

State of Wisconsin



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2021 WISCONSIN ACT 237

AN ACT to renumber and amend 101.654 (3); to amend 101.654 (1m) (b) 1.; and to create 101.654 (1m) (f), 101.654 (3) (a) 1., 101.654 (3) (a) 2. and 101.654 (3) (a) 3. of the statutes; relating to: certification requirements for building contractors.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 101.654 (1m) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

101.654 (1m) (b) 1. Completion every 2 years of at least 12 hours of continuing education relevant to the professional area of expertise of the person seeking to obtain a building permit, approved by the department. The hours of continuing education required under this subdivision shall include a total of at least 4 hours of continuing education on construction laws and codes and contracts, liability, and risk management every 2 years.

SECTION 2. 101.654 (1m) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

101.654 (1m) (f) A provider of a continuing education course approved by the department under this subsection shall do all of the following:

1. Submit to the department test questions related to the course.
2. After each occasion that a person completes the course over the Internet, submit to the department verification that the person completed the course and any test related to the course.

SECTION 3. 101.654 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 101.654 (3) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

101.654 (3) (a) (intro.) Upon receipt of the proof required under sub. (2) and the fee required by rules promulgated under s. 101.63 (2m) all of the following, the department shall issue to the applicant a certificate of financial responsibility:

(b) A certificate of financial responsibility issued under this subsection is valid for one year after the date of issuance, unless sooner suspended or revoked.

SECTION 4. 101.654 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

101.654 (3) (a) 1. The proof required under sub. (2).

SECTION 5. 101.654 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

101.654 (3) (a) 2. The fee required by rules promulgated under s. 101.63 (2m).

SECTION 6. 101.654 (3) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

101.654 (3) (a) 3. Proof of completing at least 12 hours in an educational course approved by the department that satisfies all of the following:

- a. The educational course consists of in-person or online instruction.
- b. The provider of the educational course requires the applicant to show photo identification to register attendance for the course.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

c. The educational course includes instruction on accounting, lien law, ethics, and best business practices.

SECTION 7. Initial applicability.

(1) The renumbering and amendment of s. 101.654 (3) and the creation of s. 101.654 (3) (a) 1., 2., and 3. first apply to an application for a certificate of financial

responsibility received by the department of safety and professional services on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 8. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after publication.

