



North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors

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Via email only

Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

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Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee

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Re: Report on Regulatory Flexibility
Section 4E.1 of SL 2024-53

Dear Committee Members,

The North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors (the “Board”) hereby submits this report on its use of regulatory flexibility, in accordance with Section 4E.1 of Session Law 2024-53.

Board Overview

As an occupational licensing board created by North Carolina General Statute, the Board regulates the licensure of general contractors; oversees compliance by licensees with the Board’s governing statutes and administrative rules; and protects consumers through the prosecution of complaints against licensed and unlicensed general contractors and through the fiscally responsible administration of the state’s Homeowner’s Recovery Fund.

Currently, the Board has 36,111 licensees; 31,472 are “active” (valid) and 4,639 are “inactive” (invalid). The Board is also responsible for overseeing compliance of qualifiers for each licensee.

The Board’s organization is composed of nine members, all of whom are appointed by the Governor. G.S. 87-2 requires the following:

- Five members shall be general contractors;
- One member shall be an engineer who practices structural engineering; and
- Three shall be public members.

Session Law 2024-53

Promulgated in October 2024, Session Law 2024-53 provides in Section 4E.1(b) that:



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Notwithstanding any other provision of State law, if a State agency determines that, due to the impacts of Hurricane Helene in the affected area, it is in the public interest, including the public health, safety, and welfare and the economic well-being of the citizens and businesses of the affected area, the agency shall do all of the following:

- (1) Delay the renewal dates of employment-related certifications issued by the agency pursuant to its statutes for residents of the affected area.
- (2) Delay or modify any educational or examination requirements for employment-related certifications implemented by the agency pursuant to its statutes for residents of the affected area.

In this legislation, the General Assembly directed each State agency in the executive branch of government in North Carolina, no later than March 1, 2025, to report to the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on its use of regulatory flexibility under this Section 4E.

Board Implementation of Session Law 2024-53

Since October 2024, the Board has implemented the directives of SL 2024-53 in the following ways:

- Granted an extension of time for the Board's continuing education requirements.
- Allowed continuing education providers, instructors, and courses to be taught throughout December 2024.

Should you require additional or more detailed information concerning this report, I am glad to respond as necessary. My email is ryan Cody@nclbhc.org.

Regards,

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