

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION
LICENSING BOARD

Introduced By: Senators Quezada, Calkin, Metts, Crowley, and Jabour

Date Introduced: March 02, 2017

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-65-14 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-65 entitled "Contractors'
2 Registration and Licensing Board" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-65-14. Builder board -- Member -- Terms -- Confirmation -- Vacancies --**
4 **Qualification.**

5 (a) The board shall consist of ~~seventeen (17)~~ nineteen (19) members appointed by the
6 governor, ~~ten (10)~~ eleven (11) of whom shall be registered contractors, of which two (2) shall be
7 licensed roofers; one shall be a current member of the building codes standards committee
8 pursuant to § 23-27.3-100.1.4; one shall be a representative of the general public; one shall be a
9 licensed and practicing architect; one shall be a licensed plumber; and two (2) shall be licensed
10 home inspectors; one who shall be the president of the Rhode Island Builders Association or
11 designee; one shall be the executive director of the Utility Contractors Association of Rhode
12 Island, or designee; one shall be the executive director of the Rhode Island Independent
13 Contractors and Associates, or designee; and one who shall be the executive director of the Rhode
14 Island Association of General Contractors or designee. At least one member of the board shall be
15 a minority as defined in §37-14.1-3. The building code standards committee member shall be
16 designated by the state building commissioner, and shall be appointed as provided in subsection
17 (b) of this section.

18 (b) Except for the commissioner's designee, the governor shall appoint seven (7)

1 members for a term of three (3) years and five (5) members for a term of two (2) years. The
2 governor shall appoint the member designated by the state building commissioner for a term of
3 two (2) years. Each member reappointed by the governor shall serve for the term of his or her
4 original appointment. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the governor shall appoint a
5 successor. A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the
6 governor shall make an appointment immediately effective for the unexpired term. At the
7 expiration of their terms, members shall remain and shall continue in their official capacity until a
8 new member is appointed and confirmed.

9 (c) In order to be eligible for board membership, the ~~eight (8)~~ eleven (11) contractor
10 members of the board must be registered and/or licensed under this chapter and maintain their
11 registrations and/or licenses in good standing during their term of office. In order to be eligible
12 for board membership, the two (2) home inspector members shall be licensed pursuant to chapter
13 65.1 of this title and shall maintain their license in good order during their terms of office.

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

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1 This act would add two (2) members to the contractors' registration licensing board; a
2 licensed plumber and a registered contractor and would require at least one member of the board
3 to be a minority.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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