

HOUSE BILL 295

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
relative to electrical inspectors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-118, is amended by designating subdivision (a)(1) as subdivision (a)(1)(A) and by adding the following new subdivision (a)(1)(B):

(B) Each person entering into employment after January 1, 2020, as a municipal, county, or state-employed electrical inspector, having jurisdiction to enforce this chapter must receive certification from the state fire marshal before enforcing applicable electrical codes. Municipal, county, or state electrical inspectors employed or under contract pursuant to § 68-102-143 on January 1, 2020, are deemed to have met the certification qualifications of this section for three (3) years from the date of certification. On the expiration date of the three-year period, each electrical inspector deemed to meet such qualifications must be recertified in accordance with subdivision (a)(2). An application for certification must be filed with the state fire marshal on a form developed by the state fire marshal. The state fire marshal shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, relative to the standards and qualifications for certification. The rules and regulations must require proof satisfactory to the state fire marshal that the candidate understands all applicable electrical codes.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-118(a), is amended by deleting the language "subdivision (a)(1)" and substituting instead the language "subdivision (a)(1)(A)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-118(a)(2), is amended by deleting the first sentence and substituting instead the following:

The state fire marshal shall recognize and accept certification from a nationally or internationally recognized certifying organization to satisfy the standards and qualifications for certification of municipal, county, and state-employed plumbing, mechanical, and electrical inspectors.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 68-120-118(b) and (d)(1), are amended by deleting "plumbing and mechanical inspector" wherever the language appears and by substituting instead the language "plumbing, mechanical, or electrical inspector".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-118(d)(2), is amended by deleting the language "plumbing or mechanical inspection official" and substituting instead the language "plumbing, mechanical, or electrical official or inspector".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-118(f), is amended by deleting the language "plumbing or mechanical responsibilities" and substituting instead the language "plumbing, mechanical, or electrical responsibilities".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-102-143(a)(2)(C), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(C) A certificate as an electrical inspector issued under § 68-120-118.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law for purposes of promulgating rules and carrying out any administrative duties necessary to effectuate the provisions and intent of this act, the public welfare requiring it. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2020, for all other purposes, the public welfare requiring it.