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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Senators Lombardo, Goodwin, Pearson, and Gallo

Date Introduced: March 21, 2019

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 23-27.3-107.1.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-27.3 entitled  
2 "State Building Code" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **23-27.3-107.1.1. Local inspector.**

4           (a) The appropriate local authority may appoint one or more local full time or part time  
5 inspectors to assist the building official in the performance of his or her duties and in the  
6 enforcement of this code.

7           (b)(1) Building Inspectors-1 shall have a minimum of three (3) years experience in  
8 general building construction and except for the length of experience required shall possess  
9 similar qualifications of a local building official as required by § 23-27.3-107.5, and shall possess  
10 an International Code Council (ICC) certification as a Residential Building Inspector. However,  
11 ICC certification as a Residential Building Inspector shall not be required in the case of a building  
12 inspector holding a current state certification prior to July 1, 2010. A Building Inspector-1 is  
13 responsible to enforce the provisions of the State Residential Code SBC-2.

14           Building Inspectors-2 shall have a minimum of three (3) years experience in general  
15 building construction, shall possess ICC certifications as a Residential Building Inspector and  
16 Commercial Building Inspector and shall possess similar qualifications of a local Building  
17 Official, as required by § 23-27.3-107.5. However, ICC certification as a Residential Building  
18 Inspector and a Commercial Building Inspector shall not be required in the case of a building  
19 inspector holding a current state certification prior to July 1, 2010. A Building Inspector- 2 is

1 authorized to enforce the provisions of both the State Building Code SBC-1 and the State  
2 Residential Code SBC-2.

3 (2) Electrical inspectors shall have a minimum of five (5) years experience and a Rhode  
4 Island Class A or Class B electricians license.

5 (3) Mechanical inspectors shall have a minimum of five (5) years and a valid Rhode  
6 Island master pipe fitters I or journeyman contractors license.

7 (4) Plumbing inspectors shall have a minimum of five (5) years experience and a Rhode  
8 Island master or journeyman plumbers license.

9 (5) Mechanical and plumbing inspectors who have been enforcing either code prior to  
10 January 1, 1986, may continue to do so.

11 [\(c\) Inspectors listed in this section shall have the authority to affix their signature to](#)  
12 [permits that pertain to the work they inspect.](#)

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act authorizes building inspectors to affix their signatures to permits that pertain to  
2 work they inspect.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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