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Amends GS 87-39 to expand the scope of the current State Board responsible for licensing electrical contractors to also license fire alarm contractors. Changes the composition of the State Board to the following: (1) one member from the North Carolina Department of Insurance to be designated by the Commissioner of Insurance; (2) one member who has satisfied the requirements for an unlimited license as defined in GS 87-43.3 and who is a representative of the North Carolina Association of Electrical Contractors, to be designated by the governing body of that organization; (3) nine members appointed by the Governor according to specified criteria; and (4) three members who are representatives of the North Carolina Fire Marshal's Association, to be designated by the governing body of that organization.

Amends GS 87-41 and GS 87-41.1 to make conforming changes.

Amends GS 87-42 to specify that the examination for certification must include, but not be limited to, either (1) the appropriate provisions of the National Electrical Code as incorporated in the North Carolina State Building Code, the analysis of electrical plans and specifications, estimating of electrical installations, and the fundamentals of the installation of electrical work and equipment or (2) the appropriate provisions of the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code and the chapters of the National Electrical Code related to fire alarm installation, testing, and maintenance, as adopted by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. Directs the State Board to consult with the Office of State Fire Marshal of the North Carolina Department of Insurance from time to time regarding its oversight of fire alarm contractors. Makes other conforming changes.

Amends GS 87-43 to add new subsection defining fire alarm contracting.

Amends GS 87.43.1 and GS 87-43.2 to make conforming changes.

Amends GS 87-43.3 to specify that a licensed fire alarm contractor must be permitted to engage in any fire alarm contracting project regardless of value and to prohibit issuance of an initial or renewal fire alarm contracting license unless the applicant first provides the State Board with a copy of a certificate of insurance for the rating of fire alarm installation.

Amends GS 87-44 to set the following licensing fees: (1) annual license fee for limited classification electrical contracting license may not exceed \$100, (2) annual license fee for intermediate classification electrical contracting license may not exceed \$150, (3) annual license fee for unlimited classification electrical contracting license may not exceed \$200, and (4) annual license fee for fire alarm contracting license may not exceed \$200 for each principal and each branch place of business. Makes other conforming changes.

Amends GS 87-44.1, GS 87-45, GS 87-46, GS 87-47(a1), GS 87-48, and GS 87-50 to make conforming changes.

Directs that notwithstanding GS 87-43(b), any person, partnership, firm, or corporation licensed in this State pursuant to GS 87-43(a) when the act becomes effective may not be required to obtain a separate fire alarm contracting license before engaging in fire alarm contracting. Once the license expires, the person, partnership, firm, or corporation must then obtain a fire alarm contracting license as required by GS 87-43(b).

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