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SENATE BILL NO. 1258

FLOOR AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by Delegate Armstrong
on February 25, 1999)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Hawkins)

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-1131 and 54.1-1133 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Board for Contractors; waiver of examination; continuing education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 54.1-1131 and 54.1-1133 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:
§ 54.1-1131. Exemptions.

A. An individual certified or licensed by any one of the following agencies shall not be required to fulfill the examination requirement specified in § 54.1-1130 for a tradesman license:

1. The Board of Housing and Community Development prior to July 1, 1995.

2. Any local governing body prior to July 1, 1978.

3. An apprenticeship program which is approved by the Virginia Apprenticeship Council.

Individuals applying for a tradesman license between July 1, 1995, and July 1, 1998, shall be deemed to have fulfilled the examination requirement if they are able to demonstrate that they have the required number of years of discipline-free experience set forth in Board regulations.

B. Upon satisfactory evidence to the Board, the following individuals shall not be required to fulfill the examination requirement specified in § 54.1-1130 to be certified as a backflow prevention device worker or licensed as a liquefied petroleum gas fitter:

1. Individuals approved, or recognized as having expertise, by a local governing body prior to July 1, 1998, to perform backflow prevention device work; or

2. Individuals applying for certification ~~or licensure~~ *as a backflow prevention device worker* between July 1, 1998, and July 1, 1999, who are able to demonstrate that they have the required number of years of discipline-free experience and education or training set forth in Board regulations.

3. *Individuals applying for licensure as a liquefied petroleum gas fitter between July 1, 1999 and July 1, 2000, who are able to demonstrate that they have the required number of years of discipline-free experience and education or training set forth in Board regulations.*

C. The provisions of this article shall not apply to any individual who is performing work on any ship, boat, barge or other floating vessel.

§ 54.1-1133. Continuing education.

The Board may establish in the regulations requirements for continuing education as a prerequisite to renewal of any certificate or license issued under this article. *The Board shall require evidence of knowledge of code changes as a prerequisite to renewal of any certificate or license issued under this article. In addition, the Board may require continuing education for any individual who is found to be in violation of the statutes or regulations governing the practice of licensed tradesmen or certificate holders issued under this article.*

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.