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S 675. CODE OFFICIALS PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS. TO ESTABLISH A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR CODE-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE FUND FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF CODE-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE INSURANCE REGULATORY FUND FOR THAT PURPOSE. Creates GS 143-151.13A to authorize the NC Code Officials Qualification Board to establish professional development standards for building code enforcement officers. Standards may require up to six hours of continuing education per year, with additional specifications for those with a standard certificate under the prequalification program and those reactivating a certificate. Effective for certificates issued or renewed on and after October 1, 2003. Amends GS 58-6-25 to authorize use of funds appropriated to the Dep't of Insurance for this purpose. Effective July 1, 2003, appropriates \$750,000 for the 2003-2004 fiscal year from General Fund to the Dep't of Insurance for developing and implementing this program.

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Ref. to Commerce	GS 58, 143, APPROP