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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Labor and Industry Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to construction codes; licensing; modifying the continuing education
1.3 requirements for building officials; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section
1.4 326B.133, subdivision 8.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.133, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 8. **Continuing education requirements; extension of time.** (a) This subdivision
1.8 establishes the number of continuing education hours required within each two-year
1.9 certification period.

1.10 A certified building official shall accumulate ~~38~~ 35 hours of continuing education in
1.11 any education program that is approved under Minnesota Rules, part 1301.1000.

1.12 A certified building official-limited shall accumulate ~~38~~ 35 hours of continuing education
1.13 in any education program that is approved under Minnesota Rules, part 1301.1000.

1.14 An accessibility specialist must accumulate nine hours of approved continuing education
1.15 hours in any of the education programs that are provided under Minnesota Rules, part
1.16 1301.1000, subpart 1 or 2. The nine hours must be in courses relating to building accessibility,
1.17 plan review, field inspection, or building code administration.

1.18 Continuing education programs may be approved as established in rule.

1.19 (b) Subject to sections 326B.101 to 326B.194, the commissioner may by rule establish
1.20 or approve continuing education programs for certified building officials dealing with
1.21 matters of building code administration, inspection, and enforcement.

2.1 Each person certified as a building official for the state must satisfactorily complete
2.2 applicable educational programs established or approved by the commissioner to renew
2.3 certification.

2.4 (c) The state building official may grant an extension of time to comply with continuing
2.5 education requirements if the certificate holder requesting the extension of time shows cause
2.6 for the extension. The request for the extension must be in writing. For purposes of this
2.7 section, the certificate holder's current certification effective dates shall remain the same.
2.8 The extension does not relieve the certificate holder from complying with the continuing
2.9 education requirements for the next two-year period.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.