

Senate Bill 270

Sponsored by Senator OLSEN (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Exempts residential construction contractor meeting criteria from continuing education requirement.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to continuing education for construction contractors; creating new provisions; amending
3 ORS 701.082; and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 701.082 is amended to read:

6 701.082. (1)(a) Except as provided in [*subsections (2) and (6) of*] this section and ORS 701.083, to
7 qualify for the renewal of a residential contractor license the licensee must complete eight hours
8 of continuing education during the two-year licensing period preceding the renewal.

9 (b) Three of the hours required under paragraph (a) of this subsection must be education re-
10 garding laws, regulations and business practices. The Construction Contractors Board shall develop
11 materials for the education. The education must be offered by the board or by an approved contin-
12 uing education provider acting under an agreement with the board.

13 (c) Five of the hours required under paragraph (a) of this subsection must be education from
14 approved providers and be courses the board has approved as continuing education regarding one
15 or more of the following:

16 (A) Construction business practices.

17 (B) Marketing.

18 (C) Customer service.

19 (D) Accounting.

20 (E) Business law.

21 (F) Bidding.

22 (G) Building codes.

23 (H) Safety.

24 (I) Energy efficiency.

25 (J) Trade specific subjects, such as roofing, excavation or exterior shell construction.

26 (K) Other subjects that the board determines by rule to be appropriate.

27 (2)(a) In addition to completing the continuing education required under subsection (1) of this
28 section, to qualify for the renewal of a residential contractor license the licensee must complete an
29 additional eight hours of continuing education during the two-year licensing period preceding the
30 renewal if the residential contractor was not licensed by the board as a residential contractor dur-
31 ing any part of the six-year period immediately preceding the renewal.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (b) Continuing education that is required of a residential contractor under paragraph (a) of this
2 subsection must be offered by an approved continuing education provider or the board. The educa-
3 tion may be in any subject described in subsection (1) of this section related to construction or the
4 business of the residential contractor.

5 (3) A residential contractor applying for the renewal of a license shall certify the number of
6 continuing education hours completed by the contractor during the two-year period immediately
7 preceding the renewal. The board may require verification of certified continuing education hours
8 described in subsection (1)(c) of this section.

9 (4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (3) of this section, the board may adopt rules to adjust the
10 period allowed for the completion of continuing education when the renewing residential contractor
11 holds a lapsed license described under ORS 701.063 (4).

12 (5) Subsections (1) to (4) of this section do not apply to a residential contractor endorsed only
13 as a residential developer.

14 (6) The board may exempt residential contractors from continuing education requirements under
15 this section. The board may create exemptions under this subsection by rule or may grant an ex-
16 emption on a case-by-case basis.

17 **(7) A residential contractor is not required to complete continuing education during a**
18 **licensing period if:**

19 **(a) The contractor has been licensed continuously under the same license number for 15**
20 **years or more prior to the beginning of the licensing period; and**

21 **(b) There have been no valid complaints filed against the contractor during the 15 years**
22 **prior to the beginning of the licensing period.**

23 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 701.082 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to li-**
24 **censing periods ending on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.**

25 **SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
26 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
27 **on its passage.**

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