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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 276

*Requesting the Board for Contractors to include certain provisions in their regulations governing the tradesman certification program.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 20, 1995

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 16, 1995

WHEREAS, the administration of the tradesman certification program was transferred from the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Board for Contractors by Chapter 895 of the Acts of Assembly of 1994; and

WHEREAS, prior to July 1, 1995, the tradesman certification program existed only in those localities which elected to implement it; and

WHEREAS, as of July 1, 1995, under the tradesman certification program, all contractors working in the electrical, plumbing and heating areas are required to obtain certification as a tradesman from the Board for Contractors; and

WHEREAS, under Article 3 (§ 54.1-1128 et seq.) of Title 54.1, the Board for Contractors is authorized to promulgate regulations governing the certification of tradesman; and

WHEREAS, because of this change in administration of the tradesman certification program, many electrical, plumbing and heating, ventilation and air-conditioning contractors will be required to meet certain criteria established by law and the Board for Contractors to obtain certification as a tradesman when previously they were not required to do so; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Board for Contractors be requested to include in their regulations governing tradesman certification in the trades of electrical, plumbing and heating, ventilation and air-conditioning, a provision that in localities that did not participate in the tradesman program prior to July 1, 1995, a letter from the local building official or the Board for Contractors verifying the applicant's ten years of discipline free experience and the applicant's possession of a class A license shall be deemed to fulfill the examination requirements for certification in such nonparticipating localities as of July 1, 1995. The Board may grant waivers to other qualified applicants on such conditions as it may deem appropriate.

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