SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 783

By COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND TRANSPORTATION

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On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the second semicolon delete the rest of the line and 1 $\mathbf{2}$ line 3 and insert "amending ORS 701.127; repealing ORS 701.123 and 701.126; and declaring an 3 emergency.". 4 Delete lines 5 through 28 and delete pages 2 through 4 and insert: "SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2013 Act are added to and made a part of ORS $\mathbf{5}$ 6 chapter 701. "SECTION 2. (1) The Construction Contractors Board shall adopt minimum quality 7 standards to be met by public and private providers of approved continuing education pro-8 9 grams. In determining the standards to be adopted, the board shall give consideration to any 10 continuing education program standards that have been adopted by national construction li-11 censing trade associations. Quality standards that the board adopts for providers are in ad-12 dition to any considerations under subsection (2)(c) of this section that the board uses for 13 evaluating programs. 14 "(2)(a) The board shall establish continuing education categories for matters broadly re-15lated to: "(A) Construction business practices, such as marketing, customer service, accounting, 16 17 business law, bidding, contractor laws and board rules; or 18 "(B) Specific focus subjects, such as roofing, excavation, exterior shell work, building 19 codes, safety issues and energy efficient building. 20 (b) The board may, at its discretion, designate an approved continuing education pro-21gram as being within a category described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. "(c) The board may determine whether to approve an education program for continuing 22education purposes and determine the number of hours to be credited to an approved con-2324 tinuing education program. In determining whether to approve a program for continuing 25education, if the program content is focused primarily on subjects that the board has assigned to a category described in paragraph (a) of this subsection the board shall examine 2627the program content, instructor qualifications and attendance verification procedures and 28make other inquiries as the board considers reasonable to ensure that the program presents 29information concerning topics relevant to construction contractors and is presented in a 30 competent manner to verified attendees. If the program content is not focused primarily on 31 subjects that the board has assigned to a category described in paragraph (a) of this sub-32section, the board shall ensure that the program is consistent with the purposes of the continuing education requirements established in section 3 of this 2013 Act and that the 33 34 program providers report program attendance to the board.

35 "(3) The board may establish a fee for determining whether to approve a program for

1 continuing education purposes and determining the number of hours to be credited for the 2 program.

"SECTION 3. (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a residential 3 4 contractor must complete at least 16 hours of continuing education during a two-year license period if: 5

"(A) The contractor has held a residential contractor license issued by the board for 6 7 fewer than six consecutive years; or

"(B) A court judgment or arbitration award was entered against the contractor during 8 the prior licensing period on a claim filed with the Construction Contractors Board or for 9 which an owner gave a notice of defect under ORS 701.565. 10

11 "(b) A contractor that is subject to paragraph (a) of this subsection must complete eight of the continuing education hours in programs assigned to the category described in section 122 (2)(a) of this 2013 Act and eight hours in any programs broadly related to the work of the 1314 contractor.

15"(2) Except as provided in subsections (1) and (3) of this section, a contractor that has 16 held a residential contractor license issued by the board for six or more consecutive years must complete eight hours of continuing education during a two-year license period. A con-17 18 tractor must complete the continuing education in programs assigned to the category de-19 scribed in section 2 (2)(a) of this 2013 Act.

"(3) The board may recognize a specialized education program described under ORS 2021701.120 for continuing education purposes. If a continuing education program provides 22training in the construction of one and two family dwellings, the board may designate the 23program as a specialized education program only if the program includes instruction that meets the requirements of Department of Consumer and Business Services rules adopted 24 25under ORS 455.805.

"(4) A residential contractor applying for renewal of a license shall certify the number 26of continuing education hours completed during the preceding licensing period. The board 27 may require training or education provider verification that the residential contractor com-28 29 pleted the continuing education. A residential contractor may not renew a license issued by 30 the board unless the contractor has completed, at a minimum, the applicable number of hours and type of continuing education required under this section. 31

(5) A residential developer is not subject to continuing education requirements under 3233 this section.

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"SECTION 4. ORS 701.123 and 701.126 are repealed.

"SECTION 5. ORS 701.127 is amended to read:

"701.127. (1) Notwithstanding [ORS 701.126] section 2 of this 2013 Act, the Construction Con-36 37 tractors Board shall adopt criteria for allowing the exemption of a residential contractor from any 38 board rule requiring continuing education in state building code compliance or requiring building 39 exterior shell training.

40 "(2) The board may require a residential contractor to take continuing education or training in 41 other subjects to offset the reduction in continuing education or training hours created by the ex-42emption described in subsection (1) of this section.

"SECTION 6. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2013 Act, the amendments to ORS 701.127 by section 43 44 5 of this 2013 Act and the repeal of ORS 701.123 and 701.126 by section 4 of this 2013 Act apply to licensing periods that commence on or after January 1, 2014. Residential contractor con-45

tinuing education requirements for licensing periods commencing prior to January 1, 2014,
must be completed in compliance with ORS 701.123 and 701.126 as set forth in the 2011 Edition of Oregon Revised Statutes and with Construction Contractor Board rules adopted for
carrying out ORS 701.123 and 701.126.
<u>SECTION 7.</u> This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect

7 on its passage.".

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