



# HOUSE BILL 320: Create Bldg. Code Permit Tech. Cert.

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**Committee:** House Local Government - Land Use, Planning and Development. If favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House **Date:** March 23, 2023

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 320 would require the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board (Board) to create a State Building Code Permit Technician Certification program, and further outline the requirements for that certificate.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Article 9C of Chapter 143 relates to the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board and its regulation of Code-enforcement officials. Qualified Code-enforcement officials are persons qualified to engage in the practice of Code-enforcement and are generally referred to as building inspectors.

Current law does not provide for a permit technician certification program or certificate.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 320 would require the Board to develop a State Building Code Permit Technician certificate program and certificate, and more specifically would:

- Require an applicant to pass an examination, as prescribed by the Board, that is based on the North Carolina State Building Code, administrative procedures applicable to permit administration, and relevant topics in support of Code-enforcement officials and local inspection departments.
- Authorize the Board to establish professional development requirements as a condition of certificate renewal.
- Require certificate holders to renew annually.
- Require the Board to waive the examination for an applicant who possesses a Building Inspector standard certificate who is in good standing.
- Require the Board to establish a schedule of fees associated with the program.
- Authorize an examination waiver for applicants who are similarly certified as a permit technician in good standing by a similar board of another jurisdiction or certified by the International Code Council.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective July 1, 2023.

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