

House Bill 187

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Titles 8, 10, 36, 43, and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 buildings and housing, commerce and trade, local government, professions and businesses,
3 and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to change certain provisions
4 relating to certain professions practicing in this state; to change certain provisions relating
5 to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and
6 utility contractors; to change certain definitions; to provide for qualifications of the State
7 Construction Industry Licensing Board; to provide for certain restrictions relating to classes
8 of low voltage licenses; to change certain provisions related to the power and duties of the
9 divisions and the division director; to provide for additional licensing requirements; to
10 provide requirements for license renewals and inactive licenses; to provide for approval of
11 safety training; to change certain provisions relating to applicability; to provide for
12 conforming cross-references and terminology; to provide for related matters; to provide for
13 an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

17 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,
18 is amended by revising Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned
19 air contractors, low-voltage contractors, and utility contractors, as follows:

"CHAPTER 14

21 43-14-1.

22 This chapter is enacted for the purpose of safeguarding homeowners, other property
23 owners, tenants, and the general public against faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe
24 electrical, plumbing, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air
25 installations. The ~~practice~~ practices of electrical contracting, plumbing contracting,
26 ~~installing, or repairing, low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting, utility contracting, and
27 conditioned air contracting are declared to be businesses or professions affecting the public
28 interest; and this chapter shall be liberally construed so as to accomplish the purposes
29 stated in this Code section.

30 43-14-2.

31 As used in this chapter, the term:

32 ~~(1)~~(1) 'Alarm system' means any device or combination of devices used to detect a
33 situation, causing an alarm in the event of a burglary, fire, robbery, medical emergency,
34 or equipment failure, or on the occurrence of any other predetermined event.

35 ~~(1)~~(2) 'Board' means the State Construction Industry Licensing Board.

36 ~~(2)~~(3) 'Certificate of competency' means a valid and current certificate that is issued by
37 the Division of Electrical Contractors created in Code Section 43-14-3, ~~which certificate~~

38 ~~shall give and that gives~~ the named electrical contractor to which it is issued authority to
39 engage in electrical contracting of the kind described therein. Certificates of competency
40 shall be of two kinds, Class I and Class II, according to the classification of license held
41 by the electrical contractor.

42 ~~(3)~~(4) 'Conditioned air contracting' means the installation, repair, or service of
43 conditioned air systems or conditioned air equipment; which includes, but is not limited
44 to:

45 (A) Service to or installation of the electrical connection between the electrical
46 disconnect and conditioned air equipment ~~is considered to be installation, repair, or~~
47 ~~service of conditioned air equipment or the conditioned air system;~~ and

48 (B) Service to or installation of the electrical circuit from the electrical distribution
49 panel to the conditioned air equipment where the electrical service to the building or
50 site is a single-phase electrical circuit not exceeding 200 amperes ~~is considered to be~~
51 ~~installation, repair, or service of conditioned air equipment or the conditioned air~~
52 ~~system.~~

53 ~~(4)~~(5) 'Conditioned air contractor' means ~~an individual who is~~ any person engaged in
54 conditioned air contracting under express or implied contract or ~~who~~ that bids for, offers
55 to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform conditioned air
56 contracting services under express or implied contract. ~~The term 'conditioned air~~
57 ~~contractor'~~ Such term shall not include ~~a person~~ an individual who is an employee of a
58 conditioned air contractor and who receives only a salary or hourly wage for performing
59 conditioned air contracting work.

60 ~~(5)~~(6) 'Conditioned air equipment' means heating and air-conditioning equipment
61 covered under state codes and the natural gas piping system on the outlet side of the gas
62 meter.

63 ~~(6)~~(7) 'Electrical contracting' means the installation, maintenance, alteration, or repair
64 of any electrical equipment, apparatus, control system, or electrical wiring device which

65 is attached to or incorporated into any building or structure in this state but shall not
66 include ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting.

67 ~~(7)~~(8) 'Electrical contractor' means any person ~~who engages~~ engaged in the business of
68 electrical contracting under express or implied contract or ~~who~~ that bids for, offers to
69 perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform electrical contracting
70 services under express or implied contract. ~~The term 'electrical contractor'~~ Such term
71 shall not include ~~a person~~ an individual who is an employee of an electrical contractor
72 and who receives only a salary or hourly wage for performing electrical contracting work.

73 ~~(8)~~(9) 'Executive director' means the executive director of the State Construction
74 Industry Licensing Board.

75 ~~(8.1)~~(10) 'General system' means any electrical system, other than an alarm or
76 telecommunication system, involving ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring.

77 ~~(9)~~(11) 'Journeyman plumber' means any ~~person~~ individual other than a master plumber
78 who has practical knowledge of the installation of plumbing and installs plumbing under
79 the direction of a master plumber.

80 ~~(10)~~(12) 'License' means a valid and current certificate of registration issued by a
81 division of the board, which certificate shall give the named person to whom it is issued
82 authority to engage in the activity prescribed thereon.

83 ~~(10.1)~~(13) 'Low voltage ~~Low-voltage~~ contracting' means the installation, alteration,
84 service, or repair of a telecommunication system, alarm system, or general system
85 involving ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring.

86 ~~(10.2)~~(14) 'Low voltage ~~Low-voltage~~ contractor' means ~~an individual who is~~ any person
87 engaged in ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting under express or implied contract or ~~who~~
88 that bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform
89 ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting services under express or implied contract. ~~An~~
90 ~~employee of a low-voltage contractor who receives only a salary or hourly wage for~~
91 ~~performing low-voltage contracting work shall not be required to be licensed under this~~

92 ~~chapter, except that those employees upon whom the qualification of a partnership,~~
 93 ~~limited liability company, or corporation rests as outlined in subsection (b) of Code~~
 94 ~~Section 43-14-8.1 shall be licensed.~~

95 ~~(10.3)~~(15) 'Low voltage ~~Low-voltage~~ wiring' means:

96 (A) Wiring systems of 50 volts or less and control circuits directly associated
 97 therewith;

98 (B) Wiring systems having a voltage in excess of 50 volts, provided such systems
 99 consist solely of power limited circuits meeting the definition of a Class II and Class
 100 III wiring system as defined in Article 725 of the National Electrical Code; or

101 (C) Line voltage wiring having a voltage not in excess of 300 volts to ground and
 102 installed from the load-side terminals of a suitable disconnecting means which has been
 103 installed for the specific purpose of supplying the ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring
 104 system involved or installed from a suitable junction box which has been installed for
 105 such specific purpose.

106 ~~(11)~~(16) 'Master plumber' means any individual ~~engaging~~ engaged in the business of
 107 plumbing under express or implied contract or who bids for, offers to perform, purports
 108 to have the capacity to perform, or does perform plumbing contracting services under
 109 express or implied contract.

110 ~~(12)~~(17) 'Plumbing' means:

111 (A) The ~~the~~ practice of installing, maintaining, altering, or repairing piping fixtures,
 112 appliances, and appurtenances in connection with sanitary drainage or storm drainage
 113 facilities, venting systems, medical gas piping systems, natural gas piping systems on
 114 the outlet side of gas meters, or public or private water supply systems within or
 115 adjacent to any building, structure, ~~or conveyance,~~ or manhole; ~~provided, however, that~~
 116 ~~after July 1, 1997, only master plumbers and journeyman plumbers who have been~~
 117 ~~certified by the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers to perform~~

118 ~~such tasks shall be authorized to install, maintain, alter, or repair medical gas piping~~
119 ~~systems. The term 'plumbing' also includes the and~~
120 ~~(B) The practice of and materials used in installing, maintaining, extending, or altering~~
121 ~~the natural gas, storm-water, sewerage, and water supply systems of any premises to~~
122 ~~their connection with any point of public disposal or other acceptable terminal;~~
123 ~~provided, however, that licensure under this chapter shall not be required for a~~
124 ~~contractor certified by the Department of Public Health to make the connection to any~~
125 ~~on-site waste-water management system from the stub out exiting the structure to an~~
126 ~~on-site waste-water management system. Notwithstanding any other provision of this~~
127 ~~chapter, any person who holds a valid master plumbing license or any company which~~
128 ~~holds a valid utility contractor license shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any~~
129 ~~plumbing system which extends from the property line up to but not within five feet of~~
130 ~~any building, structure, or conveyance, regardless of the cost or depth of any such~~
131 ~~plumbing system.~~

132 ~~(12.1)~~(18) 'Telecommunication system' means a switching system and associated
133 apparatus which performs the basic function of two-way voice or data service, or both,
134 and which can be a commonly controlled system capable of being administered both
135 locally and remotely via secured access.

136 ~~(13)~~(19) 'Utility contracting' means undertaking to construct, erect, alter, or repair or
137 have constructed, erected, altered, or repaired any utility system.

138 ~~(14)~~(20) 'Utility contractor' means a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation
139 which is engaged in utility contracting under express or implied contract or which bids
140 for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform utility
141 contracting under express or implied contract.

142 ~~(15)~~(21) 'Utility foreman' means any individual who is employed by a licensed contractor
143 to supervise the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems.

144 ~~(16)~~(22) 'Utility manager' means any individual who is employed by a utility contractor
 145 to have oversight and charge of the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility
 146 systems.

147 ~~(17)~~(23) 'Utility system' means:

148 (A) Any system at least five feet underground, when installed or accessed by trenching,
 149 open cut, cut and cover, or other similar construction methods which install or access
 150 the system from the ground surface, including, but not limited to, gas distribution
 151 systems, electrical distribution systems, communication systems, water supply systems,
 152 and sanitary sewerage and drainage systems; and

153 (B) Reservoirs and filtration plants, water and waste-water treatment plants, leachate
 154 collection and treatment systems associated with landfills, and pump stations, when the
 155 system distributes or collects a service, product, or commodity for which a fee or price
 156 is paid for said service, product, or commodity or for the disposal of said service,
 157 product, or commodity.

158 43-14-3.

159 (a) There is created within the executive branch of state government the State Construction
 160 Industry Licensing Board. The board shall be assigned to the Secretary of State's office for
 161 administrative purposes and shall be under the jurisdiction of the division director.

162 (b) The board shall be composed of 27 members as follows:

163 (1) Five members known as the Division of Electrical Contractors, one of whom shall
 164 be a ~~consulting~~ professional engineer engaged in electrical practice, another of whom
 165 shall be ~~the chief electrical~~ an inspector with electrical inspection duties of a county or
 166 municipality, ~~and shall have served in such office for five years immediately preceding~~
 167 ~~appointment to the board~~ or a third-party inspector regularly providing inspections to a
 168 county or municipality, and the remaining three of whom shall be ~~engaged in the~~
 169 ~~electrical contracting business~~ licensed electrical contractors in this state;

- 170 (2) Five members known as the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers,
171 one of whom shall be a full-time plumbing inspector of a county or municipality, three
172 of whom shall be master or contracting plumbers, and one of whom shall be a
173 journeyman plumber;
- 174 (3) Five members known as the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors, one of whom
175 shall be a licensed professional engineer engaged in mechanical practice, one of whom
176 shall be the chief conditioned air inspector of a county or municipality, and three of
177 whom shall be conditioned air contractors with more than five years of installation and
178 service experience in the trade;
- 179 (4) Five members known as the Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractors, one
180 of whom shall be an alarm system ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contractor, one of whom shall
181 be an unrestricted ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contractor, one of whom shall be a
182 telecommunication system ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contractor, one of whom shall be a
183 professional electrical engineer, and one of whom shall be ~~the chief electrical~~ an inspector
184 with electrical inspection duties of a county or municipality or contracted by a county or
185 municipality to perform electrical inspections;
- 186 (5) Five members known as the Division of Utility Contractors, three of whom shall be
187 utility contractors, one of whom shall be a registered professional engineer, and one of
188 whom shall be an insurance company representative engaged primarily in the bonding of
189 construction projects; and
- 190 (6) Two members who shall not have any connection with the electrical contracting,
191 plumbing, or conditioned air contracting businesses whatsoever but who shall have a
192 recognized interest in consumer affairs and consumer protection concerns.
- 193 (c) All members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the
194 Senate, for four-year terms.
- 195 (d) A member shall serve until a successor has been duly appointed and qualified.

196 (e) The Governor shall make appointments to fill the unexpired portions of any terms
197 vacated for any reason. In making such appointments, the Governor shall preserve the
198 composition of the board as required by this chapter. Members shall be eligible for
199 reappointment.

200 (f) Any ~~appointive~~ appointed member who, during his or her term, shall cease to meet the
201 qualifications for original appointment shall ~~thereby~~ forfeit membership on the board.

202 (g) Each member of the board shall take an oath of office before the Governor or the
203 Governor's designee to faithfully perform the duties of such office.

204 (h) The Governor may remove any member for failure to attend meetings, neglect of duty,
205 incompetence, revocation or suspension of professional trade license, or other dishonorable
206 conduct.

207 (i) Members of the board shall be reimbursed as provided for in subsection (f) of Code
208 Section 43-1-2.

209 43-14-4.

210 (a) The office of chairperson shall be rotated among the five divisions enumerated in Code
211 Section 43-14-3 unless the board, through its rules and regulations, provides otherwise.
212 Any vacancy in the office of chairperson shall be filled by the members for the unexpired
213 term. The ~~person~~ individual selected to fill the vacancy shall be a member of the same
214 division as the previous chairperson.

215 (b) The board shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon the recommendation of a
216 majority of its members.

217 (c) Each division within the board shall also elect from its membership a chairperson who
218 shall serve for a term of two years. Any vacancy in the office of chairperson shall be filled
219 by one of the members for the unexpired term.

220 (d) Any member elected chairperson of a division may serve more than one consecutive
221 term of office.

222 (e) Each division shall carry out its powers and duties provided for in this chapter with the
223 assistance of the executive director and staff of the board.

224 (f) The divisions shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

225 (g) Three members of each division shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
226 business of such division.

227 43-14-5.

228 The board shall have the power to:

229 (1) Request from the various state departments and other agencies and authorities of the
230 state and its political subdivisions and their agencies and authorities such available
231 information as it may require in its work; and all such agencies and authorities shall
232 furnish such requested available information to the board within a reasonable time;

233 (2) Provide by regulation for reciprocity with other states in the registration and licensing
234 of electrical contractors, master plumbers, journeyman plumbers, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage
235 contractors, utility contractors, or conditioned air contractors and in the certification of
236 utility contracting foremen, provided that such other states have requirements
237 substantially ~~equal~~ similar to the requirements in force in this state for registration,
238 licensure, and certification; provided, further, that a similar privilege is offered to
239 residents of this state;

240 (3) Adopt an official seal for its use and ~~change it at pleasure~~ modify such seal as the
241 board deems necessary;

242 (4) Establish ~~the~~ policies for regulating the businesses of electrical contracting,
243 ~~plumbing, low-voltage, utility~~ plumbing contracting, low voltage contracting, utility
244 contracting, and conditioned air contracting;

245 ~~(4.1)~~(5) Upon notice and hearing authorized and conducted in accordance with Code
246 Section ~~43-14-10~~ 43-14-14 and any rules and regulations promulgated by the board,
247 either by the board directly or through a valid delegation of the board's enforcement

248 power to a division thereof, assess civil penalties in an amount up to \$10,000.00 per
 249 violation against any person found to be in violation of any requirement of this chapter;
 250 ~~(5)(6)~~ Determine qualifications for licensure or certification including such experience
 251 requirements as the board deems necessary; and
 252 ~~(6)(7)~~ Promulgate and adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out this chapter.

253 43-14-6.

254 (a) The Division of Electrical Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to
 255 engage in or licensees engaging in the business of electrical contracting; the Division of
 256 Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, with respect to applicants for a license to
 257 engage in or licensees engaging in the business of plumbing as master plumbers or
 258 journeyman plumbers; the Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractors, with respect
 259 to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of ~~low-voltage~~
 260 low voltage contracting; the Division of Utility Contractors with respect to applicants for
 261 a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of utility contracting and with
 262 respect to applicants for a certificate to be a utility manager or utility foreman or holders
 263 of a utility manager or utility foreman certificate; and the Division of Conditioned Air
 264 Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in
 265 the business of conditioned air contracting, shall:

266 (1) Approve examinations for all applicants for licenses or certificates, except for utility
 267 contractor licenses and utility foreman certificates, as follows:

268 (A) The Division of Electrical Contractors shall approve separate examinations for
 269 Class I and Class II licenses. Class I licenses shall be restricted to electrical contracting
 270 involving multifamily structures of not more than two levels or single-family dwellings
 271 of up to three levels. ~~In addition, the;~~ provided, however, that such structures shall have
 272 single-phase electrical installations which do not exceed 400 amperes at the service
 273 drop or the service lateral. Class II licenses shall be unrestricted;

274 (B) The Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers shall approve separate
 275 examinations for Master Plumber Class I, Master Plumber Class II, and Journeyman
 276 Plumbers. Master Plumber Class I licenses shall be restricted to plumbing involving
 277 single-family dwellings and one-level dwellings designed for not more than two
 278 families and commercial structures not to exceed 10,000 square feet in area. Master
 279 Plumber Class II licenses shall be unrestricted. Only a Master Plumber Class I or a
 280 Master Plumber Class II shall be authorized to install, maintain, alter, or repair medical
 281 gas piping systems;

282 (C) The Division of Conditioned Air Contractors shall approve separate examinations
 283 for Class I and Class II licenses. Class I licenses shall be restricted to the installation,
 284 repair, or service of conditioned air systems or equipment not exceeding 175,000 BTU
 285 (net) of heating and five tons (60,000 BTU) of cooling. Class II licenses shall be
 286 unrestricted; and

287 (D) The Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractors shall approve separate
 288 examinations for:

289 (i) Low Voltage ~~Low-voltage~~ Contractor Class LV-A; licenses restricted to alarm and
 290 general system low voltage contracting;

291 (ii) Low Voltage ~~Low-voltage~~ Contractor Class LV-T; licenses restricted to
 292 telecommunication and general system low voltage contracting;

293 (iii) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G licenses restricted to general system low
 294 voltage contracting; and

295 (iv) Low Voltage Contractor ~~Low-voltage Contractor Class LV-U, and Low-voltage~~
 296 ~~Contractor Class LV-G. Class LV-A licenses shall be restricted to alarm and general~~
 297 ~~system low-voltage contracting, Class LV-T licenses shall be restricted to~~
 298 ~~telecommunication and general system low-voltage contracting, Class LV-G licenses~~
 299 ~~shall be restricted to general system low-voltage contracting, and Class LV-U licenses~~

300 that shall be unrestricted and permit the performance of alarm, telecommunication,
 301 and general system ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting;

302 (2) Register and license or grant a certificate and issue renewal licenses and renewal
 303 certificates biennially to all persons meeting the qualifications for a license or certificate.

304 The following licenses or certificates shall be issued by the divisions:

- 305 (A) Electrical Contractor Class I;
- 306 (B) Electrical Contractor Class II;
- 307 (C) Master Plumber Class I;
- 308 (D) Master Plumber Class II;
- 309 (E) Journeyman Plumber;
- 310 (F) Conditioned Air Contractor Class I;
- 311 (G) Conditioned Air Contractor Class II;
- 312 (H) ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A;
- 313 (I) ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T;
- 314 (J) ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G;
- 315 (K) ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U;
- 316 (L) Utility Contractor; Class A;
- 317 (M) Utility Contractor; Class B;
- 318 (N) Utility Contractor; Class U;
- 319 (O) Utility Manager (certificate); and
- 320 (P) Utility Foreman (certificate);

321 (3) Investigate, with the aid of the division director, alleged violations of this chapter or
 322 other laws and rules and regulations of the board relating to the profession;

323 (4) After notice and hearing, have the power to reprimand any person, licensee, or
 324 certificate holder, or to suspend, revoke, or cancel the license or certificate of or refuse
 325 to grant, renew, or restore a license or certificate to any person, licensee, or certificate
 326 holder upon any one of the following grounds:

- 327 (A) The commission of any false, fraudulent, or deceitful act or the use of any forged,
328 false, or fraudulent document in connection with the license or certificate requirements
329 of this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board;
- 330 (B) Failure at any time to comply with the requirements for a license or certificate
331 under this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board;
- 332 (C) Habitual intemperance in the use of alcoholic spirits, narcotics, or stimulants to
333 such an extent as to render the license or certificate holder unsafe or unfit to practice
334 any profession licensed or certified under this chapter;
- 335 (D) Engaging in any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or
336 harm the public;
- 337 (E) Knowingly performing any act which in any way assists an unlicensed or
338 noncertified person to practice such profession;
- 339 (F) Violating, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting any violation of any
340 provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation of the board;
- 341 (G) The performance of any faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe electrical,
342 plumbing, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting, utility contracting, or conditioned air
343 contracting likely to endanger life, health, or property. The performance of any work
344 that does not comply with the standards set by state codes or by local codes in
345 jurisdictions where such codes are adopted, provided that such local codes are as
346 stringent as the state codes, or by other codes or regulations which have been adopted
347 by the board, shall be prima-facie evidence of the faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or
348 unsafe character of such electrical, plumbing, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting,
349 utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting; provided, however, that the board,
350 in its sole discretion, for good cause shown and under such conditions as it may
351 prescribe, may restore a license to any person whose license has been suspended or
352 revoked;

353 (H) With respect to utility contractors, the bidding by such a utility contractor in excess
354 of license coverage; or

355 (I) With respect to utility contractors, violations of Chapter 9 of Title 25;

356 (5) Review amendments to or revisions in the state minimum standard codes as prepared
357 pursuant to Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8; and the Department of Community
358 Affairs shall be required to provide to the division director a copy of any amendment to
359 or revision in the state minimum standard codes at least 45 days prior to the adoption
360 thereof; and

361 (6) Do all other things necessary and proper to exercise their powers and perform their
362 duties in accordance with this chapter.

363 (b) The Division of Electrical Contractors may also provide, by rules and regulations, for
364 the issuance of certificates of competency pertaining to financial responsibility and
365 financial disclosure; provided, however, that such rules and regulations are adopted by the
366 board. The division shall issue certificates of competency and renewal certificates to
367 persons meeting the qualifications therefor.

368 (c) The divisions mentioned in subsection (a) of this Code section shall also hear appeals
369 resulting from the suspension of licenses by an approved municipal or county licensing or
370 inspection authority pursuant to Code Section ~~43-14-12~~ 43-14-16.

371 (d)(~~1~~) The Division of Conditioned Air Contractors shall be authorized to:

372 (1) ~~Require~~ require persons seeking renewal of Conditioned Air Contractor Class I and
373 Class II licenses to complete board approved continuing education of not ~~more~~ less than
374 four hours annually;

375 (2) Approve ~~The division shall be authorized to approve~~ courses offered by institutions
376 of higher learning, vocational technical schools, and trade, technical, or professional
377 organizations; provided, however, that continuing education courses or programs related
378 to conditioned air contracting provided or conducted by public utilities, equipment
379 manufacturers, or institutions under the State Board of the Technical College System of

380 Georgia shall constitute acceptable continuing professional education programs for the
 381 purposes of this subsection. ~~Continuing~~ Such continuing education courses or programs
 382 shall be in the areas of safety, technological advances, business management, or
 383 government regulation. Courses or programs conducted by manufacturers specifically
 384 to promote their products shall not be approved. The continuing education requirements
 385 of this subsection shall not be required for any licensed conditioned air contractor who
 386 is a registered professional engineer;

387 ~~(2)(3) Administer all~~ All provisions of this subsection relating to continuing professional
 388 education shall be administered by the division.;

389 ~~(3)(4) Waive~~ The division shall be authorized to waive the continuing education
 390 requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances
 391 as the board deems appropriate.; and

392 ~~(4)(5) Promulgate~~ The division shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations
 393 to implement and ensure compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

394 ~~(5) The continuing education requirements of this subsection shall not be required of any~~
 395 ~~licensed conditioned air contractor who is a registered professional engineer.~~

396 ~~(6) This Code section shall apply to each licensing and renewal cycle which begins after~~
 397 ~~the 1990-1991 renewal.~~

398 (e)(~~t~~) The Division of Electrical Contractors shall be authorized to;

399 (1) Require individuals ~~require persons~~ seeking renewal of Electrical Contractor Class
 400 I and Class II licenses to complete board approved courses or courses which meet board
 401 criteria for continuing education ~~courses~~ of not ~~more~~ less than four hours annually.;

402 (2) Approve ~~The division shall be authorized to approve~~ continuing education courses
 403 to be held within or outside this state that are available to all licensed electrical
 404 contractors on a reasonable nondiscriminatory fee basis. Any request for division
 405 approval of a continuing education course shall be submitted in a timely manner with due
 406 regard for the necessity of investigation and consideration by the division. The division

407 may contract with institutions of higher learning, professional organizations, or other
 408 qualified persons to provide programs that meet the requirements of this ~~paragraph~~
 409 subsection and any rules or regulations established by the division. Such programs shall
 410 be self-sustaining by the individual fees set and collected by the provider of the program;

411 and

412 ~~(2)(3) Waive The division shall be authorized to waive~~ the continuing education
 413 requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances
 414 as the division deems appropriate.

415 (f)(~~1~~) The Division of Utility Contractors shall be authorized to:

416 ~~(1) Require individuals~~ require persons seeking renewal of utility foreman certificates
 417 and utility manager certificates issued under this chapter to complete board approved
 418 continuing education of not more than four hours annually;

419 ~~(2) Approve The division shall be authorized to approve~~ courses offered by institutions
 420 of higher learning, vocational-technical schools, and trade, technical, or professional
 421 organizations; provided, however, that continuing education courses or programs related
 422 to utility contracting provided or conducted by institutions under the State Board of the
 423 Technical College System of Georgia shall constitute acceptable continuing professional
 424 education programs for the purposes of this subsection; and

425 ~~(2)(3) Waive The division shall be authorized to waive~~ the continuing education
 426 requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances
 427 as the division deems appropriate.

428 (g)(~~1~~) The Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers shall be authorized to:

429 ~~(1) Require individuals~~ require persons seeking renewal of Journeyman Plumber, Master
 430 Plumber Class I, and Master Plumber Class II licenses to complete board approved
 431 continuing education of not ~~more~~ less than four hours annually;

432 ~~(2) Approve The division shall be authorized to approve~~ courses offered by institutions
 433 of higher learning, vocational-technical schools, and trade, technical, or professional

434 organizations; provided, however, that continuing education courses or programs related
 435 to plumbing provided or conducted by institutions under the State Board of the Technical
 436 College System of Georgia shall constitute acceptable continuing professional education
 437 programs for the purposes of this subsection; and

438 ~~(2)(3) Waive~~ ~~The division shall be authorized to waive~~ the continuing education
 439 requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances
 440 as the division deems appropriate.

441 (h) Each division shall make all reasonable efforts to make the continuing education
 442 offered pursuant to this Code section available online or through home study courses and
 443 accessible at times outside of the normal work hours of those licensed by such division.

444 43-14-7.

445 (a) All orders and processes of the board and the divisions of the board shall be signed and
 446 attested by the division director; and any notice or legal process necessary to be served
 447 upon the board or the divisions may be served upon the division director.

448 (b) The division director or his or her designee is vested with the power and authority to
 449 make such investigations in connection with the enforcement of this chapter and the rules
 450 and regulations of the board as ~~he~~ the director, the board, the divisions of the board, or any
 451 district attorney may deem necessary or advisable.

452 43-14-8.

453 (a)(1) No person shall engage in ~~the~~ electrical contracting ~~business as an electrical~~
 454 ~~contractor~~ unless such person has a valid license from the Division of Electrical
 455 Contractors and a certificate of competency, if such certificates are issued by the division
 456 pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 43-14-6.

457 (2) A person ~~who~~ that is not licensed as an electrical contractor or ~~who~~ that does not have
 458 a certificate of competency, if such certificates are issued by the division pursuant to

459 subsection (b) of Code Section 43-14-6, or both as may be applicable, shall be prohibited
460 from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of
461 electrical contracting unless the work is performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

462 (b)(1) No person shall engage in ~~the business of plumbing contracting~~ as a master
463 plumber unless such person has a valid license from the Division of Master Plumbers and
464 Journeyman Plumbers. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, any person
465 who holds a valid master plumber license or any company which holds a valid utility
466 contractor license shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system
467 which extends from the property line up to but not within five feet of any building,
468 structure, or conveyance, regardless of the cost or depth of any such plumbing system.

469 (2) No person shall engage in ~~the business of plumbing contracting~~ as a journeyman
470 master plumber unless such person has a valid license from the Division of Master
471 Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers. A person that is not licensed as a Master Plumber
472 Class 1 or a Master Plumber Class II shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner
473 that such person is in the business or profession of plumbing contracting.

474 (3) ~~A person who does not have a valid license from the Division of Master Plumbers~~
475 ~~and Journeyman Plumbers shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such~~
476 ~~person is in the business or profession of plumbing as a master plumber or journeyman~~
477 ~~plumber unless such person is licensed by the Division of Master Plumbers and~~
478 ~~Journeyman Plumbers and unless the work is performed by a licensed plumber.~~

479 (c)(1) No person shall engage in ~~the business of conditioned air contracting as a~~
480 ~~conditioned air contractor~~ unless such person has a valid conditioned air contractor
481 license from the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors.

482 (2) A person ~~who~~ that is not licensed as a conditioned air contractor shall be prohibited
483 from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of a
484 conditioned air contractor unless the work is performed by a licensed conditioned air
485 contractor.

486 (d)(1) No person shall engage in low voltage contracting unless such person has a valid
487 license from the Division of Low Voltage Contractors; provided, however, that an
488 employee of a low voltage contractor who receives only a salary or hourly wage for
489 performing low voltage contracting work shall not be required to be licensed under this
490 chapter, except that those employees upon whom the qualification of a partnership,
491 limited liability company, or corporation rests as provided for in Code Section 43-14-9
492 shall be required to be licensed.

493 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, a person that is not licensed
494 as a low voltage contractor shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such
495 person is in the business or profession of a low voltage contractor unless the work is
496 performed by a licensed low voltage contractor.

497 ~~(d)~~(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, prior to and including
498 September 30, 1983, the following persons; desiring to qualify under the provisions stated
499 in this subsection, shall be issued a state-wide license without restriction by the appropriate
500 division of the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, provided that such individual
501 submits proper application and pays or has paid the required fees and is not otherwise in
502 violation of this chapter:

503 (1) Any individual holding a license issued by the State Construction Industry Licensing
504 Board, prior to the effective date of this chapter;

505 (2) Any individual holding a license issued by the State Board of Electrical Contractors,
506 the State Board of Examiners of Plumbing Contractors, or the State Board of Warm Air
507 Heating Contractors;

508 (3) Any individual holding a license to engage in such vocation issued to him or her by
509 any governing authority of any political subdivision; and

510 (4) Any individual who has successfully and efficiently engaged in such vocation in a
511 local jurisdiction, which did not issue local licenses, for a period of at least two
512 consecutive years immediately prior to the time of application. To prove that he or she

513 has successfully engaged in said vocation, the individual shall only be required to give
514 evidence of three successful jobs completed over such period. Such applicant shall swear
515 before a notary public that such evidence is true and accurate prior to its submission to
516 the division.

517 ~~(e)~~(f) The decision of the division as to the necessity of taking the examination or as to the
518 qualifications of applicants taking the required examination shall, in the absence of fraud,
519 be conclusive. All individuals, partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations
520 desiring to engage in ~~such vocation after September 30, 1983~~, a business licensed under
521 this chapter shall take the examination and qualify under this chapter before engaging in
522 such vocation or business, including ~~such vocation~~ at the local level.

523 ~~(f)~~(g) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to
524 engage in the business of electrical contracting unless there is regularly connected with
525 such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons ~~actually~~
526 actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid
527 licenses issued to them as provided for in this chapter; provided, however, that partners,
528 officers, and employees of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall
529 continue to be authorized to engage in the business of electrical contracting under a license
530 which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 60 days from the date of
531 such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the electrical contractor
532 showing good cause, grant one additional 60 day grace period.

533 ~~(g)~~(h) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to
534 engage in the business of plumbing unless there is regularly connected with such
535 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons ~~actually~~ actively
536 engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid licenses
537 for master plumbers issued to them as provided in this chapter; provided, however, that
538 partners, officers, and employees of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements
539 shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of plumbing contracting under a

540 license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 60 days from the
 541 date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the plumbing
 542 contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 60 day grace period.

543 ~~(h)~~(i) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to
 544 engage in the business of conditioned air contracting unless there is regularly connected
 545 with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons
 546 ~~actually~~ actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who
 547 have valid licenses issued to them as provided for in this chapter; provided, however, that
 548 partners, officers, and employees of the individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements
 549 shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of conditioned air contracting
 550 under a license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of ~~90~~ 60
 551 days following from the date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon
 552 application by the conditioned air contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 60
 553 day grace period.

554 ~~(i)~~(j) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations
 555 qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division ~~immediately~~ within seven
 556 days of the severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or
 557 corporation of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.

558 ~~(j)~~(k) ~~Applicants~~ All applicants for examinations and licenses provided for by this chapter
 559 and ~~all~~ any applicants for renewal of licenses under this chapter shall be required to ~~fill out~~
 560 ~~a form which shall be provided by each division, showing whether or not~~ complete a
 561 division approved form on which the applicant will:

562 (1) Indicate if the applicant is an individual, partnership, limited liability company, or
 563 corporation; ~~and, if~~

564 (2) If the applicant is a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, provide the
 565 names and addresses of the partners or members or the names and addresses of the

566 officers, when and where formed or incorporated, and such other information as the board
567 or each division may require; and

568 ~~(3) If the renewal is for All forms of applications for renewal of licenses shall also show~~
569 ~~whether or not the applicant, if it is a partnership, limited liability company, or~~
570 ~~corporation, still has connected with it~~ indicate whether a duly qualified person holding
571 a license issued by the division is still connected with such entity.

572 ~~(k) The board shall notify each local governing authority of the provisions of this chapter~~
573 ~~relating to licensure, especially the provisions of subsection (d) of this Code section. The~~
574 ~~board shall notify such governing authorities that after September 30, 1983, any person~~
575 ~~desiring a license to engage in a profession covered by this chapter shall be required to pass~~
576 ~~an examination as provided in this chapter.~~

577 (l) Applicants who have a failing examination score on two consecutive testing attempts
578 within the approved testing time frame ~~Any applicant for licensure standing the~~
579 ~~examination on and after July 1, 1989, who fails the examination for licensure twice after~~
580 ~~such date shall be required to present satisfactory evidence to the appropriate division that~~
581 ~~the applicant has completed a board approved review course before such applicant will be~~
582 ~~admitted to a third examination~~ approved to take the examination again. If such applicant
583 fails the examination a third time, the applicant shall not be required to complete additional
584 board approved review courses prior to taking subsequent examinations.

585 ~~43-14-8.1~~ 43-14-9.

586 (a) For purposes of this Code section only, 'division' means the 'Division of ~~Low-voltage~~
587 Low Voltage Contractors.'

588 (b) No person shall engage in alarm system, general system, or telecommunication system
589 ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting unless such person has a valid license therefor from
590 the Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contracting.

591 (c)(1) ~~Prior to January 1, 1985, any~~ Any person desiring to qualify under the provisions
592 of this subsection who meets the requirements of this subsection, submits proper
593 application ~~prior to and including December 31, 1984,~~ and pays or has paid the required
594 fees and is not otherwise in violation of this chapter shall be issued a state-wide
595 ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A, LV-G, LV-U, or LV-T license
596 without examination.

597 (2) An individual desiring to obtain ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T
598 shall submit to the division an affidavit which outlines the experience of said individual
599 in the practice of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring relating to telecommunication systems.

600 (3) An individual desiring to obtain a ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A
601 license shall submit to the division an affidavit which outlines the experience of said
602 individual in the practice of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring relating to alarm systems.

603 (4) An individual desiring to obtain a ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G
604 license shall submit to the division an affidavit which outlines the experience of said
605 individual in the practice of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring relating to general systems.
606 ~~Each such affidavit for licensure shall describe in detail the installation of at least three~~
607 ~~complete low-voltage wiring jobs which shall demonstrate that the individual has~~
608 ~~successfully performed low-voltage wiring in the area of licensure requested for a period~~
609 ~~of at least one year immediately prior to the time of application.~~

610 (5) An individual desiring to obtain a ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U
611 license shall submit to the division an affidavit which outlines the experience of said
612 individual in the practice of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring relating to alarm and
613 telecommunication systems and which describes in detail the installation of at least six
614 complete ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring jobs, three in alarm and three in
615 telecommunication systems, which shall demonstrate that the individual has successfully
616 performed ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring in those areas for a period of at least one year
617 immediately prior to the time of application.

618 (6) Each affidavit for licensure required in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection
619 shall describe in detail the installation of at least three complete low voltage wiring jobs
620 which shall demonstrate that the individual has successfully performed low voltage
621 wiring in the area of licensure requested for a period of at least one year prior to the time
622 of application.

623 (d) The decision of the division as to the necessity of taking the examination or as to the
624 qualifications of applicants taking the required examination shall, in the absence of fraud,
625 be conclusive. All individuals, individuals serving as partners in partnerships, applicants
626 for limited liability companies, or applicants for corporations desiring to engage in the
627 vocation of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting after December 31, 1984, shall take the
628 examination and qualify under this Code section before engaging in such vocation.

629 (e) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage
630 in the business of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting unless there is regularly connected
631 with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons,
632 actually actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis and
633 supervising the ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage systems installation, repair, alteration, and service
634 work of all employees of such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, who
635 have valid licenses issued to them as provided in this chapter.

636 (f) Partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations having ~~In cases where a~~
637 ~~partnership, limited liability company, or corporation has~~ more than one office location
638 from which ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting is performed; shall have at least one
639 person stationed in each branch office of such partnership, limited liability company, or
640 corporation; who is engaged in the performance of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting on
641 a full-time basis ~~and; who is~~ supervising the ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring systems
642 installation, repair, alteration, and service work of all employees of such branch office
643 locations, ~~shall have; and who has~~ a valid license issued as provided in this Code section.

644 ~~(f) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations~~
 645 ~~qualified under this Code section to notify the division, in accordance with board rules, of~~
 646 ~~severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation~~
 647 ~~of any person or persons upon whom the qualification of any such partnership, limited~~
 648 ~~liability company, or corporation rested.~~

649 ~~(g) All applicants for examinations and licenses provided for by this Code section and all~~
 650 ~~applicants for renewal of licenses under this Code section shall be required to fill out a~~
 651 ~~form which shall be provided by the division, which form shall show whether or not the~~
 652 ~~applicant is an individual, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation and, if a~~
 653 ~~partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, the names and addresses of the~~
 654 ~~partners or members or the names and addresses of the officers, when and where formed~~
 655 ~~or incorporated, and such other information as the division in its discretion may require.~~
 656 ~~All forms of application for renewal of licenses shall also show whether or not the~~
 657 ~~applicant, if it is a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, still has connected~~
 658 ~~with it a duly qualified person holding a license issued by the division.~~

659 ~~(h) The division shall notify each local governing authority of the provisions of this~~
 660 ~~chapter relating to licensure, especially the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code~~
 661 ~~section. The division shall notify such governing authorities that after December 31, 1984,~~
 662 ~~any person desiring a license to engage in the vocation of low-voltage contracting shall be~~
 663 ~~required to pass an examination as provided in this chapter.~~

664 ~~43-14-8.2~~ 43-14-10.

665 (a) For purposes of this Code section only, 'division' means the 'Division of Utility
 666 Contractors.'

667 (b)(1) ~~After June 30, 1994, no~~ No sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation shall
 668 have the right to engage in the business of utility contracting unless:

669 (A) Such ~~such~~ business holds a utility contractor license; and

670 ~~(B) There there~~ is regularly connected with such business a person or persons who
671 holds a valid utility manager certificate issued under this chapter, ~~and such~~. Such utility
672 manager must be ~~actually~~ actively engaged in the performance of such business on a
673 full-time basis and must oversee the utility contracting work of all employees of the
674 business.

675 ~~(2) If In cases where~~ a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation has more than one
676 permanent office, then each permanent office shall be registered with the division and at
677 least one person who holds a valid utility manager certificate issued under this chapter
678 shall be stationed in each office on a full-time basis and shall oversee the utility
679 contracting work of all employees of that office.

680 ~~(2)~~(3) The requirements of this Code section shall not prevent any person holding a valid
681 license issued by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, or any division
682 thereof, pursuant to this chapter, from performing any work defined in the Code section
683 or sections under which the license held by said person was issued.

684 (c) Any corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship desiring to qualify and be issued
685 a utility contractor license under the provisions of this subsection shall:

686 (1) Submit a completed application to the division on the form provided indicating:

687 (A) The names and addresses of proprietor, partners, or officers of such applicant;

688 (B) The place and date such partnership was formed or such corporation was
689 incorporated; and

690 (C) The name of the qualifying utility manager holding a current certificate who is
691 employed for each permanent office location of the business from which utility
692 contracting is performed;

693 (2) Submit its safety policy which must meet the minimum standards established by the
694 board;

695 (3) Pay or have paid the required fees; and

696 (4) Not be otherwise in violation of this chapter.

697 (d) The decision of the division as to the qualifications of applicants shall, in the absence
698 of fraud, be conclusive.

699 (e) It shall be the duty of the utility manager certificate holders and the licensed utility
700 contractor to notify the division, in accordance with board rules, of the severance of
701 connection between such utility contractor and the utility manager certificate holder or
702 holders upon whom the qualification of the utility contractor rested.

703 (f) In the event that a licensed utility contractor temporarily does not have employed a
704 utility manager certificate holder to oversee its utility contracting work, upon notice by
705 such utility contractor to the division within ~~five~~ seven days following the last day of
706 employment of the utility manager certificate holder, the division shall grant the utility
707 contractor a ~~90~~ 60 day grace period in which to employ a utility manager certificate holder
708 to oversee its utility contracting work before any action may be taken by the division to
709 revoke the utility contractor's license. The division may, at its discretion, upon application
710 by the utility contractor showing good cause, grant one additional ~~90~~ 60 day grace period.
711 Grace periods totaling not more than ~~180~~ 120 days may be granted during any two-year
712 period. Failure to have employed a utility manager certificate holder to oversee the utility
713 contracting work of the utility contractor shall be grounds for the revocation or suspension
714 of the utility contractor license after a notice of hearing.

715 (g) All applicants for renewal of utility contractor licenses provided for by this Code
716 section shall be required to submit with the required fee a completed application on a form
717 provided by the division.

718 (h) It shall be unlawful for any person to contract with any other person for the
719 performance of utility contracting work who is known by such person not to have a current,
720 valid license as a utility contractor pursuant to this chapter.

721 ~~43-14-8.3~~ 43-14-11.

722 (a) ~~After June 30, 1994, no~~ No person may be employed as a utility manager unless that
723 person holds a current utility manager certificate issued by the Division of Utility
724 Contractors.

725 (b) The division shall certify all applicants for certification under this chapter who satisfy
726 the requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated under this
727 chapter. Persons wishing to qualify for utility manager certification shall submit a
728 completed application form documenting required experience and other qualifications as
729 prescribed by the board with the required fees, ~~and shall pass an examination, and.~~ In order
730 to obtain a utility manager certificate, an applicant must submit proof of completion of a
731 board approved safety training course of safety training in utility contracting ~~approved by~~
732 ~~the division~~. In order to continue to hold such certificate, the certificate holder must
733 present proof to the division of completion of a safety training course approved by the
734 division at least every two years from the date of the completion of the initial safety
735 training course.

736 (c) An applicant may request an oral administration of the examination.

737 ~~43-14-8.4~~ 43-14-12.

738 (a) ~~After June 30, 1994, no~~ No person may be employed as a utility foreman unless that
739 person holds a current utility foreman certificate issued by the Division of Utility
740 Contractors.

741 (b) The division shall certify all applicants for certification under this chapter who satisfy
742 the requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated under this
743 chapter. One requirement for such certification shall be the successful completion of a
744 board approved safety training course of safety training in utility contracting approved by
745 the division. In order to continue to hold such certificate, the certificate holder must submit
746 proof to the division of completion of a safety training course approved by the division at

747 least every two years from the date of the completion of the initial safety training course.
748 In lieu of safety training any person desiring to be issued a utility foreman certificate may
749 submit a completed application on or before December 31, 1994, which documents to the
750 satisfaction of the division at least two years of experience as a utility foreman during the
751 period between January 1, 1984, and June 30, 1994. Any person who does not submit a
752 completed application for certification on or before December 31, 1994, must complete the
753 required safety training in order to be certified.

754 (c) ~~After June 30, 1994, no~~ No utility system shall be constructed, erected, altered, or
755 repaired unless a certified utility manager or certified utility foreman who holds a current
756 certification is present at the job site of such construction, erection, alteration, or repair of
757 the utility system.

758 ~~43-14-9~~ 43-14-13.

759 (a) Every person holding a license issued by a division of the board shall display it in a
760 conspicuous manner at his or her place of business.

761 (b) All commercial vehicles used by licensees and certificate holders exclusively in the
762 daily operation of their business shall have prominently displayed thereon the company or
763 business registration or certificate number issued by the Secretary of State's office. Such
764 registration number or certificate number, or website address where such number can be
765 found, shall also be prominently displayed on any advertising ~~in telephone yellow pages~~
766 ~~and newspapers~~ relating to work which a licensee or certificate holder purports to have the
767 capacity to perform. Said registration or certificate number shall also be printed on all
768 invoices and proposal forms.

769 ~~43-14-10~~ 43-14-14.

770 This chapter shall be administered in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia
771 Administrative Procedure Act.'

772 ~~43-14-11~~ 43-14-15.

773 Whenever it shall appear to a division of the board or to the executive director or to a
774 county or municipal inspection authority that any person is or has been violating this
775 chapter or any of the lawful rules, regulations, or orders of the board, the division of the
776 board, the local inspection authority, or the appropriate prosecuting attorney may file a
777 petition for an injunction in the proper superior court of this state against such person for
778 the purpose of enjoining any such violation. It shall not be necessary to allege or prove that
779 there is no adequate remedy at law. The right of injunction provided for in this Code
780 section shall be in addition to any other legal remedy which the board has and shall be in
781 addition to any right of criminal prosecution provided for by law.

782 ~~43-14-12~~ 43-14-16.

783 (a) Any municipal or county inspection authority which meets the standards established
784 by the board shall be authorized, after notice and hearing, to suspend the license or
785 certificate of competency of, or refuse to restore a license or certificate of competency to,
786 any person or licensee upon the grounds set out in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code
787 Section 43-14-6; provided, however, that such suspension of a license by a local inspection
788 authority shall be applicable only within the jurisdiction of such local authority. Any
789 person aggrieved by an action of a local authority shall be entitled to an appeal to the
790 appropriate division of the board and shall be entitled to a hearing.

791 (b)(1) This chapter shall not be construed to prohibit the governing authority of any
792 county or municipality in the state from adopting and enforcing codes at the local level;
793 provided, however, that no county or municipality may require any licensed conditioned
794 air contractor or licensed plumber who has executed and deposited a bond as authorized
795 in paragraph (2) of this subsection to give or furnish or execute any code compliance
796 bond or similar bond for the purpose of ensuring that all construction, installation, or

797 modifications are made or completed in compliance with the county or municipal
798 ordinances or building and construction codes.

799 (2) In order to protect the public from damages arising from any work by a licensed
800 conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber, which work fails to comply with the
801 ordinances or building and construction codes adopted by any county or municipal
802 corporation, any such licensed conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber may
803 execute and deposit with the judge of the probate court in the county of his or her
804 principal place of business a bond in the sum of \$10,000.00. Such bond shall be a cash
805 bond of \$10,000.00 or executed by a surety authorized and qualified to write surety bonds
806 in the State of Georgia and shall be approved by the judge of the probate court. Such
807 bond shall be conditioned upon all work done or supervised by such licensee complying
808 with the provisions of any ordinances or building and construction codes of any county
809 or municipal corporation wherein the work is performed. Action on such bond may be
810 brought against the principal and surety thereon in the name of and for the benefit of any
811 person who suffers damages as a consequence of said licensee's work not conforming to
812 the requirements of any ordinances or building and construction codes; provided,
813 however, that the aggregate liability of the surety to all persons so damaged shall in no
814 event exceed the sum of such bond.

815 (3) In any case where a bond is required under this subsection, the conditioned air
816 contractor or plumber shall file a copy of the bond with the building official in the
817 political subdivision wherein the work is being performed.

818 (4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to or affect any bonding
819 requirements involving contracts for public works as provided in Chapter 10 of Title 13.

820 (c) No provision of this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting or preventing a
821 municipality or county from fixing, charging, assessing, or collecting any license fee,
822 registration fee, tax, or gross receipt tax on any related business or on anyone engaged in
823 any related business governed by this chapter.

824 ~~43-14-12.1~~ 43-14-17.

825 (a) If a person is in violation of paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section
826 43-14-8, it shall not be necessary for an investigator to observe or witness the unlicensed
827 person engaged illegally in the process of work or to show work in progress or work
828 completed in order to prove the unlawful practice of conditioned air contracting, plumbing
829 contracting, or electrical contracting by an unlicensed person.

830 (b) It shall be prima-facie evidence of a violation of this chapter if any person not licensed
831 as a conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, or electrical contractor advertises that
832 such person is in the business or profession of a conditioned air contractor, plumbing
833 contractor, or electrical contractor or advertises in a manner such that the general public
834 would believe that such person is a licensed conditioned air contractor or in the business
835 or profession of a conditioned air contractor, is a licensed plumbing contractor in the
836 business or profession of a plumbing contractor, or is a licensed electrical contractor in the
837 business or profession of an electrical contractor. Advertising under this subsection
838 includes, but is not limited to, newspaper, internet, social media and digital applications,
839 television, radio, telephone directory listings, mailings, business cards, or ~~sign at~~ signage
840 at a place of business or attached to a vehicle.

841 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 43-1-20.1, after notice and hearing,
842 the board may issue a cease and desist order prohibiting any person from violating the
843 provisions of this chapter by engaging in the business or profession of a conditioned air
844 contractor, plumbing contractor, or electrical contractor without a license as required under
845 this chapter.

846 (d) The violation of any cease and desist order of the board issued under subsection (c) of
847 this Code section shall subject the person violating the order to further proceedings before
848 the board, and the board shall be authorized to impose a fine not to exceed ~~\$500.00~~
849 \$1,500.00 for each violation thereof. Each day that a person practices in violation of this
850 Code section and chapter shall constitute a separate violation.

851 (e) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the board from seeking
852 remedies otherwise available by statute without first seeking a cease and desist order in
853 accordance with the provisions of this Code section.

854 ~~43-14-12.2~~ 43-14-18.

855 (a) If a person is in violation of Code Section ~~43-14-8.2, 43-14-8.3, or 43-14-8.4~~ 43-14-10,
856 43-14-11, or 43-14-12, it shall not be necessary for an investigator to observe or witness
857 the unlicensed person engaged illegally in the process of work or to show work in progress
858 or work completed in order to prove the unlawful practice of utility contracting by an
859 unlicensed person.

860 (b) It shall be prima-facie evidence of a violation of this chapter if any person not licensed
861 as a utility contractor advertises that such person is in the business or profession of a utility
862 contractor or advertises in a manner such that the general public would believe that such
863 person is a licensed utility contractor or in the business or profession of a utility contractor.
864 Advertising under this subsection includes, but is not limited to, newspaper, television, or
865 radio advertisements, telephone directory listings, mailings, business cards, or a sign or
866 signs at a place of business or attached to a vehicle.

867 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 43-1-20.1, after notice and hearing,
868 the board may issue a cease and desist order prohibiting any person from violating the
869 provisions of this chapter by engaging in the business or profession of a utility contractor
870 without a license as required under this chapter or by constructing, erecting, altering, or
871 repairing a utility system without a properly certified utility manager or properly certified
872 utility foreman present at such job site.

873 (d) The violation of any cease and desist order of the board issued under subsection (c) of
874 this Code section shall subject the person violating the order to further proceedings before
875 the board, and the board shall be authorized to impose a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 for
876 each violation thereof. Each day that a person practices in violation of this Code section

877 and chapter or constructs, erects, alters, or repairs a utility system without a properly
878 certified utility manager or properly certified utility foreman present at such job site shall
879 constitute a separate violation.

880 (e) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the board from seeking
881 remedies otherwise available by statute without first seeking a cease and desist order in
882 accordance with the provisions of this Code section.

883 ~~43-14-13~~ 43-14-19.

884 (a) This chapter shall apply to all installations, alterations, and repairs of plumbing,
885 air-conditioning and heating, or electrical or ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring or utility
886 systems within or on public or private buildings, structures, or premises except as otherwise
887 provided in this Code section.

888 (b) Any person ~~who~~ that holds a license issued under this chapter may engage in the
889 business of plumbing contracting, electrical contracting, conditioned air contracting,
890 ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting, or utility contracting but only as prescribed by the
891 license, throughout the state; and except as provided in Code Section ~~43-14-12~~ 43-14-16,
892 no municipality or county may require such person to comply with any additional licensing
893 requirements imposed by such municipality or county.

894 (c) This chapter shall not apply to:

895 (1) The ~~the~~ installation, alteration, or repair of plumbing, air-conditioning and heating,
896 utility systems, or electrical services, except ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring services, up
897 to and including the meters where such work is performed by and is an integral part of
898 the system owned or operated by a public service corporation, an electrical, water, or gas
899 department of any municipality in this state, a railroad company, a pipeline company, or
900 a mining company in the exercise of its normal function as such;

- 901 (2) Low voltage wiring performed by public utilities, except that the portion of the
902 business of public utilities which involves the installation, alteration, repair, or service
903 of telecommunication systems for profit shall be covered under this chapter;
- 904 (3) The installation, construction, or maintenance of power systems or
905 telecommunication systems for the generation or distribution of electric current
906 constructed under the National Electrical Safety Code, which regulates the safety
907 requirements of utilities; but the interior wiring regulated by the National Electrical
908 Safety Code shall not be exempt and must be done by an electrical contractor, except as
909 otherwise provided by law;
- 910 (4) Any technician employed by a municipal or county franchised community antenna
911 television (CATV) system or a municipally owned CATV system in the performance of
912 work on the system;
- 913 (5) Regular full-time employees of an institution, manufacturer, or business who perform
914 plumbing, electrical, low voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting
915 when working on the premises of their employer;
- 916 (6) A contractor certified by the Department of Public Health to make the connection to
917 any on-site waste-water management system from the stub out exiting the structure to an
918 on-site waste-water management system;
- 919 (7) Any employee or authorized agent of a regulated gas utility or municipally owned
920 gas utility while in the course and scope of such employment; or
- 921 (8) Persons licensed as manufactured or mobile home installers by the state fire marshal
922 when:
- 923 (A) Coupling the electrical connection from the service entrance panel outside the
924 manufactured housing to the distribution panel board inside the manufactured housing;
925 (B) Connecting the exterior sewer outlets to the aboveground sewer system; or
926 (C) Connecting the exterior water line to the aboveground water system.
- 927 (d) This chapter shall not prohibit;

928 (1) An ~~an~~ individual from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing fixtures,
929 air-conditioning and heating, air-conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or
930 electrical or ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring services in a residential dwelling owned or
931 occupied by such individual; provided, however, that all such work must be done in
932 conformity with all other provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board,
933 and any applicable county or municipal resolutions, ordinances, codes, or inspection
934 requirements;:

935 ~~(e)(2) An~~ This chapter shall not prohibit an individual employed on the maintenance staff
936 of a facility owned by the state or by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision
937 from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing, plumbing fixtures, air-conditioning and
938 heating fixtures, utility systems, or electrical or ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring services
939 when such work is an integral part of the maintenance requirements of the facility;
940 provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other
941 provisions of this chapter and the orders, rules, and regulations of the board;:

942 ~~(f)(3) Any~~ This chapter shall not prohibit any person from installing, altering, or
943 repairing plumbing, plumbing fixtures, air-conditioning and heating fixtures, utility
944 systems, or electrical or ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring services in a farm or ranch
945 service building or as an integral part of any irrigation system on a farm or ranch when
946 such system is not located within 30 feet of any dwelling or any building devoted to
947 animal husbandry. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the application
948 of any resolution, ordinance, code, or inspection requirements of a county or municipality
949 relating to such connections;:

950 (4) Any person from installing, altering, or repairing the plumbing component of a lawn
951 sprinkler system from a backflow preventer which was installed by a licensed plumber;
952 provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other
953 provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board, and ordinances of the
954 county or municipality; or

955 (5) Any propane dealer that is properly insured as required by law and that holds a
956 liquefied petroleum gas license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner from installing,
957 repairing, or servicing a propane system or the gas piping or components of such system;
958 provided, however, that such propane dealers shall be prohibited from performing the
959 installation of conditioned air systems or forced air heating systems unless licensed to do
960 so under this chapter.

961 ~~(g) This chapter shall not apply to low-voltage wiring performed by public utilities, except~~
962 ~~that such portion of the business of those public utilities which involves the installation,~~
963 ~~alteration, repair, or service of telecommunication systems for profit shall be covered under~~
964 ~~this chapter.~~

965 ~~(h) This chapter shall not apply to the installation, construction, or maintenance of power~~
966 ~~systems or telecommunication systems for the generation or distribution of electric current~~
967 ~~constructed under the National Electrical Safety Code, which regulates the safety~~
968 ~~requirements of utilities; but the interior wiring regulated by the National Electrical Safety~~
969 ~~Code would not be exempt and must be done by an electrical contractor except as~~
970 ~~otherwise provided by law.~~

971 ~~(i) This chapter shall not apply to any technician employed by a municipal or~~
972 ~~county-franchised community antenna television (CATV) system or a municipally owned~~
973 ~~community antenna television system in the performance of work on the system.~~

974 ~~(j) This chapter shall not apply to regular full-time employees of an institution,~~
975 ~~manufacturer, or business who perform plumbing, electrical, low-voltage wiring, utility~~
976 ~~contracting, or conditioned air contracting when working on the premises of that employer.~~

977 ~~(k) This chapter shall not apply to persons licensed as manufactured or mobile home~~
978 ~~installers by the state fire marshal when:~~

979 ~~(1) Coupling the electrical connection from the service entrance panel outside the~~
980 ~~manufactured housing to the distribution panel board inside the manufactured housing;~~

981 ~~(2) Connecting the exterior sewer outlets to the above-ground sewer system; or~~

982 ~~(3) Connecting the exterior water line to the above-ground water system.~~

983 ~~(h)(e)~~ Any person qualified by the Department of Transportation to perform work for the
984 department shall not be required to be licensed under:

985 ~~(1) Code Section 43-14-8.2 43-14-10 or certified under Code Sections 43-14-8.3~~
986 ~~43-14-11 and 43-14-8.4 43-14-12 in order to perform work for the department. Any~~
987 ~~person qualified by the Department of Transportation to perform work for the department~~
988 ~~shall not be required to be licensed under; or~~

989 ~~(2) Code Section 43-14-8.2 43-14-10 or certified under Code Sections 43-14-8.3~~
990 ~~43-14-11 and 43-14-8.4 43-14-12 in order to perform work for a county, municipality,~~
991 ~~authority, or other political subdivision when such work is of the same nature as that for~~
992 ~~which the person is qualified when performing department work; provided, however, that~~
993 ~~such work is not performed on a utility system as defined in paragraph (17) (23) of Code~~
994 ~~Section 43-14-2 for which the person receives compensation.~~

995 ~~(m) This chapter shall not prohibit any person from installing, altering, or repairing the~~
996 ~~plumbing component of a lawn sprinkler system from a backflow preventer which was~~
997 ~~installed by a licensed plumber; provided, however, that all such work must be done in~~
998 ~~conformity with all other provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board,~~
999 ~~and ordinances of the county or municipality.~~

1000 ~~(n)(f)~~ Any person who contracts with a licensed conditioned air contractor:

1001 ~~(1) As~~ as part of a conditioned air contract to install, alter, or repair duct systems, control
1002 systems, or insulation is not required to hold a license from the Division of Conditioned
1003 Air Contractors. The conditioned air contractor must retain responsibility for completion
1004 of the contract, including any subcontracted work;:

1005 ~~(2) To~~ Any person who contracts with a licensed conditioned air contractor to perform
1006 a complete installation, alteration, or repair of a conditioned air system must hold a valid
1007 license from the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors; or

1008 ~~(3) To Any person who contracts to perform for or on behalf of a conditioned air~~
 1009 ~~contractor to install, alter, or repair electrical, low-voltage~~ the installation, alteration, or
 1010 repair of the electrical, low voltage, or plumbing components of a conditioned air system
 1011 must hold a valid license from the appropriate division of the board.

1012 ~~(o) This chapter shall not prohibit any propane dealer who is properly insured as required~~
 1013 ~~by law and who holds a liquefied petroleum gas license issued by the Safety Fire~~
 1014 ~~Commissioner from installing, repairing, or servicing a propane system or the gas piping~~
 1015 ~~or components of such system; provided, however, that such propane dealers shall be~~
 1016 ~~prohibited from performing the installation of conditioned air systems or forced air heating~~
 1017 ~~systems unless licensed to do so under this chapter.~~

1018 ~~(p) This chapter shall not apply to any employee or authorized agent of a regulated gas~~
 1019 ~~utility or municipal owned gas utility while in the course and scope of such employment.~~

1020 ~~(q)~~(g) Any utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter
 1021 shall be authorized to bid for and perform work on any utility system in this state without
 1022 obtaining a license under Chapter 41 of this title. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a
 1023 utility system or anyone soliciting work to be performed on a utility system to refuse to
 1024 allow a utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter to bid
 1025 for or perform work on a utility system on the basis that such contractor does not hold a
 1026 license under Chapter 41 of this title.

1027 ~~43-14-14~~ 43-14-20.

1028 Any person violating this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction
 1029 thereof, shall be fined not more than ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$3,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than
 1030 six months, or both.

1031 ~~43-14-15~~ 43-14-21.

1032 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

1033 (1) 'Discharge' means an honorable discharge or a general discharge from active military
1034 service. Such term shall not mean a discharge under other than honorable conditions, a
1035 bad conduct discharge, or a dishonorable discharge.

1036 (2) 'Military' means the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the
1037 armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard.

1038 (b) A committee composed of the division director, members of the Governor's Office of
1039 Workforce Development, and members of the relevant divisions of the licensing board
1040 representing the profession for which the applicant is seeking a license shall determine the
1041 military specialties or certifications the training or experience for which substantially meets
1042 or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license for Electrical Contractor Class I,
1043 Journeyman Plumber, Conditioned Air Contractor Class I, or Utility Foreman. The
1044 Governor shall designate a chairperson from among the members of the committee.

1045 (c) Any current or former member of the military may apply to the licensing board for the
1046 immediate expedited issuance of a license or certification based upon his or her having
1047 obtained a military specialty or certification, the training or experience for which
1048 substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license or certification
1049 identified in subsection (b) of this Code section.

1050 (d) In order to qualify under this subsection, an applicant shall make application not later
1051 than two years after his or her discharge.-The licensing board, in its discretion, may by rule
1052 or regulation extend such two-year period for a license or certification, or class thereof, or
1053 may extend such two-year period for an individual applicant if certain circumstances,
1054 including, but not limited to, health, hospitalization, or other related emergencies or
1055 exigencies, prevented the member of the military from making an application.

1056 (e)-Such application shall be in such form and shall require such documentation as the
1057 division director shall determine.-If the applicant satisfies the requirements of this Code
1058 section, the division director shall direct the appropriate division to issue the appropriate
1059 license, and the division shall immediately issue such license; provided, however, that the

1060 applicant shall satisfy all financial and insurance requirements for the issuance of such
 1061 license. This Code section shall only apply to the initial issuance of a license. After the
 1062 initial issuance of a license, the licensee shall be subject to any provisions relating to the
 1063 renewal of the license applicable to all licensees.

1064 43-14-22.

1065 The board may establish a process through rules and regulations for licenses issued under
 1066 this chapter to be placed on inactive status and the qualifications necessary for such
 1067 licenses to be returned to active status; provided, however, that engaging in any conduct
 1068 that requires a license under this chapter while holding an inactive license shall be
 1069 considered an unlicensed practice and shall be prohibited."

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PART II

1071

SECTION 2-1.

1072 Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, is
 1073 amended in:

1074 (1) Code Section 8-2-26, relating to enforcement of codes generally, employment and
 1075 training of inspectors, and contracts for administration and enforcement of codes, in
 1076 subparagraph (d)(2)(D), by replacing "paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section
 1077 43-14-12" with "paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 43-14-16".

1078 (2) Code Section 8-2-102, relating to inspections, in subsection (e), by replacing
 1079 "43-14-8.1" with "43-14-9".

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SECTION 2-2.

1081 Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is
 1082 amended in:

1083 (1) Code Section 10-5B-3, relating to rules to prohibit deceptive, fraudulent, or abusive
1084 telemarketing activities authorized, in subsection (a), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low
1085 voltage".

1086 (2) Code Section 10-5B-4, relating to required and prohibited telephone conduct and
1087 activities and liability, in subsection (a), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

1088 (3) Code Section 10-5B-5, relating to applicability to persons subject to other provisions
1089 of the Code, in subsection (c), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

1090 (4) Code Section 10-5B-7, relating to remedies, duties, prohibitions, and penalties not
1091 exclusive and construction with other provisions of the Code, in subsection (b), by
1092 replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

1093 **SECTION 2-3.**

1094 Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended
1095 in Code Section 36-60-12.1, relating to fence detection systems, definition, and utilization,
1096 by revising paragraph (b)(1) as follows:

1097 "(1) Treat fence detection systems in all zoning and permitting matters exclusively as
1098 alarm systems as such term is defined in ~~paragraph (.1)~~ of Code Section 43-14-2; and"

1099 **SECTION 2-4.**

1100 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,
1101 is amended in:

1102 (1) Code Section 43-41-2, relating to definitions relative to residential and commercial
1103 general contractors, in paragraph (3), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

1104 (2) Code Section 43-41-17, relating to effective date of licensing and sanctioning
1105 provisions, unenforceable contracts, compliance with county or municipal requirements,
1106 exemption for DOT contractors, and other exceptions, in subsection (e), by replacing
1107 "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

SECTION 2-5.

1108

1109 Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public
1110 transportation, is amended in:

1111 (1) Code Section 46-3-30, relating to short title, by replacing "High-voltage" with "High
1112 Voltage".

1113 (2) Code Section 46-3-31, relating to purpose of part, by replacing "high-voltage" with
1114 "high voltage".

1115 (3) Code Section 46-3-32, relating to definitions, in paragraph (1), by replacing
1116 "High-voltage" with "High voltage" and in paragraphs (5) and (6), by replacing
1117 "high-voltage" with "high voltage".

1118 (4) Code Section 46-3-33, relating to required conditions for commencing work within ten
1119 feet of high-voltage line, in the introductory language and in paragraph (2), by replacing
1120 "high-voltage" with "high voltage".

1121 (5) Code Section 46-3-34, relating to utilities protection center, funding of activities,
1122 notice of work, delay, and responsibility for completing safety requirements, by replacing
1123 "high-voltage" with "high voltage" each time the term appears.

1124 (6) Code Section 46-3-35, relating to allocation of expense of precautionary measures
1125 taken pursuant to public highway construction, by replacing "high-voltage" with "high
1126 voltage".

1127 (7) Code Section 46-3-37, relating to applicability of part to railway systems and electrical
1128 engineering system or other entities, in subsection (b), by replacing "high-voltage" with
1129 "high voltage" both times the term appears.

1130 (8) Code Section 46-3-39, relating to restriction on liability of owners and operators of
1131 high-voltage lines and effect of part on duty or degree of care, by replacing "high-voltage"
1132 with "high voltage" each time the term appears.

1133 (9) Code Section 46-3-40, relating to criminal penalty, strict liability for injury or damage,
1134 indemnification, and liability for cost of delay, by replacing "high-voltage" with "high
1135 voltage" each time the term appears.

1136 **PART III**
1137 **SECTION 3-1.**

1138 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
1139 without such approval.

1140 **SECTION 3-2.**

1141 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.