall engage in plumbing contracting as a Master Plumber Class I or a
1089 Master Plumber Class II unless such person has a valid license issued by the division.

1090 (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, any person who holds a valid
1091 license as a Master Plumber Class I or a Master Plumber Class II or any company which
1092 holds a valid utility contractor license shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any
1093 plumbing system which extends from the property line up to but not within five feet of any
1094 building, structure, or conveyance, regardless of the cost or depth of any such plumbing
1095 system; provided, however, that only persons who hold a valid license to engage in
1096 plumbing under this chapter shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing
1097 system within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance.

1098 (d) A person that is not licensed as a Master Plumber Class I or a Master Plumber Class
1099 II shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or
1100 profession of plumbing contracting.

1101 (e) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage
1102 in the business of plumbing unless there is regularly connected with such partnership,
1103 limited liability company, or corporation a person actively engaged in the performance of
1104 such business on a full-time basis who has a valid license as a Master Plumber Class I or
1105 a Master Plumber Class II; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees of any
1106 individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to
1107 engage in the business of plumbing contracting under a license which was valid at the time
1108 of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The division
1109 may, at its discretion, upon application by the plumbing contractor showing good cause,
1110 grant one additional 90 day grace period.

1111 (f) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who
1112 satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

1113 (g) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations
1114 qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division within seven days of the
1115 severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation
1116 of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.

1117 (h) Application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and
1118 authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal
1119 background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for
1120 licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information necessary
1121 to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of
1122 fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance
1123 of such background check.

1124 (i) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the
1125 absence of fraud, be conclusive.

1126 (j) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a journeyman plumber under the provisions
1127 of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by
1128 the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing
1129 Board, and meet the following requirements:

1130 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

1131 (2) Have completed one year of full-time experience performing plumbing work of a
1132 type covered by the state minimum standard plumbing code, regardless of whether such
1133 code applied to the work in the area or at the time such work was performed by the
1134 applicant. Qualifying experience under this paragraph shall be obtained under the
1135 supervision of a licensed Master Plumber Class I or a Master Plumber Class II and shall
1136 include participation in plumbing work demonstrating practical competency in the
1137 following areas, as applicable to the scope of licensure requested and consistent with the
1138 requirements of this paragraph:

1139 (A) Installation, maintenance, alteration, service, or repair of plumbing systems,
1140 including potable water supply and distribution systems; sanitary, waste, storm
1141 drainage, and venting systems; plumbing fixtures and equipment; and fuel gas piping
1142 systems and fuel-gas-fired appliances, including piping downstream of the gas meter
1143 or storage tank;

- 1144 (B) Plumbing system layout, pipe sizing, material selection, inspection, testing,
1145 diagnosing, and troubleshooting of plumbing and fuel gas systems, including the
1146 application of applicable plumbing codes, standards, and manufacturer installation
1147 requirements, performed under appropriate supervision;
- 1148 (C) Application of safe work practices, including job site and trench safety, confined
1149 space awareness, fall protection, lockout and tagout procedures, and the proper
1150 selection and use of personal protective equipment;
- 1151 (D) Performance of supporting plumbing related work directly associated with the
1152 installation, alteration, service, or repair of plumbing systems, including support of
1153 plumbing system components, trenching, excavation, and backfilling, material handling
1154 and staging, demolition and general labor, operation of tools or equipment commonly
1155 used in plumbing work, assisting licensed plumbers, and installation of pipe and tubing
1156 supports, including hangers, strut, supports, and bracing; and
- 1157 (E) Full-time employment as an estimator or project manager for a Class I or Class II
1158 Master Plumbing Contractor, where such employment involves regular exposure to
1159 plumbing systems, plans, specifications, and job site coordination;
- 1160 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from the licensed Master Plumber Class I or Master
1161 Plumber Class II who supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as
1162 a current or former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential
1163 requirements set forth in this subsection. When the applicant's qualifying experience was
1164 obtained under the supervision of more than one such individual, a separate signed
1165 affidavit shall be submitted by each individual who supervised or oversaw the applicable
1166 portion of the applicant's experience; and
- 1167 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
1168 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
1169 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
1170 documentation for noncitizen applicants.

1171 (k) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a Master Plumber Class I under the provisions
1172 of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by
1173 the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing
1174 Board, and meet the following requirements:

1175 (1) Successfully pass the board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

1176 (2) Have completed a minimum of four years of full-time experience in plumbing work
1177 as would be covered by items of the Georgia State Plumbing Code, at least three years
1178 of which shall have been performed while licensed as a Journeyman Plumber under this
1179 chapter; provided, however, that an applicant licensed as a Journeyman Plumber under
1180 this chapter prior to March 1, 2025, shall be required to have completed one of such four
1181 years while licensed as a Journeyman Plumber. Qualifying experience under this
1182 subsection shall include participation in plumbing work demonstrating practical
1183 competency, as applicable to the scope of licensure requested and consistent with the
1184 requirements of this paragraph. Such experience shall be obtained under the supervision
1185 of a licensed master plumber; provided, however, that for licensure as a Statewide Master
1186 Plumber Class I, qualifying experience shall be limited to plumbing work performed
1187 within the restricted scope of practice applicable to a Master Plumber Class I, as defined
1188 in this chapter. Such qualifying experience includes, but is not limited to:

1189 (A) Installation, maintenance, alteration, service, or repair of plumbing systems,
1190 including potable water supply and distribution systems, sanitary, waste, storm
1191 drainage, and venting systems, plumbing fixtures and equipment, and fuel gas piping
1192 systems and fuel-gas-fired appliances, including piping downstream of the gas meter
1193 or storage tank, and piping downstream of any municipal or county water meter from
1194 the point of service connection and extending into and throughout the building or
1195 structure served;

1196 (B) Plumbing system layout, pipe sizing, material selection, inspection, testing,
1197 diagnosing, and troubleshooting of plumbing and fuel gas systems, including the

1198 application of applicable plumbing codes, standards, and manufacturer installation
1199 requirements, performed under appropriate supervision;
1200 (C) Application of safe work practices, including job site and trench safety, confined
1201 space awareness, fall protection, lockout and tagout procedures, and the proper
1202 selection and use of personal protective equipment;
1203 (D) Performance of supporting plumbing related work directly associated with the
1204 installation, alteration, service, or repair of plumbing systems, including support of
1205 plumbing system components; trenching, excavation, and backfilling; material handling
1206 and staging, demolition and general labor, operation of tools or equipment commonly
1207 used in plumbing work, assisting licensed plumbers, and installation of pipe and tubing
1208 supports, including hangers, strut, supports, and bracing; and
1209 (E) Full-time employment as an estimator or project manager for a Master Plumber
1210 Class I or Master Plumber Class II, where such employment involves regular exposure
1211 to plumbing systems, plans, specifications, and job site coordination;
1212 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from any licensed Master Plumber Class I or Master
1213 Plumber Class II who supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as
1214 a current or former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the primary
1215 experiential requirements set forth in this subsection. When the applicant's qualifying
1216 full-time experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such
1217 individual, a separate signed affidavit shall be submitted by each individual who
1218 supervised or oversaw the applicable portion of the applicant's experience; and
1219 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
1220 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
1221 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
1222 documentation for noncitizen applicants.
1223 (l) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a Master Plumber Class II under the provisions
1224 of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by

1225 the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing
1226 Board, and meet the following requirements:

1227 (1) Successfully pass the board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;
1228 (2) Have completed a minimum of five years of full-time experience in plumbing work
1229 as would be covered by items of the state minimum standard plumbing code, with at least
1230 four of the five years being licensed as a Journeyman Plumber; provided, however, that
1231 an applicant licensed as a Journeyman Plumber under this chapter prior to March 1, 2025,
1232 shall be required to have completed two of such five years while licensed as a
1233 Journeyman Plumber. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall include
1234 participation in plumbing work demonstrating practical competency in the following
1235 areas, as applicable to the scope of licensure requested and consistent with the
1236 requirements of this paragraph. Such experience shall be obtained under the supervision
1237 of a licensed master plumber; provided, however, that for licensure as a Master Plumber
1238 Class II, not less than two years of the required experience shall have been obtained
1239 performing plumbing work within the unrestricted scope of practice applicable to a
1240 Master Plumber Class II, as defined in this chapter:

1241 (A) Participation in the installation, maintenance, alteration, service, or repair of
1242 plumbing systems, including potable water supply and distribution systems, sanitary,
1243 waste, storm drainage, and venting systems, plumbing fixtures and equipment, and fuel
1244 gas piping systems and fuel-gas-fired appliances, including piping downstream of the
1245 gas meter or storage tank, and piping downstream of any municipal or county water
1246 meter from the point of service connection and extending into and throughout the
1247 building or structure served;

1248 (B) Involvement in plumbing system layout, pipe sizing, material selection, and
1249 installation methods, performed under appropriate supervision where required;

1250 (C) Participation in the inspection, testing, troubleshooting, and correction of plumbing
1251 and fuel gas systems, including verification of system performance and compliance
1252 with applicable plumbing codes, standards, and manufacturer installation requirements;
1253 (D) Implementation and application of safe work practices, including job site and
1254 trench safety, confined space awareness, fall protection, lockout and tagout procedures,
1255 and the proper selection and use of personal protective equipment; and
1256 (E) Supervision or lead responsibility for plumbing personnel, including training,
1257 assignment of duties, oversight of work quality, and enforcement of safety and code
1258 compliance requirements;

1259 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from any licensed Master Plumber Class I or Master
1260 Plumber Class II who supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as
1261 a current or former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the primary
1262 experiential requirements set forth in this subsection. When the applicant's qualifying
1263 experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such individual, a
1264 separate signed affidavit shall be submitted by each individual who supervised or
1265 oversaw the applicable portion of the applicant's experience; and

1266 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
1267 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
1268 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
1269 documentation for noncitizen applicants.

1270 (m) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
1271 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
1272 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
1273 action authorized by the division.

1274 43-14-14.

1275 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Conditioned Air
1276 Contractors.

1277 (b) No person shall engage in conditioned air contracting unless such person has a valid
1278 license issued by the division.

1279 (c) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who
1280 satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

1281 (d) A person that is not licensed as a conditioned air contractor shall be prohibited from
1282 advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of a conditioned
1283 air contractor unless the work is performed by a licensed conditioned air contractor.

1284 (e) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage
1285 in the business of conditioned air contracting unless there is regularly connected with such
1286 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons actively engaged
1287 in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid licenses issued to
1288 them as provided for in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and
1289 employees of the individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be
1290 authorized to engage in the business of conditioned air contracting under a license which
1291 was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such
1292 death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the conditioned air
1293 contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

1294 (f) Partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations having more than one office
1295 location from which conditioned air contracting is performed shall have at least one person
1296 stationed in each branch office of such partnership, limited liability company, or
1297 corporation who is engaged in the performance of conditioned air contracting on a full-time
1298 basis who is supervising the installation, repair, alteration, and service work of air
1299 conditioning and heating systems of all employees of such branch office locations; and who
1300 has a valid license issued as provided in this Code section.

1301 (g) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations
1302 qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division within seven days of the
1303 severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation
1304 of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.

1305 (h) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a Conditioned Air Contractor Class I under
1306 the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form
1307 prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction
1308 Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

1309 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

1310 (2) Have completed a minimum of years of full-time experience performing conditioned
1311 air work of a type covered by the state minimum standard codes, regardless of whether
1312 such code applied to the work in the area or at the time such work was performed by the
1313 applicant;

1314 (A) Qualifying experience under this subsection shall consist of two years of
1315 residential installation experience as a lead mechanic, one year as a service technician,
1316 one year of residential supervisory experience; and

1317 (B) An applicant shall receive credit toward the experience requirements of this section
1318 based on the actual instructional time completed in relevant coursework, meaning
1319 coursework directly related to the scope of licensure requested, provided that such
1320 credit shall not exceed two years for completion of a technical school or technical
1321 college diploma program in air conditioning technology, engineering, or engineering
1322 technology from an institution accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the
1323 division, or one year for completion of a vocational-technical school certificate program
1324 from an institution accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the division;

1325 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from any licensed architect, licensed professional engineer,
1326 public building official or building inspector, or licensed conditioned air contractor who
1327 directly supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as a current or

1328 former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements
1329 set forth in this Code section. When the applicant's qualifying experience was obtained
1330 under the supervision of more than one such individual, a separate signed affidavit shall
1331 be submitted by each individual who supervised or oversaw the applicable portion of the
1332 applicant's experience;

1333 (4) Complete the Type II Federal Environmental Protection Agency Section 608
1334 Technician Certification;

1335 (5) Complete a board approved heat loss and gain and duct design course; and

1336 (6) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
1337 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, and submit an affidavit verifying lawful
1338 presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, together with any
1339 required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

1340 (i) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a Conditioned Air Contractor Class II under
1341 the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form
1342 prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction
1343 Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

1344 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

1345 (2)(A) Have completed a minimum of five years of full-time experience performing
1346 conditioned air work covered by the state minimum standard codes, regardless of
1347 whether such code applied to the work in the area or at the time such work was
1348 performed by the applicant. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall consist
1349 of two years of commercial supervisory experience, one year as a service technician or
1350 service supervisor, and two years of installation as a lead mechanic with at least one of
1351 the years being commercial only, installing conditioned air systems that exceed a net
1352 175,000 BTU of heating and 60,000 BTU of cooling.

1353 (B) An applicant shall receive credit toward the experience requirements of this Code
1354 section based on the actual instructional time completed in relevant coursework,

1355 meaning coursework directly related to the scope of licensure requested, provided that
1356 such credit shall not exceed two years for completion of a technical school or technical
1357 college diploma program in air conditioning technology, engineering, or engineering
1358 technology from an institution accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the
1359 division, or one year for completion of a vocational-technical school certificate program
1360 from an institution accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the division;
1361 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from a licensed architect, licensed professional engineer,
1362 public building official or building inspector, or licensed conditioned air contractor who
1363 directly supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as a current or
1364 former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements
1365 set forth in this subsection. When the applicant's qualifying experience was obtained
1366 under the supervision of more than one such individual, a separate signed affidavit shall
1367 be submitted by each individual who supervised or oversaw the applicable portion of the
1368 applicant's experience;
1369 (4) Complete the Type II and Type III Federal Environmental Protection Agency Section
1370 608 Technician Certification;
1371 (5) Complete a board approved heat loss and gain and duct design course; and
1372 (6) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
1373 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
1374 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
1375 documentation for noncitizen applicants.
1376 (j) Application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and
1377 authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal
1378 background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State
1379 for licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information
1380 necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable

1381 sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the
1382 performance of such background check.

1383 (k) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the
1384 absence of fraud, be conclusive. All individuals, individuals serving as partners in
1385 partnerships, applicants for limited liability companies, or applicants for corporations
1386 desiring to engage in conditioned air contracting shall be licensed under this Code section
1387 before engaging in such vocation and business, including at the local level.

1388 (l) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
1389 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
1390 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
1391 action authorized by the division.

1392 43-14-15.

1393 Whenever it shall appear to a division of the board or to the executive director or to a
1394 county or municipal inspection authority that any person is or has been violating this
1395 chapter or any of the lawful rules, regulations, or orders of the board, the division of the
1396 board, the local inspection authority, or the appropriate prosecuting attorney may file a
1397 petition for an injunction in the proper superior court of this state against such person for
1398 the purpose of enjoining any such violation. It shall not be necessary to allege or prove that
1399 there is no adequate remedy at law. The right of injunction provided for in this Code
1400 section shall be in addition to any other legal remedy which the board has and shall be in
1401 addition to any right of criminal prosecution provided for by law.

1402 43-14-16.

1403 (a) Any municipal or county inspection authority which meets the standards established
1404 by the board shall be authorized, after notice and hearing, to suspend the license or
1405 certification, or refuse to restore a license or certification to any person or licensee upon

1406 the grounds set out in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-14-6; provided,
1407 however, that such suspension of a license by a local inspection authority shall be
1408 applicable only within the jurisdiction of such local authority. Any person aggrieved by
1409 an action of a local authority shall be entitled to an appeal to the appropriate division of the
1410 board and a hearing.

1411 (b)(1) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority
1412 of any county or municipality in the state from adopting and enforcing codes at the local
1413 level; provided, however, that no county or municipality may require any licensed
1414 conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber who has executed and deposited a bond
1415 as authorized in paragraph (2) of this subsection to give or furnish or execute any code
1416 compliance bond or similar bond for the purpose of ensuring that all construction,
1417 installation, or modifications are made or completed in compliance with the county or
1418 municipal ordinances or building and construction codes.

1419 (2) In order to protect the public from damages arising from any work by a licensed
1420 conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber, which work fails to comply with the
1421 ordinances or building and construction codes adopted by any county or municipal
1422 corporation, any such licensed conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber may
1423 execute and deposit with the judge of the probate court in the county of his or her
1424 principal place of business a bond in the sum of \$10,000.00. Such bond shall be a cash
1425 bond of \$10,000.00 or executed by a surety authorized and qualified to write surety bonds
1426 in the State of Georgia and shall be approved by the judge of the probate court. Such
1427 bond shall be conditioned upon all work done or supervised by such licensee complying
1428 with the provisions of any ordinances or building and construction codes of any county
1429 or municipal corporation wherein the work is performed. Action on such bond may be
1430 brought against the principal and surety thereon in the name of and for the benefit of any
1431 person who suffers damages as a consequence of said licensee's work not conforming to
1432 the requirements of any ordinances or building and construction codes; provided,

1433 however, that the aggregate liability of the surety to all persons so damaged shall in no
1434 event exceed the sum of such bond.

1435 (3) In any case where a bond is required under this subsection, the conditioned air
1436 contractor or plumber shall file a copy of the bond with the building official in the
1437 political subdivision wherein the work is being performed.

1438 (4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to or affect any bonding
1439 requirements involving contracts for public works as provided in Chapter 10 of Title 13.

1440 (c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed as prohibiting or preventing a
1441 municipality or county from fixing, charging, assessing, or collecting any license fee,
1442 registration fee, tax, or gross receipt tax on any related business or on anyone engaged in
1443 any related business governed by this chapter.

1444 43-14-17.

1445 (a) If a person is in violation Code Section 43-14-8, 43-14-9, 43-14-10, 43-14-13, or
1446 43-14-14, it shall not be necessary for an investigator to observe or witness the unlicensed
1447 person engaged illegally in the process of work or to show work in progress or work
1448 completed in order to prove the unlawful practice of electrical contracting, low voltage
1449 contracting, utility contracting, plumbing contracting, or conditioned air contracting, by an
1450 unlicensed person.

1451 (b) It shall be prima-facie evidence of a violation of this chapter if any person not licensed
1452 as a conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, electrical contractor, utility contractor,
1453 or low voltage contractor advertises that such person is in the business or profession of a
1454 conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, electrical contractor utility contractor, or
1455 low voltage contractor or advertises in a manner such that the general public would believe
1456 that such person is a licensed conditioned air contractor or in the business or profession of
1457 a conditioned air contractor, is a licensed plumbing contractor in the business or profession
1458 of a plumbing contractor, or is a licensed electrical contractor in the business or profession

1459 of an electrical contractor, is a licensed utility contractor in the business or profession of
1460 a utility contractor, or is a licensed low voltage contractor in the business or profession of
1461 a low voltage contractor. Advertising under this subsection includes, but is not limited to,
1462 newspaper, internet, social media and digital applications, television, radio, telephone
1463 directory listings, mailings, business cards, or signage at a place of business or attached to
1464 a vehicle.

1465 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 43-1-20.1, after notice and hearing,
1466 the board may issue a cease and desist order prohibiting any person from violating the
1467 provisions of this chapter by engaging in the business or profession of a conditioned air
1468 contractor, plumbing contractor, electrical contractor, or low voltage contractor without a
1469 license as required under this chapter or by constructing, erecting, altering, or repairing a
1470 utility system without a properly certified utility manager or properly certified utility
1471 foreman present at the job site.

1472 (d) With respect to plumbing contracting, conditioned air contracting, low voltage
1473 contracting, and electrical contracting, the violation of any cease and desist order of the
1474 board issued under subsection (c) of this Code section shall subject the person violating the
1475 order to further proceedings before the board, and the board shall be authorized to impose
1476 a fine not to exceed \$1,500.00 for each violation thereof. Each day that a person practices
1477 in violation of this Code section and chapter shall constitute a separate violation.

1478 (e) With respect to utility contracting, the violation of any cease and desist order of the
1479 board issued under subsection (c) of this Code section shall subject the person violating the
1480 order to further proceedings before the board, and the board shall be authorized to impose
1481 a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 for each violation thereof. Each day that a person practices
1482 in violation of this Code section and chapter or constructs, erects, alters, or repairs a utility
1483 system without a properly certified utility manager or properly certified utility foreman
1484 present at such job site shall constitute a separate violation.

1485 (f) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the board from seeking
1486 remedies otherwise available by statute without first seeking a cease and desist order in
1487 accordance with the provisions of this Code section.

1488 (g) Any person violating this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
1489 conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than
1490 six months, or both.

1491 43-14-18.

1492 (a) Every person holding a license issued by a division of the board shall display it in a
1493 conspicuous manner at his or her place of business.

1494 (b) All commercial vehicles used by licensees and certificate holders exclusively in the
1495 daily operation of their business shall have prominently displayed thereon the company or
1496 business registration or certificate number issued by the Secretary of State's office. Such
1497 registration number or certificate number, or website address where such number can be
1498 found, shall also be prominently displayed on any advertising relating to work which a
1499 licensee or certificate holder purports to have the capacity to perform. Said registration or
1500 certificate number shall also be printed on all invoices and proposal forms.

1501 43-14-19.

1502 (a) This chapter shall apply to all installations, alterations, and repairs of plumbing, air
1503 conditioning and heating, or electrical or low voltage wiring or utility systems within or on
1504 public or private buildings, structures, or premises except as otherwise provided in this
1505 Code section.

1506 (b) Any person that holds a license issued under this chapter may engage in the business
1507 of plumbing contracting, electrical contracting, conditioned air contracting, low voltage
1508 contracting, or utility contracting but only as prescribed by the license, throughout the state;
1509 and except as provided in Code Section 43-14-16, no municipality or county may require

1510 such person to comply with any additional licensing requirements imposed by such
1511 municipality or county.

1512 (c) This chapter shall not apply to:

1513 (1) The installation, alteration, or repair of plumbing, air conditioning and heating, utility
1514 systems, or electrical services, except low voltage wiring services, up to and including
1515 the meters where such work is performed by and is an integral part of the system owned
1516 or operated by a public service corporation, an electrical, water, or gas department of any
1517 municipality in this state, a railroad company, a pipeline company, or a mining company
1518 in the exercise of its normal function as such;

1519 (2) Low voltage wiring performed by public utilities, except that the portion of the
1520 business of public utilities which involves the installation, alteration, repair, or service
1521 of telecommunications systems for profit shall be covered under this chapter;

1522 (3) The installation, construction, or maintenance of power systems or
1523 telecommunications systems for the generation or distribution of electric current
1524 constructed under the National Electrical Safety Code, which regulates the safety
1525 requirements of utilities; but the interior wiring regulated by the National Electrical
1526 Safety Code shall not be exempt and must be done by an electrical contractor, except as
1527 otherwise provided by law; provided, however, that a tier 2 local exchange company, as
1528 defined in Code Section 46-5-162, may perform low-voltage interior wiring without
1529 licensure as an electrical contractor solely to the extent such wiring is necessary for the
1530 installation, maintenance, repair, or operation of its own telecommunications systems and
1531 network infrastructure. Such work shall be performed only by employees of the tier 2
1532 local exchange company and shall not include general electrical service work or
1533 modification of building power distribution systems unrelated to the provider's
1534 telecommunications systems;

1535 (4) Any technician employed by a municipal or county franchised community antenna
1536 television (CATV) system or a municipally owned CATV system in the performance of
1537 work on the system;

1538 (5) Regular full-time employees of an institution, manufacturer, or business who perform
1539 plumbing, electrical, low voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting
1540 when working on the premises of their employer;

1541 (6) A contractor certified by the Department of Public Health to make the connection to
1542 any on-site waste-water management system from the stub out exiting the structure to an
1543 on-site waste-water management system;

1544 (7) Any employee or authorized agent of a regulated gas utility or municipally owned
1545 gas utility while in the course and scope of such employment; or

1546 (8) Persons licensed as manufactured or mobile home installers by the state fire marshal
1547 when:

1548 (A) Coupling the electrical connection from the service entrance panel outside the
1549 manufactured housing to the distribution panel board inside the manufactured housing;

1550 (B) Connecting the exterior sewer outlets to the aboveground sewer system; or

1551 (C) Connecting the exterior water line to the aboveground water system.

1552 (d) This chapter shall not prohibit:

1553 (1) An individual from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing fixtures, air
1554 conditioning and heating, air conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or
1555 electrical or low voltage wiring services in a residential dwelling owned or occupied by
1556 such individual; provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with
1557 all other provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board, and any
1558 applicable county or municipal resolutions, ordinances, codes, or inspection
1559 requirements;

1560 (2) An individual employed on the maintenance staff of a facility owned by the state or
1561 by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision from installing, altering, or

1562 repairing plumbing, plumbing fixtures, air conditioning and heating fixtures, utility
1563 systems, or electrical or low voltage wiring services when such work is an integral part
1564 of the maintenance requirements of the facility; provided, however, that all such work
1565 must be done in conformity with all other provisions of this chapter and the orders, rules,
1566 and regulations of the board;

1567 (3) Any person from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing, plumbing fixtures, air
1568 conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or electrical or low voltage wiring
1569 services in a farm or ranch service building or as an integral part of any irrigation system
1570 on a farm or ranch when such system is not located within 30 feet of any dwelling or any
1571 building devoted to animal husbandry. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
1572 limit the application of any resolution, ordinance, code, or inspection requirements of a
1573 county or municipality relating to such connections;

1574 (4) Any person from installing, altering, or repairing the plumbing component of a lawn
1575 sprinkler system from a backflow preventer which was installed by a licensed plumber;
1576 provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other
1577 provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board, and ordinances of the
1578 county or municipality; or

1579 (5) Any propane dealer that is properly insured as required by law and that holds a
1580 liquefied petroleum gas license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner from installing,
1581 repairing, or servicing a propane system or the gas piping or components of such system;
1582 provided, however, that such propane dealers shall be prohibited from performing the
1583 installation of conditioned air systems or forced air heating systems unless licensed to do
1584 so under this chapter.

1585 (e) Any person qualified by the Department of Transportation to perform work for the
1586 department shall not be required to be licensed under:

1587 (1) Code Section 43-14-10 or certified under Code Sections 43-14-11 and 43-14-12 in
1588 order to perform work for the department; or

1589 (2) Code Section 43-14-10 or certified under Code Sections 43-14-11 and 43-14-12 in
1590 order to perform work for a county, municipality, authority, or other political subdivision
1591 when such work is of the same nature as that for which the person is qualified when
1592 performing department work; provided, however, that such work is not performed on a
1593 utility system as defined in Code Section 43-14-2 for which the person receives
1594 compensation.

1595 (f) Any person who contracts with a licensed conditioned air contractor:

1596 (1) As part of a conditioned air contract to install, alter, or repair duct systems, control
1597 systems, or insulation is not required to hold a license from the Division of Conditioned
1598 Air Contractors. The conditioned air contractor must retain responsibility for completion
1599 of the contract, including any subcontracted work;

1600 (2) To perform a complete installation, alteration, or repair of a conditioned air system
1601 must hold a valid license from the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors; or

1602 (3) To perform for or on behalf of a conditioned air contractor the installation, alteration,
1603 or repair of the electrical, low voltage, or plumbing components of a conditioned air
1604 system must hold a valid license from the appropriate division of the board.

1605 (g) Any utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter shall
1606 be authorized to bid for and perform work on any utility system in this state without
1607 obtaining a license under Chapter 41 of this title. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a
1608 utility system or anyone soliciting work to be performed on a utility system to refuse to
1609 allow a utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter to bid
1610 for or perform work on a utility system on the basis that such contractor does not hold a
1611 license under Chapter 41 of this title.

1612 43-14-20.

1613 (a) All licenses and certificates issued under this chapter shall be valid for a period of two
1614 years and shall be subject to biennial renewal upon expiration.

1615 (b) All applications for renewal of a license or certificate shall be filed with the division
1616 director prior to the expiration date, accompanied by the biennial renewal fee prescribed
1617 by the board and certifying that all current requirements of continuing education as
1618 determined by the board have been fulfilled.

1619 (c) Any person who fails to renew a license or certificate on or before its expiration date
1620 may apply for late renewal during a period not to exceed 31 days immediately following
1621 the expiration of the biennial license. Such application shall be submitted and shall include
1622 the required renewal information and late renewal fee, as prescribed by the board.

1623 (d) Any license or certificate that is not renewed on or before its expiration date or during
1624 the late renewal period provided in subsection (c) of this Code section shall lapse and shall
1625 not be in good standing unless reinstated pursuant to this Code section.

1626 (e) If an application for reinstatement is submitted less than three years after the expiration
1627 date of the license or certificate, the applicant shall submit a reinstatement application, the
1628 required reinstatement fee, verification that the licensee or certificate holder has completed
1629 the required continuing education requirements, and any other information, as prescribed
1630 by the board.

1631 (f) If an application for reinstatement is submitted more than three years after the
1632 expiration date of a license or certificate, the applicant shall, in addition to satisfying the
1633 applicable continuing education requirements, comply with any additional requirements
1634 prescribed by the board or the appropriate division. Such requirements may include, when
1635 applicable to the license or certificate sought, reexamination and the submission of an
1636 affidavit attesting that the applicant meets the applicable experience requirements.

1637 (g) Each division of the board is authorized to require individuals seeking renewal of any
1638 license or certificate issued under this chapter to complete continuing education courses
1639 approved by that division.

1640 (h) Each division may approve continuing education courses or programs offered within
1641 or outside this state for licensees and certificate holders, subject to reasonable,

1642 nondiscriminatory fees. Such courses or programs shall relate to the licensed activity and
1643 shall be offered by qualified providers in accordance with rules adopted by the board.
1644 Courses conducted primarily to promote specific products or services shall not be
1645 permitted.

1646 (i) Each division may waive the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship,
1647 disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the division deems appropriate.

1648 (j) Each division shall make all reasonable efforts to make the continuing education
1649 offered pursuant to this Code section available online or through home study courses and
1650 accessible at times outside of the normal work hours of those licensed by such division.

1651 (k) Continuing education hours shall not be carried forward to a subsequent renewal
1652 period.

1653 (l) Failure to comply with the continuing education or renewal requirements of this Code
1654 section shall render the license or certificate invalid and subject the licensee or certificate
1655 holder to disciplinary action, including denial of renewal or revocation of the license. Such
1656 licensee or certificate holder shall not be authorized to engage in the business or profession
1657 for which licensed until the license or certificate is renewed or reinstated in accordance
1658 with applicable procedures.

1659 43-14-21.

1660 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

1661 (1) 'Discharge' means an honorable discharge or a general discharge from active military
1662 service. Such term shall not mean a discharge under other than honorable conditions, a
1663 bad conduct discharge, or a dishonorable discharge.

1664 (2) 'Military' means the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the
1665 armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard.

1666 (b) A committee composed of the division director, members of the Governor's Office of
1667 Workforce Development, and members of the relevant divisions of the licensing board

1668 representing the profession for which the applicant is seeking a license shall determine the
1669 military specialties or certifications the training or experience for which substantially meets
1670 or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license for Electrical Contractor Class I,
1671 Journeyman Plumber, Conditioned Air Contractor Class I, or Utility Foreman. The
1672 Governor shall designate a chairperson from among the members of the committee.

1673 (c) Any current or former member of the military may apply to the licensing board for the
1674 expedited issuance of a license or certification based upon his or her having obtained a
1675 military specialty or certification, the training or experience for which substantially meets
1676 or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license or certification identified in subsection (b)
1677 of this Code section.

1678 (d) In order to qualify under this Code section, an applicant shall make application not
1679 later than two years after his or her discharge. The licensing board, in its discretion, may
1680 by rule or regulation extend such two-year period for a license or certification, or class
1681 thereof, or may extend such two-year period for an individual applicant if certain
1682 circumstances, including, but not limited to, health, hospitalization, or other related
1683 emergencies or exigencies, prevented the member of the military from making an
1684 application.

1685 (e) Such application shall be in such form and shall require such documentation as the
1686 division director shall determine. If the applicant satisfies the requirements of this Code
1687 section, the division director shall direct the appropriate division to issue the appropriate
1688 license, and the division shall immediately issue such license; provided, however, that the
1689 applicant shall satisfy all financial and insurance requirements for the issuance of such
1690 license. This Code section shall only apply to the initial issuance of a license. After the
1691 initial issuance of a license, the licensee shall be subject to any provisions relating to the
1692 renewal of the license applicable to all licensees.

1693 43-14-22.

1694 The board may establish a process through rules and regulations for licenses issued under
1695 this chapter to be placed on inactive status and the qualifications necessary for such
1696 licenses to be returned to active status; provided, however, that engaging in any conduct
1697 that requires a license under this chapter while holding an inactive license shall be
1698 considered an unlicensed practice and shall be prohibited.

1699 43-14-23.

1700 Each division of the board may, in its discretion, grant a license or certificate to any person
1701 who, at the time of application, is licensed or certified in another state whose requirements
1702 for licensure are substantially equal to the requirements for a similar license or certificate
1703 issued under this chapter, and to grant such person full privileges to engage in equivalent
1704 practice authorized under this chapter without requiring an examination, if applicable,
1705 provided that:

1706 (1) The applicant has been principally engaged in the practice authorized by such license
1707 or certificate for a period of not less than two years immediately preceding the
1708 application;

1709 (2) The applicant submits a proper application, pays a fee in an amount established by
1710 the board, and completes any additional safety training courses required by the board; and

1711 (3) The state in which the applicant is licensed or certified affords substantially
1712 equivalent licensure or certification privileges to persons licensed or certified under this
1713 chapter by the State of Georgia.

1714 43-14-24.

1715 This chapter shall be administered in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia
1716 Administrative Procedure Act.'

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SECTION 3.

1718 Code Section 48-7-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to deduction for
 1719 payments to classified subcontractors, disclosure of tax returns, and maintenance of list of
 1720 classified subcontractors, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

1721 ~~"(2) 'Small business' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 50-5-121~~
 1722 means a business which is independently owned and operated and:

1723 (A) Tier one: has ten or fewer employees or \$1 million or less in gross receipts per
 1724 year;

1725 (B) Tier two: has 100 or fewer employees or \$10 million or less in gross receipts per
 1726 year; or

1727 (C) Tier three: has 300 or fewer employees or \$30 million or less in gross receipts per
 1728 year."

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SECTION 4.

1730 Code Section 43-24A-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensure of
 1731 massage therapists, application, and requirements, is amended by revising paragraph (6) of
 1732 subsection (b) as follows:

1733 ~~"(6) The applicant has completed successfully a board recognized massage therapy~~
 1734 ~~educational program consisting of a minimum of 500~~ 600 ~~hours of course and clinical~~
 1735 ~~work;"~~

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SECTION 5.

1737 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.