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SENATE BILL 451

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSING; AMENDING DUTIES OF THE CONSTRUCTION  
INDUSTRIES DIVISION OF THE REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT;  
SPECIFYING MINIMUM BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 60-13-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
Chapter 73, Section 1, as amended by Laws 2013, Chapter 142,  
Section 2 and by Laws 2013, Chapter 153, Section 2) is amended  
to read:

"60-13-9. DIVISION--DUTIES.--The division shall:

A. approve and adopt examinations on codes and  
standards, business knowledge, division rules and regulations  
and on the Construction Industries Licensing Act recommended by  
the commission for all classifications of contractor's  
licenses;

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1           B. issue, under the director's signature,  
2 contractor's licenses and certificates of qualification in  
3 accordance with the provisions of the Construction Industries  
4 Licensing Act;

5           C. submit a list of all contractor's licenses,  
6 statewide inspector's certificates and certificates of  
7 qualification issued by the division to the commission for  
8 review and approval;

9           D. resolve jurisdictional conflicts by assigning  
10 specific responsibility to the appropriate bureau for preparing  
11 examinations and for certifying and inspecting each occupation,  
12 trade or activity covered by the Construction Industries  
13 Licensing Act;

14           E. establish and collect fees authorized to be  
15 collected by the division pursuant to the Construction  
16 Industries Licensing Act;

17           F. adopt all building codes and minimum standards  
18 as recommended by the trade bureaus and approved by the  
19 commission so that the public welfare is protected, uniformity  
20 is promoted and conflicting provisions are avoided; provided  
21 that, except as provided in the second sentence of Subsection E  
22 of Section 60-13-6 NMSA 1978, within twenty-four months of the  
23 promulgation by the international code council of a revision of  
24 the International Building Code, all building codes shall meet  
25 the minimum standards set forth in that most recent revision

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1 unless otherwise recommended by the electrical bureau,  
2 mechanical bureau or general construction bureau pursuant to  
3 Section 60-13-44 NMSA 1978;

4 G. with approval of the superintendent of  
5 regulation and licensing, employ such personnel as the division  
6 deems necessary for the exclusive purpose of investigating  
7 violations of the Construction Industries Licensing Act,  
8 enforcing Sections 60-13-12 and 60-13-38 NMSA 1978 and  
9 instituting legal action in the name of the division to  
10 accomplish the provisions of Section 60-13-52 NMSA 1978;

11 H. approve, disapprove or revise the recommended  
12 budget of each trade bureau and submit the budgets of those  
13 bureaus, along with its own budget, to the regulation and  
14 licensing department;

15 I. approve, disapprove or revise and submit to the  
16 regulation and licensing department all requests of the trade  
17 bureaus for emergency budget transfers;

18 J. make an annual report to the superintendent of  
19 regulation and licensing and develop a policy manual concerning  
20 the operations of the division and the trade bureaus. The  
21 report shall also contain the division's recommendations for  
22 legislation it deems necessary to improve the licensing and  
23 technical practices of the construction and LP gas industries  
24 and to protect persons, property and agencies of the state and  
25 its political subdivisions;

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1           K. adopt, subject to commission approval, rules and  
2 regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the  
3 Construction Industries Licensing Act and the LPG and CNG Act;

4           L. maintain a complete record of all applications;  
5 all licenses issued, renewed, canceled, revoked and suspended;  
6 and all fines and penalties imposed by the division or  
7 commission and may make that information available to certified  
8 code jurisdictions;

9           M. furnish, upon payment of a reasonable fee  
10 established by the division, a certified copy of any license  
11 issued or of the record of the official revocation or  
12 suspension thereof. Such certified copy shall be prima facie  
13 evidence of the facts stated therein; and

14           N. publish a list of contractors, with their  
15 addresses and classifications, licensed by the division. The  
16 list shall be furnished without charge to such public  
17 officials, public bodies or public works and building  
18 departments as the division deems advisable. The list shall be  
19 published annually, and supplements shall be provided as the  
20 division deems necessary. Copies of the list and supplements  
21 shall be furnished to any person upon request and payment of a  
22 reasonable fee established by the division."

23           SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
24 provisions of this act is July 1, 2025.