

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2279

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| House of Origin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed |
| Second House | <input type="checkbox"/> In Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled |

2. **Patron:** Campbell, J.L.

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Professions and occupations; Board for Contractors; continuing education prohibited.

5. **Summary:** Prohibits the Board for Contractors from requiring continuing education as a prerequisite to renewal of any certificate or license issued under its authority; however, 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.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Positions</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| 2021 | \$0 | 0 | n/a |
| 2022 | (\$36,667) | 0 | NGF |
| 2023 | (\$36,667) | 0 | NGF |
| 2024 | (\$36,667) | 0 | NGF |
| 2025 | (\$36,667) | 0 | NGF |
| 2026 | (\$36,667) | 0 | NGF |
| 2027 | (\$36,667) | 0 | NGF |

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill decreases the responsibilities of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) by eliminating the administration of the Board for Contractors continuing education program for licensed plumbers, electricians, HVAC technicians, and gas-fitters. Statutorily mandated continuing education requirements for licensed water well systems providers, elevator mechanics, and automatic fire sprinkler inspectors are not affected by this legislation.

Expenditure Impact: One Band 3 wage position could be eliminated as a result of the legislation. The administrative duties that could be eliminated include application processing, class audits, monitoring of electronically uploaded class rosters, and other various record keeping duties associated with administration of the tradesmen continuing education program. The cost of wages and FICA taxes for the eliminated licensing specialist

wage position is \$24,467 annually beginning in FY2022, based on 28 hours per week. Other annual operating cost reductions beginning in FY2022 include telephone, employee development, computer operating support, and supplies. These annual costs are estimated at \$12,200. Total expected annual cost reduction is \$36,667.

Revenue Impact: This bill has no impact on DPOR revenue. DPOR does not anticipate that the cost reductions will be significant enough to necessitate a reduction to the tradesmen renewal fees, which would continue to be \$135 for plumbers, electricians, and HVAC technicians, and \$90 for gas-fitters. Individuals would no longer be required to pay continuing education providers directly for classes in each trade for which they are licensed, which range from \$80 to \$150 per class.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.