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

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

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

SECTION 1. ORS 701.082 is amended to read:

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

(b) Three of the hours required under paragraph (a) of this subsection must be education regarding laws, regulations and business practices. The Construction Contractors Board shall develop materials for the education. The education must be offered by the board or by an approved continuing education provider acting under an agreement with the board.

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

(A) Construction business practices.
(B) Marketing.
(C) Customer service.
(D) Accounting.
(E) Business law.
(F) Bidding.
(G) Building codes.
(H) Safety.
(I) Energy efficiency.
(J) Trade specific subjects, such as roofing, excavation or exterior shell construction.
(K) Other subjects that the board determines by rule to be appropriate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 701.082 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to licensing periods ending on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.

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