

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 468

Short Title: Align Inspections W/Installer Licensing. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Jenkins (Primary Sponsor); Jackson, McLaurin, and Walters.

Referred to: Commerce.

March 28, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO SPECIFY THAT WHEN APPLIANCE INSTALLERS ARE LICENSED TO
PERFORM ALL ASPECTS OF AN INSTALLATION, JUST ONE PERMIT AND
INSPECTION WILL BE REQUIRED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-360 reads as rewritten:

"§ 153A-360. **Inspections of work in progress.**

As the work pursuant to a permit progresses, local inspectors shall make as many inspections of the work as may be necessary to satisfy them that it is being done according to the provisions of the applicable State and local laws and local ordinances and regulations and of the terms of the permit. In exercising this power, each member of the inspection department has a right, upon presentation of proper credentials, to enter on any premises within the territorial jurisdiction of the department at any reasonable hour for the purposes of inspection or other enforcement action. If a permit has been obtained by an owner exempt from licensure under G.S. 87-1(b)(2), no inspection shall be conducted without the owner being personally present, unless the plans for the building were drawn and sealed by an architect licensed pursuant to Chapter 83A of the General Statutes. A county may not require any permit other than a plumbing permit for the installation of any natural gas or propane appliance by an installer holding a plumbing license, so long as the installation does not otherwise require the installer to hold another license."

SECTION 2. G.S. 160A-420 reads as rewritten:

"§ 160A-420. **Inspections of work in progress.**

As the work pursuant to a permit progresses, local inspectors shall make as many inspections thereof as may be necessary to satisfy them that the work is being done according to the provisions of any applicable State and local laws and of the terms of the permit. In exercising this power, members of the inspection department shall have a right to enter on any premises within the jurisdiction of the department at all reasonable hours for the purposes of inspection or other enforcement action, upon presentation of proper credentials. If a permit has been obtained by an owner exempt from licensure under G.S. 87-1(b)(2), no inspection shall be conducted without the owner being personally present, unless the plans for the building were drawn and sealed by an architect licensed pursuant to Chapter 83A of the General Statutes. A city may not require any permit other than a plumbing permit for the installation of any natural gas or propane appliance by an installer holding a plumbing license, so long as the installation does not otherwise require the installer to hold another license."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.

