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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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

Introduced By: Senator Erin Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: February 27, 2020

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **5-65-5. Registered application.**

4 (a) A person who wishes to register as a contractor shall submit an application upon a form  
5 prescribed by the board. The application shall include:

6 (1) Workers' compensation insurance account number, or company name if a number has  
7 not yet been obtained, if applicable;

8 (2) Unemployment insurance account number, if applicable;

9 (3) State withholding tax account number, if applicable;

10 (4) Federal employer identification number, if applicable, or if self-employed and  
11 participating in a retirement plan;

12 (5)(i) The individual(s) name and business address and residential address of:

13 (A) Each partner or venturer, if the applicant is a partnership or joint venture;

14 (B) The owner, if the applicant is an individual proprietorship;

15 (C) The corporation officers and a copy of corporate papers filed with the Rhode Island  
16 secretary of state's office, if the applicant is a corporation;

17 (ii) Post office boxes are not acceptable as the only address;

18 (6) A statement as to whether or not the applicant has previously applied for registration,

1 or is or was an officer, partner, or venturer of an applicant who previously applied for registration  
2 and if so, the name of the corporation, partnership, or venture;

3 (7) Valid insurance certificate for the type of work being performed.

4 (b) A person may be prohibited from registering or renewing a registration as a contractor  
5 under the provisions of this chapter or his or her registration may be revoked or suspended if he or  
6 she has any unsatisfied or outstanding judgments from arbitration, bankruptcy, courts, or  
7 administrative agency against him or her relating to his or her work as a contractor, and provided,  
8 further, that a statement shall be provided to the board attesting to the information herein.

9 (c) Failure to provide or falsified information on an application, or any document required  
10 by this chapter, is punishable by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and/or  
11 revocation of the registration.

12 (d) An applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

13 (e) Satisfactory proof shall be provided to the board evidencing the completion of ~~five (5)~~  
14 ten (10) hours of continuing education units every two (2) years that will be required to be  
15 maintained by residential contractors as a condition of registration as determined by the board  
16 pursuant to established regulations.

17 (f) A certification in a form issued by the board shall be completed upon registration or  
18 license or renewal to ensure contractors are aware of certain provisions of this law and shall be  
19 signed by the registrant before a registration can be issued or renewed.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would change the continuing education requirements of registered contractors to
- 2   ten (10) hours every two (2) years.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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