

Senate Bill 553

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AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and
2 businesses, so as to repeal Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers,
3 conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors, and enact a new
4 Chapter 14; to provide for the State Construction Industry Licensing Board; to provide for
5 the Division of Electrical Contractors; to provide for the Division of Master Plumbers; to
6 provide for the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors; to provide for the Division of Low
7 Voltage Contractors; to provide for the Division of Utility Contractors; to provide for
8 membership, powers, and duties of each; to provide for licensure or certification within the
9 fields of plumbing, electrical, air conditioning, low voltage, and utility contracting; to
10 provide for application; to provide for requirements for licensure or certification; to provide
11 for recertification; to provide for continuing education; to provide for prohibitions; to provide
12 for exceptions; to provide for reciprocity; to provide for licensing or certification of current
13 or former members of the military; to provide for a misdemeanor; to provide for definitions;
14 to provide for legislative intent; to provide for conformity with federal law; to amend Code
15 Section 48-7-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to deduction for
16 payments to classified subcontractors, disclosure of tax returns, and maintenance of list of
17 classified subcontractors, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to
18 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

20 **SECTION 1.**

21 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,
22 is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (d) of Code Section 43-1-34, relating
23 to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, to read as follows:

24 "(5) The provisions of this subsection shall be cumulative to those provided in 50 U.S.C.
25 Section 4025a, and nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted as limiting or imposing
26 additional obligations on portability pursuant to 50 U.S.C. Section 4025a."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 Said title is further amended by repealing Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors,
29 plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors, and
30 enacting a new Chapter 14 to read as follows:

31 "CHAPTER 14

32 43-14-1.

33 This chapter is enacted for the purpose of safeguarding homeowners, other property
34 owners, tenants, and the general public against faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe
35 electrical, plumbing, low voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air installations.
36 The practices of electrical contracting, plumbing contracting, low voltage contracting,
37 utility contracting, and conditioned air contracting are declared to be businesses or
38 professions affecting the public interest; and this chapter shall be liberally construed so as
39 to accomplish the purposes stated in this Code section.

40 43-14-2.

41 As used in this chapter, the term:

42 (1) 'Alarm system' means any device or combination of devices used to detect a situation,
43 causing an alarm in the event of a burglary, fire, robbery, medical emergency, or
44 equipment failure, or on the occurrence of any other predetermined life safety event.
45 Such term shall also include any alarm system communication system used or required
46 to transmit notice of a life safety or intrusion event to a local or remote monitoring
47 facility.

48 (2) 'Board' means the State Construction Industry Licensing Board.

49 (3) 'Conditioned air contracting' means the installation, repair, or service of conditioned
50 air systems or conditioned air equipment, which includes, but is not limited to, the service
51 to or installation of the electrical circuit from the electrical distribution panel to the
52 conditioned air equipment, provided that the electrical service to the building or site is
53 a single-phase electrical circuit not exceeding 200 amperes performed by conditioned air
54 contractors licensed under this chapter.

55 (4) 'Conditioned air contractor' means any person engaged in conditioned air contracting
56 under express or implied contract or that bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the
57 capacity to perform, or does perform conditioned air contracting services under express
58 or implied contract.

59 (5) 'Conditioned Air Contractor Class I' means any individual licensed under this chapter
60 to conduct business as a Residential and Light Commercial entity for air conditioning and
61 heat pump systems of 60,000 BTUs of cooling or less, and for gas heating systems of
62 175,000 BTUs or less. The scope of practice for a Conditioned Air Contractor Class I
63 shall include, but is not limited to, the business of permitting jobs, bidding on projects,
64 and performing maintenance, service, and repairs of equipment and components, as well
65 as installing new equipment and components, including ductwork, refrigerant lines, gas
66 pipng, controls, and accessories.

67 (6) 'Conditioned Air Contractor Class II' means any individual licensed under this
68 chapter to conduct business as a residential and commercial entity, without limitations
69 or restrictions on project size or equipment types, except for the installation of boilers,
70 which is licensed under the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire.
71 The scope of practice for a Conditioned Air Contractor Class II shall include, but is not
72 limited to, the design, bidding, permitting, and the performance of maintenance, service,
73 and repairs of equipment and components, as well as the installation of new and
74 replacement systems, including split air conditioning and heat pump systems, package
75 units, variable refrigerant flow systems, chillers, ventilation systems, and all associated
76 components.

77 (7) 'Conditioned air equipment' means heating and air conditioning equipment covered
78 under state codes and the fuel gas piping system on the outlet side of the gas meter.

79 (8) 'Electrical contracting' means the installation, maintenance, alteration, or repair of
80 any electrical equipment, apparatus, control system, or electrical wiring device which is
81 attached to or incorporated into any building or structure in this state but shall not include
82 low voltage contracting.

83 (9) 'Electrical contractor' means any individual licensed under this chapter as Electrical
84 Contractor Class I or Electrical Contractor Class II by the Division of Electrical
85 Contractors, engaged in the business of electrical contracting under express or implied
86 contract or that bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or
87 does perform electrical contracting services under express or implied contract.

88 (10) 'Electrical Contractor Class I' means any individual licensed under this chapter by
89 the Division of Electrical Contractors to perform work as an electrical contractor on
90 residential multifamily structures of not more than two levels or single-family dwellings
91 of up to three levels, provided that structures shall have single-phase electrical
92 installations which do not exceed 400 amperes at the service drop or the service lateral.

93 (11) 'Electrical Contractor Class II' means any individual licensed under this chapter by
94 the Division of Electrical Contractors to perform work as an electrical contractor without
95 restriction, including, but not limited to, the installation of raceway systems, including
96 pull boxes, junction boxes, conduit bodies, service entrances, metering devices, cabinets,
97 switchboards, service risers, and fasteners, overcurrent protective devices, disconnecting
98 means, ground electrodes, main bonding jumpers, ground fault protectors, switches,
99 disconnects, and controls that supply lighting fixtures, appliances, electrical circuits,
100 controls for heating and air conditioning equipment, and other utilization and general use
101 equipment, according to installation requirements set by the state minimum standard
102 codes, the National Electrical Code, and any successor code.

103 (12) 'Executive director' means the executive director of the State Construction Industry
104 Licensing Board.

105 (13) 'Full-time experience' means working at least 2,000 hours in a calendar year in a
106 qualifying capacity, with each 2,000 hours of documented work equating to one year of
107 experience for purposes of licensure or qualifications requirements.

108 (14) 'General low voltage system' means any electrical system, other than an alarm or
109 telecommunications system, that involves low voltage wiring and consists of a group or
110 combination of interconnected components functioning together to perform a specific
111 purpose using low voltage power or signaling, including devices, wiring, control
112 equipment, software, and network connections operating as a single, integrated system.

113 (15) 'Journeyman plumber' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the
114 Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers who engages in the installation,
115 maintenance, alteration, or repair of piping, fixtures, and appliances, including water
116 heaters, and all appurtenances thereto, in connection with sanitary drainage systems,
117 storm drainage systems, venting systems, fuel gas piping systems on the outlet side of
118 tanks or gas meters, or public or private water supply systems, whether located within or
119 adjacent to any building, structure, conveyance, or manhole under the direction of a

120 plumbing contractor. A journeyman plumber shall have the ability to install or service
121 a single phase of the electrical connection between the electrical disconnect and water
122 heater, plumbing appliance or appurtenance, provided that the work performed adheres
123 to the state minimum standard plumbing code, state minimum electrical code, and state
124 minimum standard fuel gas code.

125 (16) 'License' means a valid license or certification issued by a division of the board,
126 which authorizes the named person to engage in the activity prescribed thereon.

127 (17) 'Low voltage contracting' means the installation, alteration, service, or repair of a
128 power limited or signal based system that utilizes low voltage wiring and components to
129 transmit information, control devices, or monitor conditions. Such term shall not include
130 electrical power distribution systems.

131 (18) 'Low voltage contractor' means any person licensed under this chapter by the
132 Division of Low Voltage Contractors who purports to have the capacity to perform, or
133 does perform low voltage contracting services under express or implied contract,
134 including the installation, alteration, servicing, or repair of integrated systems made up
135 of wiring, devices, software, and networked components that function together as a
136 complete solution.

137 (19) 'Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A' means any individual licensed under this
138 chapter by the Division of Low Voltage Contractors to perform work restricted to alarm
139 systems and general low voltage systems.

140 (20) 'Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G' means any individual licensed under this
141 chapter by the Division of Low Voltage Contractors to perform work restricted to general
142 low voltage systems.

143 (21) 'Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T' means any individual licensed under this
144 chapter by the Division of Low Voltage Contractors to perform work restricted to
145 telecommunications systems and general low voltage systems.

146 (22) 'Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U' means any individual licensed under this
147 chapter by the Division of Low Voltage Contractors to engage in low voltage contracting
148 without limitation as to specialty or system type, and who is authorized to design, install,
149 alter, service, repair, and maintain all low voltage systems, including general low voltage
150 systems, alarm and life-safety systems, and telecommunications systems for voice, data,
151 and network infrastructure, based on demonstrated competence across multiple low
152 voltage disciplines.

153 (23) 'Low voltage wiring' means wiring systems and associated control circuits which
154 include, but are not limited to:

155 (A) Wiring systems of 50 volts or less;

156 (B) Wiring systems having a voltage in excess of 50 volts, provided such systems
157 consist solely of power limited circuits meeting the definition of a Class II and Class
158 III wiring system as defined in Article 725 of the National Electrical Code; or

159 (C) Line voltage wiring having a voltage not in excess of 300 volts to ground and
160 installed from the load-side terminals of a suitable disconnecting means which has been
161 installed for the specific purpose of supplying the low voltage wiring system involved
162 or installed from a suitable junction box.

163 (24) 'Master Plumber Class I' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the
164 Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, who is authorized to perform
165 plumbing work and contract for on residential single-family dwellings, townhomes, and
166 multifamily dwellings, including duplexes, hotels, motels, and apartment buildings, not
167 exceeding three stories in height, and on commercial buildings not exceeding 20,000
168 square feet in total building area.

169 (25) 'Master Plumber Class II' means any individual licensed under this chapter by the
170 Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, who is authorized to perform
171 work and contract for all scopes of plumbing work, without limitation, as defined in the
172 state minimum standard plumbing code and the state minimum standard fuel gas code.

173 Such work shall include, but is not limited to, plumbing work on commercial buildings
174 of any size; industrial facilities; institutional occupancies; multistory structures of any
175 occupancy classification; and specialized use facilities.

176 (26) 'Plumbing' means:

177 (A) The practice of installing, maintaining, altering, or repairing piping fixtures,
178 appliances, and appurtenances in connection with sanitary drainage or storm drainage
179 facilities, venting systems, medical gas piping systems, natural gas piping systems on
180 the outlet side of gas meters, or public or private water supply systems within or
181 adjacent to any building, structure, conveyance, or manhole; and

182 (B) The practice of and materials used in installing, maintaining, extending, or altering
183 the natural gas, storm-water, sewerage, and water supply systems of any premises to
184 their connection with any point of public disposal or other acceptable terminal.

185 (27) 'Plumbing contractor' means any person licensed under this chapter as a Master
186 Plumber Class I or Master Plumber Class II by the Division of Master Plumbers and
187 Journeyman Plumbers, who is engaged in the business of plumbing contracting, including
188 bidding for, offering to perform, purporting to have the capacity to perform, or
189 performing plumbing contracting services under an express or implied contract, and who
190 is responsible for obtaining required permits, ensuring compliance with applicable codes,
191 coordinating inspections, performing or correcting work as necessary, and securing final
192 approval of permitted work. Such term shall not include a licensed journeyman plumber.

193 (28) 'Telecommunications system' means a system of transmission facilities, conductors,
194 equipment, and associated apparatus used to convey voice, data, video, or other
195 information by electromagnetic means, whether wired or wireless, consistent with
196 telecommunications circuits and systems recognized under the state minimum standard
197 codes, including systems capable of local or remote monitoring, management, or
198 administration through secured access.

199 (29) 'Utility contracting' means undertaking to construct, erect, alter, or repair or have
200 constructed, erected, altered, or repaired any utility system.

201 (30) 'Utility contractor' means a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation licensed
202 under this chapter by the Division of Utility Contractors which is engaged in utility
203 contracting under express or implied contract or which bids for, offers to perform,
204 purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform utility contracting under
205 express or implied contract.

206 (31) 'Utility foreman' means any individual certified under this chapter by the Division
207 of Utility Contractors who is employed by a licensed utility contractor to directly
208 supervise a project performing the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility
209 systems in the field.

210 (32) 'Utility manager' means any individual certified under this chapter by the Division
211 of Utility Contractors who is employed by a licensed utility contractor to oversee multiple
212 projects performing the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems.

213 (33) 'Utility system' means:

214 (A) Any system at least five feet underground, when installed or accessed by trenching,
215 open cut, cut and cover, or other similar construction methods which install or access
216 the system from the ground surface, including, but not limited to, gas distribution
217 systems, electrical distribution systems, communication systems, water supply systems,
218 and sanitary sewerage and drainage systems; and

219 (B) Reservoirs and filtration plants, water and waste-water treatment plants, leachate
220 collection and treatment systems associated with landfills, and pump stations, when the
221 system distributes or collects a service, product, or commodity for which a fee or price
222 is paid for said service, product, or commodity or for the disposal of said service,
223 product, or commodity.

224 43-14-3.

225 (a) There is created within the executive branch of state government the State Construction
226 Industry Licensing Board. The board shall be assigned to the Secretary of State's office for
227 administrative purposes and shall be under the jurisdiction of the division director, in
228 accordance with Code Section 43-1-2.

229 (b) The board shall be composed of 27 members as follows:

230 (1) Five members known as the Division of Electrical Contractors, one of whom shall
231 be a professional engineer engaged in electrical practice, another of whom shall have
232 experience as an inspector with electrical inspection duties of a county or municipality
233 or a third-party inspector regularly providing inspections to a county or municipality, and
234 the remaining three of whom shall be licensed electrical contractors in this state;

235 (2) Five members known as the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers,
236 one of whom shall have experience as an inspector with plumbing inspection duties of
237 a county or municipality or a third-party inspector regularly providing inspections to a
238 county or municipality, three of whom shall be master or contracting plumbers, and one
239 of whom shall be a journeyman plumber;

240 (3) Five members known as the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors, one of whom
241 shall be a licensed professional engineer engaged in mechanical practice, one of whom
242 shall have experience as an inspector with conditioned air inspection duties of a county
243 or municipality or a third-party inspector regularly providing inspections to a county or
244 municipality, and three of whom shall be conditioned air contractors with more than five
245 years of installation and service experience in the trade;

246 (4) Five members known as the Division of Low Voltage Contractors, one of whom shall
247 be a Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A, one of whom shall be a Low Voltage
248 Contractor Class LV-U, one of whom shall be a Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T, one
249 of whom shall be a professional electrical engineer, and one of whom shall have

250 experience as an inspector with electrical inspection duties of a county or municipality
251 or contracted by a county or municipality to perform electrical inspections;

252 (5) Five members known as the Division of Utility Contractors, three of whom shall be
253 utility contractors, one of whom shall be a registered professional engineer, and one of
254 whom shall be an insurance company representative engaged primarily in the bonding of
255 construction projects; and

256 (6) Two members who shall not have any connection with the utility contracting, low
257 voltage contracting, electrical contracting, plumbing, or conditioned air contracting
258 businesses whatsoever but who shall have a recognized interest in consumer affairs and
259 consumer protection concerns.

260 (c) All members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the
261 Senate, for four-year terms. Each member shall serve until a successor has been duly
262 appointed and qualified. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies
263 occurring prior to the expiration of a term, for whatever cause, shall be filled by
264 appointment of the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term. Any member who
265 ceases to meet the qualifications required for original appointment during the member's
266 term shall automatically forfeit membership on the board.

267 (d) Each member of the board shall take an oath of office before the Governor or the
268 Governor's designee to faithfully perform the duties of such office.

269 (e) The Governor may remove any member for failure to attend meetings, neglect of duty,
270 incompetence, revocation or suspension of professional trade license, or other dishonorable
271 conduct.

272 (f) Members of the board shall be reimbursed as provided for in subsection (f) of Code
273 Section 43-1-2.

274 43-14-4.

275 (a) The board chairperson shall be rotated among the five divisions enumerated in Code
276 Section 43-14-3. In the instance of a vacancy by the board chairperson, the members of
277 the board shall select a current member to serve the former board chairperson's unexpired
278 term. The individual selected to fill the vacancy shall be a member of the same division
279 as the previous board chairperson.

280 (b) The board shall meet at the call of the board chairperson or upon the recommendation
281 of a majority of its members.

282 (c) Each division within the board shall also elect from its membership a division
283 chairperson who shall serve for a term of two years. Any vacancy in the office of division
284 chairperson shall be filled by one of the members for the unexpired term.

285 (d) Any member elected division chairperson may serve more than one consecutive term
286 of office.

287 (e) Each division shall carry out its powers and duties provided for in this chapter with the
288 assistance of the division director and staff of the board.

289 (f) Each division shall meet at the call of its division chairperson.

290 (g) Three members of each division shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
291 business of such division.

292 43-14-5.

293 The board shall have the power to:

294 (1) Request from the various state departments and other agencies and authorities of the
295 state and its political subdivisions and their agencies and authorities such available
296 information as it may require in its work; and all such agencies and authorities shall
297 furnish such requested available information to the board within a reasonable time;

298 (2) Provide by regulation for reciprocity with other states in the registration and licensing
299 of electrical contractors, master plumbers, journeyman plumbers, low voltage contractors,

300 utility contractors, or conditioned air contractors and in the certification of utility
301 contracting foremen, provided that such other states have requirements substantially
302 similar to the requirements in force in this state for registration, licensure, and
303 certification; provided, further, that a similar privilege is offered to residents of this state;
304 (3) Adopt an official seal for its use and modify such seal as the board deems necessary;
305 (4) Establish rules and regulations, consistent with this chapter, for the protection of the
306 health, safety, and welfare of the public and for regulating the licensing of electrical
307 contracting, plumbing contracting, low voltage contracting, utility contracting, and
308 conditioned air contracting professionals; and
309 (5) Upon notice and hearing authorized and conducted in accordance with Code Section
310 43-14-17 and any rules and regulations promulgated by the board, either by the board
311 directly or through a valid delegation of the board's enforcement power to a division
312 thereof, assess civil penalties in an amount up to \$10,000.00 per violation against any
313 person found to be in violation of any requirement of this chapter.

314 43-14-6.

315 (a) The Division of Electrical Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to
316 engage in or licensees engaging in the business of electrical contracting; the Division of
317 Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, with respect to applicants for a license to
318 engage in or licensees engaging in the business of plumbing as a Master Plumber Class I,
319 Master Plumber Class II, or journeyman plumber; the Division of Low Voltage
320 Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in
321 the business of low voltage contracting; the Division of Utility Contractors, with respect
322 to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of utility
323 contracting and with respect to applicants for a certificate to be a utility manager or utility
324 foreman or holders of a utility manager or utility foreman certificate; and the Division of

325 Conditioned Air Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or
326 licensees engaging in the business of conditioned air contracting, shall:

327 (1) Assess and approve examination requirements for each class or type of license or
328 certificate issued under this chapter, as follows:

329 (A) The Division of Electrical Contractors shall approve separate examinations for
330 Electrical Contractor Class I and Electrical Contractor Class II;

331 (B) The Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers shall approve separate
332 examinations for Master Plumber Class I, Master Plumber Class II, and Journeyman
333 Plumbers;

334 (C) The Division of Conditioned Air Contractors shall approve separate examinations
335 for Conditioned Air Contractor Class I and Conditioned Air Contractor Class II; and

336 (D) The Division of Low Voltage Contractors shall approve separate examinations for
337 Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A, Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T, Low
338 Voltage Contractor Class LV-G, and Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U;

339 (2) Register and license or grant a certificate and issue renewal licenses and renewal
340 certificates biennially to all persons meeting the qualifications for a license or certificate.

341 The following licenses or certificates shall be issued by the divisions:

342 (A) Electrical Contractor Class I;

343 (B) Electrical Contractor Class II;

344 (C) Master Plumber Class I;

345 (D) Master Plumber Class II;

346 (E) Journeyman Plumber;

347 (F) Conditioned Air Contractor Class I;

348 (G) Conditioned Air Contractor Class II;

349 (H) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A;

350 (I) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T;

351 (J) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G;

- 352 (K) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U;
353 (L) Utility Contractor;
354 (M) Utility Manager (certificate); and
355 (N) Utility Foreman (certificate);
- 356 (3) Investigate, with the aid of the division director, alleged violations of this chapter or
357 other laws and rules and regulations of the board relating to the profession;
- 358 (4) After notice and hearing, have the power to reprimand any person, licensee, or
359 certificate holder, or to suspend, revoke, or cancel the license or certificate of or refuse
360 to grant, renew, or restore a license or certificate to any person, licensee, or certificate
361 holder upon any one of the following grounds:
- 362 (A) The commission of any false, fraudulent, or deceitful act or the use of any forged,
363 false, or fraudulent document in connection with the license or certificate requirements
364 of this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board;
- 365 (B) Failure at any time to comply with the requirements for a license or certificate
366 under this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board;
- 367 (C) Engaging in any fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest conduct in the practice of the
368 profession regulated under this chapter that is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the
369 public, including knowingly making misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent
370 representations in the practice of the profession or on any document connected
371 therewith;
- 372 (D) Knowingly aiding, abetting, assisting, or permitting any unlicensed or noncertified
373 person or entity to engage in the practice of the profession regulated under this chapter,
374 including by lending, leasing, renting, assigning, or otherwise allowing the use of one's
375 license, or by combining or conspiring with such person or entity to evade the
376 provisions of this chapter;
- 377 (E) Knowingly performing any act which in any way assists an unlicensed or
378 noncertified person to practice such profession;

379 (F) Violating, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting any violation of any
380 provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation of the board; or

381 (G) The performance of any faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe electrical
382 contracting, plumbing, low voltage contracting, utility contracting, or conditioned air
383 contracting likely to endanger life, health, or property. The performance of any work
384 that does not comply with the standards set by state codes or by local codes in
385 jurisdictions where such codes are adopted, provided that such local codes are as
386 stringent as the state codes, or by other codes or regulations which have been adopted
387 by the board, shall be prima-facie evidence of the faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or
388 unsafe character of such electrical, plumbing, low voltage contracting, utility
389 contracting, or conditioned air contracting; provided, however, that the board, in its sole
390 discretion, for good cause shown and under such conditions as it may prescribe, may
391 restore a license to any person whose license has been suspended or revoked;

392 (5) Review amendments to or revisions in the state minimum standard codes as prepared
393 pursuant to Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8; and the Department of Community
394 Affairs shall be required to provide to the division director a copy of any amendment to
395 or revision in the state minimum standard codes at least 45 days prior to the adoption
396 thereof; and

397 (6) Do all other things necessary and proper to exercise their powers and perform their
398 duties in accordance with this chapter.

399 (b) The divisions mentioned in subsection (a) of this Code section shall also hear appeals
400 resulting from the suspension of licenses by an approved municipal or county licensing or
401 inspection authority pursuant to Code Section 43-14-16.

402 43-14-7.

403 (a) All orders and processes of the board and the divisions of the board shall be signed and
404 attested by the division director; and any notice or legal process necessary to be served
405 upon the board or the divisions may be served upon the division director.

406 (b) The division director or his or her designee is vested with the power and authority to
407 make such investigations in connection with the enforcement of this chapter and the rules
408 and regulations of the board as the director, the board, the divisions of the board, or any
409 district attorney may deem necessary or advisable.

410 (c) In accordance with Code Section 43-1-2, the division director shall be authorized to
411 review each application for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license under this
412 chapter, and upon determining that an application satisfies all of the qualifications,
413 attainments, and other conditions required for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a
414 particular license under this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to
415 this chapter, shall be authorized, on behalf of the board, to issue, renew, or reinstate the
416 license of the applicant.

417 43-14-8.

418 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Electrical
419 Contractors.

420 (b)(1) No person shall engage in electrical contracting unless such person has a valid
421 license issued by the division.

422 (2) A person that is not licensed as an electrical contractor shall be prohibited from
423 advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of electrical
424 contracting unless the work is performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

425 (c) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who
426 satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

427 (d) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage
428 in the business of electrical contracting unless there is regularly connected with such
429 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons actively engaged
430 in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid licenses issued to
431 them as provided for in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and
432 employees of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be
433 authorized to engage in the business of electrical contracting under a license which was
434 valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death.
435 The division may, at its discretion, grant one additional 90 day grace period for such
436 partners, officers, and employees. It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability
437 companies, and corporations qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division
438 within seven days of the severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability
439 company, or corporation of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.
440 (e) Any individual seeking to obtain a license as an Electrical Contractor Class I under the
441 provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with division on a form
442 prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction
443 Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:
444 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;
445 (2) Meet eligibility requirements according to one of the following criteria:
446 (A) At least three years of full-time experience in the electrical field as would be
447 covered by the Georgia Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, or any successor
448 code, which shall mean working experience gained through the direct installation of
449 electrical systems and directly related activities of a type covered by the National
450 Electrical Code or its successor code. To satisfy the experiential requirements for
451 licensure as an Electrical Contractor Class I under this criteria, an applicant shall
452 demonstrate successful completion of electrical projects encompassing not fewer than
453 five of the experience areas described in divisions (i) through (vii) of this subparagraph

454 and shall additionally demonstrate competency in the experience area described in
455 division (viii) of this subparagraph:

456 (i) Installation of raceway systems, including pull boxes, junction boxes, conduit
457 bodies, and the connections in the system and to cabinets, panelboards, switchboards,
458 and boxes;

459 (ii) Installation of conductors, including flexible cords, cables, splices, taps,
460 terminations, bonding jumpers, overcurrent protective devices, and metering devices,
461 in cabinets, panelboards, switchboards, boxes, and conduit, which meet all sizing,
462 ampacity, and voltage installation requirements;

463 (iii) Installation of service entrances, metering devices, cabinets, switchboards,
464 service risers and fasteners, overcurrent protective devices, disconnecting means,
465 ground electrodes, main bonding jumpers, and ground fault protectors, which meet
466 sizing, rating, clearances, and weatherproofing installation requirements;

467 (iv) Installation of motors and generators with feeders, branch circuits, overcurrent
468 protective devices, disconnect means, and controllers, which meet sizing, rating,
469 usage, and location requirements;

470 (v) Installation of switches, disconnects, and controls that supply lighting fixtures,
471 appliances, electrical circuits, controls for heating and air conditioning equipment,
472 and other utilization and general use equipment;

473 (vi) Installation of materials and equipment required for use in special occupancies
474 according to the state minimum standard codes;

475 (vii) Bonding of interior metal piping systems, installation of properly sized
476 equipment grounding conductors, grounding of exposed noncurrent carrying metal
477 parts of electrical equipment, and protection of grounding conductors from physical
478 damage; and

479 (viii) Determination of general lighting loads, minimum branch circuits, minimum
480 ampacity of conductors in feeder and branch circuits, maximum allowable conductor

481 fill for raceways, net loads, using specified or optional methods, rates or demand
482 factors, and derating factors given in the state minimum standard codes; and

483 (B) Completed a two-year academic diploma or certificate program in electrical
484 contracting offered by an accredited technical college, university, or other institution
485 recognized by the division, and has completed two years of full-time experience, which
486 experience shall meet the definition of qualifying experience set forth in
487 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and shall consist of work of a type covered by the
488 state minimum standard codes, or has successfully completed an electrical
489 apprenticeship program accredited or approved by the United States Department of
490 Labor;

491 (3) Submit a signed affidavit attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential
492 requirements set forth in this subsection. Such affidavit shall be executed by the
493 supervising licensed contractor or, in the alternative, by a licensed architect, professional
494 engineer, or electrical engineer, and shall be made under oath. Where the applicant's
495 qualifying full-time experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such
496 individual, a separate affidavit shall be submitted from each individual for the period of
497 experience supervised; and

498 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
499 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
500 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
501 documentation for noncitizen applicants.

502 (f) Any individual seeking to obtain a license as an Electrical Contractor Class II under the
503 provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form
504 prescribed by the division, shall pay the required fees established by the State Construction
505 Industry Licensing Board, and shall meet the following requirements:

506 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

507 (2) Meet one of the following criteria:

508 (A) At least four years of full-time experience in the electrical field as would be
509 covered by the Georgia Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, or any successor
510 code of which not less than two years shall have been in the installation, alteration, or
511 repair of three-phase electrical systems, including the following:

512 (i) Work involving electrical installations exceeding single-phase, 200 amperes, as
513 governed by the National Electrical Code or its successor code;

514 (ii) Installation of raceway systems, including pull boxes, junction boxes, conduit
515 bodies, and the connections in the system and to cabinets, panelboards, switchboards,
516 and boxes;

517 (iii) Installation of conductors, including flexible cords, cables, splices, taps,
518 terminations, bonding jumpers, overcurrent protective devices, and metering devices,
519 in cabinets, panelboards, switchboards, boxes, and conduit, which meet all sizing,
520 ampacity, and voltage installation requirements;

521 (iv) Installation of service entrances, metering devices, cabinets, switchboards,
522 service risers and fasteners, overcurrent protective devices, disconnecting means,
523 ground electrodes, main bonding jumpers, and ground fault protectors which meet all
524 sizing, rating, clearances, and weatherproofing installation requirements;

525 (v) Installation of motors and generators with feeders, branch circuits, overcurrent
526 protective devices, disconnect means, and controllers, which meet all sizing, rating,
527 usage, and location requirements;

528 (vi) Installation of switches, disconnects, and controls that supply lighting fixtures,
529 appliances, electrical circuits, controls for heating and air conditioning equipment,
530 and other utilization and general use equipment;

531 (vii) Installation of materials and equipment required for use in special occupancies
532 according to use and code installation requirements, as defined by the National
533 Electrical Code or its successor code;

534 (viii) Bonding of interior metal piping systems, installation of properly sized
535 equipment grounding conductors, grounding of exposed noncurrent carrying metal
536 parts of electrical equipment, and protection of grounding conductors from physical
537 damage; and

538 (ix) Determination of general lighting loads, minimum branch circuits, minimum
539 ampacity of conductors in feeder and branch circuits, maximum allowable conductor
540 fill for raceways, net loads, using specified or optional methods, rates or demand
541 factors, and derating factors given in the state minimum standard codes;

542 (B) Completed a two-year academic diploma or certificate program in electrical
543 contracting offered by an accredited technical college, university, or other institution
544 recognized by the division, and has completed four years of full-time experience, of
545 which not less than two years shall have been in the installation, alteration, or repair of
546 three-phase electrical systems which experience shall meet the definition of qualifying
547 experience set forth in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and shall consist of work of
548 a type covered by the Georgia Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, or any
549 successor code; or

550 (C) Completed an electrical apprenticeship program accredited or approved by the
551 United States Department of Labor and has completed one year of full-time experience
552 in the installation, alteration, or repair of three-phase electrical systems which
553 experience shall meet the definition of qualifying experience set forth in paragraph (2)
554 of this subsection and shall consist of work of a type covered by the Georgia Electrical
555 Code, the National Electrical Code, or any successor code;

556 (3) Submit a signed affidavit attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential
557 requirements set forth in this subsection. Such affidavit shall be executed by the
558 supervising licensed contractor or, in the alternative, by a licensed architect, professional
559 engineer, or electrical engineer, and shall be made under oath. Where the applicant's
560 qualifying full-time experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such

561 individual, a separate affidavit shall be submitted from each individual for the period of
562 experience supervised; and

563 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
564 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
565 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
566 documentation for noncitizen applicants.

567 (g) An application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent
568 and authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a
569 criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary
570 of State for licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information
571 necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable
572 sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the
573 performance of such background check.

574 (h) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the
575 absence of fraud, be conclusive. All individuals, individuals serving as partners in
576 partnerships, applicants for limited liability companies, or applicants for corporations
577 desiring to engage in electrical contracting shall be licensed under this Code section before
578 engaging in such vocation and business, including at the local level.

579 (i) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
580 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
581 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
582 action authorized by the division.

583 43-14-9.

584 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Low Voltage
585 Contractors.

586 (b) No person shall engage in alarm system, general low voltage system, or
587 telecommunications system low voltage contracting unless such person has a valid license
588 issued by the division.

589 (c) No individual, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall advertise,
590 offer, bid, contract, or perform, for compensation, Low Voltage General (LV-G), Low
591 Voltage Telecommunications (LV-T), Low Voltage Alarm (LV-A), or Low Voltage
592 Unrestricted (LV-U) work in this state unless such individual or entity holds a valid low
593 voltage contractor license issued by the division in the applicable classification.

594 (d) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage
595 in the business of low voltage contracting unless there is regularly connected with such
596 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons, actively engaged
597 in the performance of such business on a full-time basis and supervising the low voltage
598 systems installation, repair, alteration, and service work of all employees of such
599 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, who have valid licenses issued to
600 them as provided in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees
601 of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized
602 to engage in the business of low voltage contracting under a license which was valid at the
603 time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The
604 division may, at its discretion, upon application by the low voltage contractor showing
605 good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

606 (e) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who
607 satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

608 (f) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations
609 qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division within seven days of the
610 severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation
611 of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.

612 (g) Partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations having more than one office
613 location from which low voltage contracting is performed shall have at least one person
614 stationed in each branch office of such partnership, limited liability company, or
615 corporation who is engaged in the performance of low voltage contracting on a full-time
616 basis; who is supervising the low voltage wiring systems installation, repair, alteration, and
617 service work of all employees of such branch office locations; and who has a valid license
618 issued as provided in this Code section.

619 (h) Any individual seeking to obtain a state-wide Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G
620 license under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the
621 division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State
622 Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

623 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

624 (2) Have completed at least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage
625 wiring in general low voltage systems under the direct supervision of a licensed Low
626 Voltage Class LV-U, LV-A, LV-T, or LV-G Contractor or another state equivalent
627 contractor, which experience shall have been obtained within six years immediately
628 preceding the date of application, and which shall include:

629 (A) The installation, alteration, service, or repair of power limited low voltage
630 electrical systems, including, but not limited to, intercom, public address, and sound
631 systems, residential and commercial low voltage audio systems, low voltage lighting
632 systems, including associated controls, transformers, and power supplies, and other
633 general power limited low voltage wiring systems that do not constitute alarm or
634 telecommunications systems; or

635 (B) Completion of coursework in electronics or low voltage systems through an
636 accredited technical college, university, or certificate program shall be credited toward
637 the experience requirement for low voltage general (LV-G), based on the actual
638 instructional time completed, up to a maximum of six months;

639 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from the supervising Low Voltage Class LV-U, LV-A,
640 LV-T, or LV-G contractor(s), attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential
641 requirements set forth in this subsection; and

642 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
643 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
644 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
645 documentation for noncitizen applicants.

646 (i) Any individual seeking to obtain a state-wide Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T
647 license under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the
648 division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State
649 Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

650 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

651 (2) Have completed a minimum of three years of full-time experience performing low
652 voltage wiring under the direct supervision of a licensed Low Voltage Class LV-U
653 Contractor, a licensed Low Voltage Class LV-T Contractor, another state equivalent
654 contractor, or the general manager of a tier 2 local exchange company, as defined in Code
655 Section 46-5-162, regardless of whether such general manager holds a Low Voltage Class
656 LV-U or LV-T Contractor license, which experience shall have been obtained within six
657 years immediately preceding the date of application and includes:

658 (A) At least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in general
659 low voltage systems. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall include the
660 installation, alteration, service, or repair of power limited low voltage electrical
661 systems, including, but not limited to:

662 (i) Intercom, public address, and sound systems;

663 (ii) Residential and commercial low voltage audio systems;

664 (iii) Low voltage lighting systems, including associated controls, transformers, and
665 power supplies; and

666 (iv) Other general power limited low voltage wiring systems that do not constitute
667 alarm or telecommunications systems; or

668 (B) At least two years of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in
669 telecommunications. Qualifying experience under this subsection may include work
670 involving installation, configuration, testing, administration, management, maintenance,
671 or repair of low voltage telecommunications systems, including, but not limited to, the
672 following:

673 (i) Telecommunications and communications systems, including voice and data
674 systems such as plain old telephone service, Voice over Internet Protocol,
675 telecommunications equipment connections, terminations, cross-connects, patching,
676 and related infrastructure;

677 (ii) Audio, video, and security systems, including residential and commercial audio
678 and video systems, video surveillance systems, intercom systems, public address
679 systems, access control systems, and power over ethernet based systems;

680 (iii) Networked and wireless systems, including residential and commercial Wi-Fi
681 systems, local area or home area network based systems, internet protocol networking
682 equipment such as routers, switches, hubs, and related devices, and distributed
683 antenna systems for voice and data communications; and

684 (iv) Fiber optic, commercial wireless, and other communications systems, including
685 fiber optic system installation, termination, testing, and management; commercial
686 wireless systems such as cellular and private communications systems, and
687 proprietary, specialized, or otherwise unregulated communications systems within the
688 scope of low voltage work; or

689 (C) Completion of coursework in electronics or low voltage systems through an
690 accredited technical college, university, or certificate program shall be credited toward
691 the experience requirement for low voltage general (LV-G), based on the actual
692 instructional time completed, up to a maximum of six months;

693 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from the supervising Low Voltage Class LV-U or LV-T
694 contractor(s), or the general manager of a tier 2 local exchange company, as defined in
695 Code Section 46-5-162, regardless of whether such general manager holds a Low Voltage
696 Class LV-U or LV-T Contractor license, attesting to the applicant's completion of the
697 experiential requirements set forth in this subsection; and

698 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
699 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
700 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
701 documentation for noncitizen applicants.

702 (j) Any individual seeking to obtain a state-wide Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A
703 license under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the
704 division on a form prescribed by the division, shall pay the required fees established by the
705 State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and shall meet the following requirements:

706 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

707 (2) Have completed a minimum of three years of full-time experience performing low
708 voltage wiring under the direct supervision of a licensed Low Voltage Class LV-U or
709 LV-A Contractor, or another state equivalent contractor, which experience shall have
710 been obtained within six years immediately preceding the date of application and
711 includes:

712 (A) At least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in general
713 systems. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall include the installation,
714 alteration, service, or repair of power limited low voltage electrical systems, including,
715 but not limited to:

716 (i) Intercom, public address, and sound systems;

717 (ii) Residential and commercial low voltage audio systems;

718 (iii) Low voltage lighting systems, including associated controls, transformers, and
719 power supplies; and

720 (iv) Other general power limited low voltage wiring systems that do not constitute
721 alarm or telecommunications systems;

722 (B) At least two years of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in alarm
723 systems. Qualifying experience under this paragraph shall include work involving the
724 installation, configuration, testing, administration, management, maintenance, or repair
725 of the following alarm systems and related technologies:

726 (i) Life safety alarm systems, including any alarm system designed, intended, or
727 configured to transmit life safety related alarm events to a central monitoring station
728 or other supervising entity;

729 (ii) Alarm system communication pathways, including the utilization of approved and
730 recognized transmission methods such as analog telephone lines, cellular networks,
731 internet based protocols, Voice over Internet Protocol, or other comparable
732 communication technologies; and

733 (iii) Alarm system planning and lifecycle activities, including the planning, design,
734 engineering, installation, programming, testing, inspection, servicing, repair, and
735 ongoing maintenance of proprietary or open-source alarm systems; and

736 (C) Completion of coursework in electronics or low voltage systems through an
737 accredited technical college, university, or certificate program shall be credited toward
738 the experience requirement for low voltage general (LV-G), based on the actual
739 instructional time completed, up to a maximum of six months;

740 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from the supervising Low Voltage Class LV-U or LV-A
741 contractor(s) attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set
742 forth in this subsection; and

743 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
744 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
745 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
746 documentation for noncitizen applicants.

747 (k) Any individual seeking to obtain a state-wide Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U
748 license under the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the
749 division on a form prescribed by the division, shall pay the required fees established by the
750 State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and shall meet the following requirements:

751 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;
752 (2) Have completed a minimum of four years of full-time experience performing low
753 voltage wiring under the direct supervision of a licensed Low Voltage Class LV-U
754 Contractor, another state equivalent contractor, or the general manager of a tier 2 local
755 exchange company, as defined in Code Section 46-5-162, regardless of whether such
756 general manager holds a Low Voltage Class LV-U Contractor license, which experience
757 shall have been obtained within six years immediately preceding the date of application,
758 and also includes:

759 (A) At least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in general
760 systems. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall include the installation,
761 alteration, service, or repair of power limited low voltage electrical systems, including,
762 but not limited to:

763 (i) Intercom, public address, and sound systems;
764 (ii) Residential and commercial low voltage audio systems;
765 (iii) Low voltage lighting systems, including associated controls, transformers, and
766 power supplies; and
767 (iv) Other general power limited low voltage wiring systems that do not constitute
768 alarm or telecommunications systems;

769 (B) At least one year of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in
770 telecommunications. Qualifying experience under this paragraph shall include work
771 involving installation, configuration, testing, administration, management, maintenance,
772 or repair of low voltage telecommunications systems, including, but not limited to, the
773 following:

- 774 (i) Telecommunications and communications systems, including voice and data
775 systems such as plain old telephone service, Voice over Internet Protocol,
776 telecommunications equipment connections, terminations, cross-connects, patching,
777 and related infrastructure;
- 778 (ii) Audio, video, and security systems, including residential and commercial audio
779 and video systems, video surveillance systems, intercom systems, public address
780 systems, access control systems, and Power over Ethernet based systems;
- 781 (iii) Networked and wireless systems, including residential and commercial Wi-Fi
782 systems, local area or home area network based systems, Internet Protocol
783 networking equipment such as routers, switches, hubs, and related devices, and
784 distributed antenna systems for voice and data communications; and
- 785 (iv) Fiber optic, commercial wireless, and other communications systems, including
786 fiber optic system installation, termination, testing, and management; commercial
787 wireless systems such as cellular and private communications systems; and
788 proprietary, specialized, or otherwise unregulated communications systems within the
789 scope of low voltage work;
- 790 (C) At least two years of full-time experience performing low voltage wiring in alarm
791 systems. Qualifying experience under this paragraph shall include work involving the
792 installation, configuration, testing, administration, management, maintenance, or repair
793 of the following alarm systems and related technologies:
- 794 (i) Life safety alarm systems, including any alarm system designed, intended, or
795 configured to transmit life safety related alarm events to a central monitoring station
796 or other supervising entity;
- 797 (ii) Alarm system communication pathways, including the utilization of approved and
798 recognized transmission methods such as analog telephone lines, cellular networks,
799 internet based protocols, Voice over Internet Protocol, or other comparable
800 communication technologies; and

801 (iii) Alarm system planning and lifecycle activities, including the planning, design,
802 engineering, installation, programming, testing, inspection, servicing, repair, and
803 ongoing maintenance of proprietary or open-source alarm systems; and
804 (D) Completion of coursework in electronics or low voltage systems through an
805 accredited technical college, university, or certificate program shall be credited toward
806 the experience requirement for low voltage general (LV-G), based on the actual
807 instructional time completed, up to a maximum of six months;
808 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from the supervising Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U,
809 or the general manager of a tier 2 local exchange company, as defined in Code Section
810 46-5-162, regardless of whether such general manager holds a Low Voltage Class LV-U
811 Contractor license, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements
812 set forth in this paragraph; and
813 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
814 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
815 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
816 documentation for noncitizen applicants.
817 (l) An application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and
818 authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal
819 background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for
820 licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information necessary
821 to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of
822 fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance
823 of such background check.
824 (m) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the
825 absence of fraud, be conclusive. All individuals, individuals serving as partners in
826 partnerships, applicants for limited liability companies, or applicants for corporations

827 desiring to engage in the vocation of low voltage contracting shall be licensed under this
828 Code section before engaging in such vocation.

829 (n) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
830 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
831 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
832 action authorized by the division.

833 43-14-10.

834 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Utility
835 Contractors.

836 (b)(1) No person shall engage in utility contracting unless such person has a valid license
837 issued by the division.

838 (2) A person that is not licensed as a utility contractor shall be prohibited from
839 advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of utility
840 contracting unless the work is performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

841 (c) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who
842 satisfy the requirements in this Code section.

843 (d) Any utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter shall
844 be authorized to bid for and perform work on any utility system in this state without
845 obtaining a license under Chapter 41 of this title. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a
846 utility system or anyone soliciting work to be performed on a utility system to refuse to
847 allow a utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter to bid
848 for or perform work on a utility system on the basis that such contractor does not hold a
849 license under Chapter 41 of this title.

850 (e) Any company which holds a valid utility contractor's license shall be qualified to
851 construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system which extends from the property line up to
852 but not within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance, regardless of the cost or

853 depth of any such plumbing system; provided, however, that only persons who hold a valid
854 license to engage in plumbing under this chapter shall be qualified to construct, alter, or
855 repair any plumbing system within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance.

856 (f)(1) No sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation shall have the right to engage
857 in the business of utility contracting unless:

858 (A) Such business holds a utility contractor license; and

859 (B) There is regularly connected with such business a person or persons who hold a
860 valid utility manager certificate issued under this chapter, and such utility manager must
861 be actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis and must
862 oversee the utility contracting work of all employees of the business.

863 (2) If a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation has more than one permanent
864 office, then each permanent office shall be registered with the division and at least one
865 person who holds a valid utility manager certificate issued under this chapter shall be
866 stationed in each office on a full-time basis and shall oversee the utility contracting work
867 of all employees of that office.

868 (3) The requirements of this Code section shall not prevent any person holding a valid
869 license issued by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, or any division
870 thereof, pursuant to this chapter, from performing any work defined in the Code section
871 or sections under which the license held by said person was issued.

872 (g) Any corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship desiring to qualify for and be
873 issued a utility contractor license under the provisions of this Code section shall file an
874 application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, pay the application fee
875 established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following
876 requirements:

877 (1) Submit a completed application to the division on the form provided indicating:

878 (A) The names and addresses of proprietor, partners, or officers of such applicant;

879 (B) The place and date such partnership was formed, or such corporation was
880 incorporated;

881 (C) The address of each permanent office location of the business registered with the
882 division, defined under this article as a place of business where utility contracting is
883 undertaken from in terms of bid or proposed acquisition, procurement, utility
884 construction, is not a temporary structure, has permanent utilities installed, and has been
885 in service for a period of more than three years;

886 (D) The name and certification number of the qualifying utility manager holding a
887 current utility manager certificate issued under this chapter who is employed at each
888 permanent office location of the business from which utility contracting is performed;
889 and

890 (E) If the applicant operates more than one permanent office location, the name of the
891 qualifying utility manager holding a current utility manager certificate issued under this
892 chapter who is employed on a full-time basis at each permanent office location of the
893 business from which utility contracting is performed; and

894 (2) Submit a written safety policy that meets the minimum standards established by the
895 board and the United States Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health
896 Administration.

897 (h) An application for licensure under this Code section shall constitute express consent
898 and authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a
899 criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary
900 of State for licensure or a permit agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all
901 information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to,
902 classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated
903 with the performance of such background check.

904 (i) The decision of the division as to the qualifications of applicants shall, in the absence
905 of fraud, be conclusive.

906 (j) It shall be the duty of the utility manager certificate holders and the licensed utility
907 contractor to notify the division, in accordance with board rules, of the severance of
908 connection between such utility contractor and the utility manager certificate holder or
909 holders upon whom the qualification of the utility contractor rested.

910 (k) In the event that a licensed utility contractor temporarily does not have employed a
911 utility manager certificate holder to oversee its utility contracting work, upon notice by
912 such utility contractor to the division within seven days following the last day of
913 employment of the utility manager certificate holder, the division shall grant the utility
914 contractor a 90 day grace period in which to employ a utility manager certificate holder to
915 oversee its utility contracting work before any action may be taken by the division to
916 revoke the utility contractor's license. The division may, at its discretion, upon application
917 by the utility contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.
918 Grace periods totaling not more than 180 days may be granted during any two-year period.
919 Failure to have employed a utility manager certificate holder to oversee the utility
920 contracting work of the utility contractor shall be grounds for the revocation or suspension
921 of the utility contractor license after a notice of hearing.

922 (l) It shall be unlawful for any person to contract with any other person for the
923 performance of utility contracting work who is known by such person not to have a current,
924 valid license as a utility contractor pursuant to this chapter.

925 (m) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate the provisions of Chapter 9 of Title 25
926 applicable to utility contractors.

927 (n) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
928 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
929 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
930 action authorized by the division.

931 43-14-11.

932 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Utility
933 Contractors.

934 (b) No person shall be employed as a utility manager unless such person holds a valid
935 utility manager certificate issued by the division.

936 (c) No utility system shall be constructed, erected, altered, or repaired unless a certified
937 utility manager or certified utility foreman who holds a current certification is present at
938 the job site of such construction, erection, alteration, or repair of the utility system.

939 (d) The division shall certify all applicants for certification under this Code section who
940 satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

941 (e) Any individual seeking certification as a utility manager under the provisions of this
942 chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by the
943 division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing
944 Board, and meet the following requirements:

945 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

946 (2) Submit proof of completion of 12 hours of board approved safety training courses,
947 which shall include eight hours of Competent Person Training for Excavations and four
948 hours of Competent Person Training for Confined Spaces;

949 (3) Have completed a minimum of three years of full-time experience in the field,
950 performing the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems. Such
951 experience shall be obtained as follows:

952 (A) At least one year of full-time experience working under the supervision of a utility
953 manager holding a valid certificate issued under this chapter, which experience shall
954 qualify the applicant for certification as a utility foreman; and

955 (B) At least two additional years of full-time experience obtained while holding a valid
956 utility foreman certificate issued under this chapter;

957 (4) Submit a signed affidavit from each utility manager who is employed by a utility
958 contractor and who is or was the applicant's current or former employer, attesting to the
959 applicant's completion of the experiential requirements set forth in this subsection.
960 Qualifying experience under this subsection shall be obtained through a combination of
961 roles, including, but not limited to, supervisory, construction management, or utility
962 operations positions in the field on a utility construction project, as well as:

963 (A) Participation in the management of multiple utility construction projects, including
964 scheduling work activities; coordinating labor, equipment, and materials; supporting
965 field supervision; tracking productivity; and assisting with resolution of routine onsite
966 issues during the course of the construction project;

967 (B) Involvement in administering scopes of work or construction contracts; managing
968 risks related to utility conflicts, permitting, inspections, traffic control, and public
969 safety; and ensuring compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration
970 requirements and applicable federal, state, and local regulations;

971 (C) Implementation and enforcement of safety procedures, including excavation,
972 trenching, and confined space entry requirements; participation in safety programs,
973 conducting or participating in daily job safety analyses and safety meetings, reporting
974 incidents, near misses, and hazards; and ensuring proper use of required personal
975 protective equipment;

976 (D) Supervision or lead responsibility for utility personnel, including training,
977 assigning duties, evaluating performance, monitoring safe operation of equipment, and
978 administering discipline in accordance with established policies;

979 (E) Assisting with review of construction plans, utility maps, and job specifications;
980 identifying underground and overhead utilities; verifying permits, locates, and
981 clearances; and coordinating activities with project managers, engineers, inspectors, and
982 utility representatives;

983 (F) Assisting with planning crew assignments, equipment needs, and work schedules;
984 coordinating material delivery and staging; inspecting materials and equipment for
985 damage or irregularities; reporting findings; and participating in the proper use and
986 routine maintenance of heavy equipment;

987 (G) Participating in the installation of water, sewer, gas, electrical, and
988 telecommunications utility systems installed on a fee-for-service basis, including
989 bedding, backfill, compaction, and erosion and sediment control measures, in
990 accordance with project specifications and utility standards;

991 (H) Inspecting work for compliance with plans and specifications under supervision;
992 assisting with daily logs, production reports, and as-built documentation; and
993 documenting utility locations and field changes; and

994 (I) Communicating job site conditions, safety concerns, and work progress to a
995 supervising Utility Foreman or Utility Manager; and

996 (5) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
997 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, and submit an affidavit verifying lawful
998 presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, together with any
999 required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

1000 (f) Application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and
1001 authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal
1002 background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for
1003 licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information necessary
1004 to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of
1005 fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance
1006 of such background check.

1007 (g) An applicant may request an oral administration of the examination.

1008 (h) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the
1009 absence of fraud, be conclusive.

1010 (i) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
1011 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
1012 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
1013 action authorized by the division.

1014 43-14-12.

1015 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Utility
1016 Contractors.

1017 (b) No person shall be employed as a utility foreman unless such person holds a valid
1018 current utility foreman certificate issued by the division.

1019 (c) The division shall certify all applicants for certification under this Code section who
1020 satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

1021 (d) No utility system shall be constructed, erected, altered, or repaired unless a certified
1022 utility manager or certified utility foreman who holds a current certification is present at
1023 the job site of such construction, erection, alteration, or repair of the utility system.

1024 (e) Any individual seeking certification as a utility foreman under the provisions of this
1025 chapter shall file an application with the division on a form prescribed by the division, pay
1026 the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, and meet
1027 the following requirements:

1028 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

1029 (2) Have completed at least one year of full-time experience in the field performing the
1030 construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems under the supervision of a
1031 licensed Utility Manager;

1032 (3) Submit proof of completion of 12 hours of board approved safety training courses,
1033 which shall include eight hours of Competent Person Training for Excavations and four
1034 hours of Competent Person Training for Confined Spaces; and

1035 (4) Provide a signed affidavit by a current or former employer attesting to the completion
1036 of experiential requirements. Each employer who oversaw the completion of projects
1037 which satisfied the experiential requirements shall provide their own signed affidavit.
1038 Qualifying experience under this subsection shall be obtained through a combination of
1039 roles, including, but not limited to, crew member, lead worker, assistant foreman, utility
1040 operations, construction support, or other field based positions, provided the work was
1041 performed under the required supervision, and shall include:

1042 (A) Assisting with review of construction plans, utility maps, and job specifications,
1043 identifying underground and overhead utilities, coordinating activities with project
1044 managers, engineers, inspectors, and utility representatives, verifying permits, locates,
1045 and clearances, and assisting with planning crew assignments, equipment needs, and
1046 work schedules;

1047 (B) Participating in daily job safety analyses and safety meetings, performing work in
1048 compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards and
1049 applicable local, state, and federal regulations, including traffic control requirements,
1050 working in properly protected trenches, participating in confined space entry activities,
1051 using required personal protective equipment, and reporting incidents, near misses, and
1052 hazards;

1053 (C) Assisting with supervision of utility crews, monitoring safe operation of
1054 equipment, supporting productivity tracking and daily work coordination, and assisting
1055 with resolution of routine onsite issues;

1056 (D) Assisting with coordination of material delivery and staging, inspecting materials
1057 and equipment for damage or irregularities and reporting findings, and participating in
1058 the proper use and routine maintenance of heavy equipment;

1059 (E) Participating in the installation of water, sewer, gas, electrical, and
1060 telecommunications utility systems installed on a fee-for-service basis, including

1061 bedding, backfill, compaction, and erosion and sediment control measures, in
1062 accordance with project specifications and utility standards;

1063 (F) Inspecting work for compliance with plans and specifications under supervision,
1064 assisting with daily logs, production reports, as-built documentation, and documenting
1065 utility locations and field changes; and

1066 (G) Communicating job site conditions, safety concerns, and work progress to a
1067 supervising Utility Foreman or Utility Manager.

1068 (f) An application for a certification under this Code section shall constitute express
1069 consent and authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform
1070 a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary
1071 of State for certification agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all
1072 information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to,
1073 classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated
1074 with the performance of such background check.

1075 (g) An applicant may request an oral administration of the examination.

1076 (h) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the
1077 absence of fraud, be conclusive.

1078 (i) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
1079 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
1080 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
1081 action authorized by the division.

1082 43-14-13.

1083 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Master Plumbers
1084 and Journeyman.

1085 (b) No person shall engage in plumbing contracting as a Master Plumber Class I or a
1086 Master Plumber Class II unless such person has a valid license issued by the division.

1087 (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, any person who holds a valid
1088 license as a Master Plumber Class I or a Master Plumber Class II or any company which
1089 holds a valid utility contractor license shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any
1090 plumbing system which extends from the property line up to but not within five feet of any
1091 building, structure, or conveyance, regardless of the cost or depth of any such plumbing
1092 system; provided, however, that only persons who hold a valid license to engage in
1093 plumbing under this chapter shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing
1094 system within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance.

1095 (d) A person that is not licensed as a Master Plumber Class I or a Master Plumber Class
1096 II shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or
1097 profession of plumbing contracting.

1098 (e) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage
1099 in the business of plumbing unless there is regularly connected with such partnership,
1100 limited liability company, or corporation a person actively engaged in the performance of
1101 such business on a full-time basis who has a valid license as a Master Plumber Class I or
1102 a Master Plumber Class II; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees of any
1103 individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to
1104 engage in the business of plumbing contracting under a license which was valid at the time
1105 of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The division
1106 may, at its discretion, upon application by the plumbing contractor showing good cause,
1107 grant one additional 90 day grace period.

1108 (f) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who
1109 satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

1110 (g) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations
1111 qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division within seven days of the
1112 severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation
1113 of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.

1114 (h) Application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and
1115 authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal
1116 background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State for
1117 licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information necessary
1118 to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of
1119 fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance
1120 of such background check.

1121 (i) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the
1122 absence of fraud, be conclusive.

1123 (j) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a journeyman plumber under the provisions
1124 of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by
1125 the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing
1126 Board, and meet the following requirements:

1127 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

1128 (2) Have completed one year of full-time experience performing plumbing work of a
1129 type covered by the state minimum standard plumbing code, regardless of whether such
1130 code applied to the work in the area or at the time such work was performed by the
1131 applicant. Qualifying experience under this paragraph shall be obtained under the
1132 supervision of a licensed Master Plumber Class I or a Master Plumber Class II and shall
1133 include participation in plumbing work demonstrating practical competency in the
1134 following areas, as applicable to the scope of licensure requested and consistent with the
1135 requirements of this paragraph:

1136 (A) Installation, maintenance, alteration, service, or repair of plumbing systems,
1137 including potable water supply and distribution systems; sanitary, waste, storm
1138 drainage, and venting systems; plumbing fixtures and equipment; and fuel gas piping
1139 systems and fuel-gas-fired appliances, including piping downstream of the gas meter
1140 or storage tank;

- 1141 (B) Plumbing system layout, pipe sizing, material selection, inspection, testing,
1142 diagnosing, and troubleshooting of plumbing and fuel gas systems, including the
1143 application of applicable plumbing codes, standards, and manufacturer installation
1144 requirements, performed under appropriate supervision;
- 1145 (C) Application of safe work practices, including job site and trench safety, confined
1146 space awareness, fall protection, lockout and tagout procedures, and the proper
1147 selection and use of personal protective equipment;
- 1148 (D) Performance of supporting plumbing related work directly associated with the
1149 installation, alteration, service, or repair of plumbing systems, including support of
1150 plumbing system components, trenching, excavation, and backfilling, material handling
1151 and staging, demolition and general labor, operation of tools or equipment commonly
1152 used in plumbing work, assisting licensed plumbers, and installation of pipe and tubing
1153 supports, including hangers, strut, supports, and bracing; and
- 1154 (E) Full-time employment as an estimator or project manager for a Class I or Class II
1155 Master Plumbing Contractor, where such employment involves regular exposure to
1156 plumbing systems, plans, specifications, and job site coordination;
- 1157 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from the licensed Master Plumber Class I or Master
1158 Plumber Class II who supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as
1159 a current or former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential
1160 requirements set forth in this subsection. When the applicant's qualifying experience was
1161 obtained under the supervision of more than one such individual, a separate signed
1162 affidavit shall be submitted by each individual who supervised or oversaw the applicable
1163 portion of the applicant's experience; and
- 1164 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
1165 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
1166 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
1167 documentation for noncitizen applicants.

1168 (k) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a Master Plumber Class I under the provisions
1169 of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by
1170 the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing
1171 Board, and meet the following requirements:

1172 (1) Successfully pass the board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

1173 (2) Have completed a minimum of four years of full-time experience in plumbing work
1174 as would be covered by items of the Georgia State Plumbing Code, at least three years
1175 of which shall have been performed while licensed as a Journeyman Plumber under this
1176 chapter; provided, however, that an applicant licensed as a Journeyman Plumber under
1177 this chapter prior to March 1, 2025, shall be required to have completed one of such four
1178 years while licensed as a Journeyman Plumber. Qualifying experience under this
1179 subsection shall include participation in plumbing work demonstrating practical
1180 competency, as applicable to the scope of licensure requested and consistent with the
1181 requirements of this paragraph. Such experience shall be obtained under the supervision
1182 of a licensed master plumber; provided, however, that for licensure as a Statewide Master
1183 Plumber Class I, qualifying experience shall be limited to plumbing work performed
1184 within the restricted scope of practice applicable to a Master Plumber Class I, as defined
1185 in this chapter. Such qualifying experience includes, but is not limited to:

1186 (A) Installation, maintenance, alteration, service, or repair of plumbing systems,
1187 including potable water supply and distribution systems, sanitary, waste, storm
1188 drainage, and venting systems, plumbing fixtures and equipment, and fuel gas piping
1189 systems and fuel-gas-fired appliances, including piping downstream of the gas meter
1190 or storage tank, and piping downstream of any municipal or county water meter from
1191 the point of service connection and extending into and throughout the building or
1192 structure served;

1193 (B) Plumbing system layout, pipe sizing, material selection, inspection, testing,
1194 diagnosing, and troubleshooting of plumbing and fuel gas systems, including the

1195 application of applicable plumbing codes, standards, and manufacturer installation
1196 requirements, performed under appropriate supervision;
1197 (C) Application of safe work practices, including job site and trench safety, confined
1198 space awareness, fall protection, lockout and tagout procedures, and the proper
1199 selection and use of personal protective equipment;
1200 (D) Performance of supporting plumbing related work directly associated with the
1201 installation, alteration, service, or repair of plumbing systems, including support of
1202 plumbing system components; trenching, excavation, and backfilling; material handling
1203 and staging, demolition and general labor, operation of tools or equipment commonly
1204 used in plumbing work, assisting licensed plumbers, and installation of pipe and tubing
1205 supports, including hangers, strut, supports, and bracing; and
1206 (E) Full-time employment as an estimator or project manager for a Master Plumber
1207 Class I or Master Plumber Class II, where such employment involves regular exposure
1208 to plumbing systems, plans, specifications, and job site coordination;
1209 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from any licensed Master Plumber Class I or Master
1210 Plumber Class II who supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as
1211 a current or former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the primary
1212 experiential requirements set forth in this subsection. When the applicant's qualifying
1213 full-time experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such
1214 individual, a separate signed affidavit shall be submitted by each individual who
1215 supervised or oversaw the applicable portion of the applicant's experience; and
1216 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
1217 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
1218 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
1219 documentation for noncitizen applicants.
1220 (l) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a Master Plumber Class II under the provisions
1221 of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form prescribed by

1222 the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction Industry Licensing
1223 Board, and meet the following requirements:

1224 (1) Successfully pass the board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;
1225 (2) Have completed a minimum of five years of full-time experience in plumbing work
1226 as would be covered by items of the state minimum standard plumbing code, with at least
1227 four of the five years being licensed as a Journeyman Plumber; provided, however, that
1228 an applicant licensed as a Journeyman Plumber under this chapter prior to March 1, 2025,
1229 shall be required to have completed two of such five years while licensed as a
1230 Journeyman Plumber. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall include
1231 participation in plumbing work demonstrating practical competency in the following
1232 areas, as applicable to the scope of licensure requested and consistent with the
1233 requirements of this paragraph. Such experience shall be obtained under the supervision
1234 of a licensed master plumber; provided, however, that for licensure as a Master Plumber
1235 Class II, not less than two years of the required experience shall have been obtained
1236 performing plumbing work within the unrestricted scope of practice applicable to a
1237 Master Plumber Class II, as defined in this chapter:

1238 (A) Participation in the installation, maintenance, alteration, service, or repair of
1239 plumbing systems, including potable water supply and distribution systems, sanitary,
1240 waste, storm drainage, and venting systems, plumbing fixtures and equipment, and fuel
1241 gas piping systems and fuel-gas-fired appliances, including piping downstream of the
1242 gas meter or storage tank, and piping downstream of any municipal or county water
1243 meter from the point of service connection and extending into and throughout the
1244 building or structure served;

1245 (B) Involvement in plumbing system layout, pipe sizing, material selection, and
1246 installation methods, performed under appropriate supervision where required;

1247 (C) Participation in the inspection, testing, troubleshooting, and correction of plumbing
1248 and fuel gas systems, including verification of system performance and compliance
1249 with applicable plumbing codes, standards, and manufacturer installation requirements;
1250 (D) Implementation and application of safe work practices, including job site and
1251 trench safety, confined space awareness, fall protection, lockout and tagout procedures,
1252 and the proper selection and use of personal protective equipment; and
1253 (E) Supervision or lead responsibility for plumbing personnel, including training,
1254 assignment of duties, oversight of work quality, and enforcement of safety and code
1255 compliance requirements;

1256 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from any licensed Master Plumber Class I or Master
1257 Plumber Class II who supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as
1258 a current or former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the primary
1259 experiential requirements set forth in this subsection. When the applicant's qualifying
1260 experience was obtained under the supervision of more than one such individual, a
1261 separate signed affidavit shall be submitted by each individual who supervised or
1262 oversaw the applicable portion of the applicant's experience; and

1263 (4) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
1264 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
1265 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
1266 documentation for noncitizen applicants.

1267 (m) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
1268 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
1269 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
1270 action authorized by the division.

1271 43-14-14.

1272 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'division' means the Division of Conditioned Air
1273 Contractors.

1274 (b) No person shall engage in conditioned air contracting unless such person has a valid
1275 license issued by the division.

1276 (c) The division shall certify all applicants for licensure under this Code section who
1277 satisfy the requirements of this Code section.

1278 (d) A person that is not licensed as a conditioned air contractor shall be prohibited from
1279 advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of a conditioned
1280 air contractor unless the work is performed by a licensed conditioned air contractor.

1281 (e) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage
1282 in the business of conditioned air contracting unless there is regularly connected with such
1283 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons actively engaged
1284 in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid licenses issued to
1285 them as provided for in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and
1286 employees of the individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be
1287 authorized to engage in the business of conditioned air contracting under a license which
1288 was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such
1289 death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the conditioned air
1290 contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

1291 (f) Partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations having more than one office
1292 location from which conditioned air contracting is performed shall have at least one person
1293 stationed in each branch office of such partnership, limited liability company, or
1294 corporation who is engaged in the performance of conditioned air contracting on a full-time
1295 basis who is supervising the installation, repair, alteration, and service work of air
1296 conditioning and heating systems of all employees of such branch office locations; and who
1297 has a valid license issued as provided in this Code section.

1298 (g) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations
1299 qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division within seven days of the
1300 severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation
1301 of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.

1302 (h) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a Conditioned Air Contractor Class I under
1303 the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form
1304 prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction
1305 Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

1306 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

1307 (2) Have completed a minimum of years of full-time experience performing conditioned
1308 air work of a type covered by the state minimum standard codes, regardless of whether
1309 such code applied to the work in the area or at the time such work was performed by the
1310 applicant;

1311 (A) Qualifying experience under this subsection shall consist of two years of
1312 residential installation experience as a lead mechanic, one year as a service technician,
1313 one year of residential supervisory experience; and

1314 (B) An applicant shall receive credit toward the experience requirements of this section
1315 based on the actual instructional time completed in relevant coursework, meaning
1316 coursework directly related to the scope of licensure requested, provided that such
1317 credit shall not exceed two years for completion of a technical school or technical
1318 college diploma program in air conditioning technology, engineering, or engineering
1319 technology from an institution accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the
1320 division, or one year for completion of a vocational-technical school certificate program
1321 from an institution accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the division;

1322 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from any licensed architect, licensed professional engineer,
1323 public building official or building inspector, or licensed conditioned air contractor who
1324 directly supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as a current or

1325 former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements
1326 set forth in this Code section. When the applicant's qualifying experience was obtained
1327 under the supervision of more than one such individual, a separate signed affidavit shall
1328 be submitted by each individual who supervised or oversaw the applicable portion of the
1329 applicant's experience;

1330 (4) Complete the Type II Federal Environmental Protection Agency Section 608
1331 Technician Certification;

1332 (5) Complete a board approved heat loss and gain and duct design course; and

1333 (6) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
1334 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, and submit an affidavit verifying lawful
1335 presence in the United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, together with any
1336 required immigration documentation for noncitizen applicants.

1337 (i) Any individual seeking to be licensed as a Conditioned Air Contractor Class II under
1338 the provisions of this chapter shall file a completed application with the division on a form
1339 prescribed by the division, pay the required fees established by the State Construction
1340 Industry Licensing Board, and meet the following requirements:

1341 (1) Successfully pass a board approved examination with a minimum score of 70;

1342 (2)(A) Have completed a minimum of five years of full-time experience performing
1343 conditioned air work covered by the state minimum standard codes, regardless of
1344 whether such code applied to the work in the area or at the time such work was
1345 performed by the applicant. Qualifying experience under this subsection shall consist
1346 of two years of commercial supervisory experience, one year as a service technician or
1347 service supervisor, and two years of installation as a lead mechanic with at least one of
1348 the years being commercial only, installing conditioned air systems that exceed a net
1349 175,000 BTU of heating and 60,000 BTU of cooling.

1350 (B) An applicant shall receive credit toward the experience requirements of this Code
1351 section based on the actual instructional time completed in relevant coursework,

1352 meaning coursework directly related to the scope of licensure requested, provided that
1353 such credit shall not exceed two years for completion of a technical school or technical
1354 college diploma program in air conditioning technology, engineering, or engineering
1355 technology from an institution accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the
1356 division, or one year for completion of a vocational-technical school certificate program
1357 from an institution accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the division;
1358 (3) Submit a signed affidavit from a licensed architect, licensed professional engineer,
1359 public building official or building inspector, or licensed conditioned air contractor who
1360 directly supervised or otherwise oversaw the applicant's work, whether as a current or
1361 former employer, attesting to the applicant's completion of the experiential requirements
1362 set forth in this subsection. When the applicant's qualifying experience was obtained
1363 under the supervision of more than one such individual, a separate signed affidavit shall
1364 be submitted by each individual who supervised or oversaw the applicable portion of the
1365 applicant's experience;
1366 (4) Complete the Type II and Type III Federal Environmental Protection Agency Section
1367 608 Technician Certification;
1368 (5) Complete a board approved heat loss and gain and duct design course; and
1369 (6) Submit at least one secure and verifiable document, as defined in Code Section
1370 50-36-2, establishing the applicant's identity, an affidavit verifying lawful presence in the
1371 United States pursuant to Code Section 50-36-1, and any required immigration
1372 documentation for noncitizen applicants.
1373 (j) Application for a license under this Code section shall constitute express consent and
1374 authorization for the Secretary of State or his or her representative to perform a criminal
1375 background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary of State
1376 for licensure agrees to provide the Secretary of State with any and all information
1377 necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable

1378 sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the
1379 performance of such background check.

1380 (k) The decision of the division regarding the qualifications of licensure shall, in the
1381 absence of fraud, be conclusive. All individuals, individuals serving as partners in
1382 partnerships, applicants for limited liability companies, or applicants for corporations
1383 desiring to engage in conditioned air contracting shall be licensed under this Code section
1384 before engaging in such vocation and business, including at the local level.

1385 (l) Any person or entity violating this Code section shall be subject to discipline and
1386 penalties as provided in this chapter, including, but not limited to, license denial,
1387 suspension, revocation, administrative fines, injunction, or any other lawful enforcement
1388 action authorized by the division.

1389 43-14-15.

1390 Whenever it shall appear to a division of the board or to the executive director or to a
1391 county or municipal inspection authority that any person is or has been violating this
1392 chapter or any of the lawful rules, regulations, or orders of the board, the division of the
1393 board, the local inspection authority, or the appropriate prosecuting attorney may file a
1394 petition for an injunction in the proper superior court of this state against such person for
1395 the purpose of enjoining any such violation. It shall not be necessary to allege or prove that
1396 there is no adequate remedy at law. The right of injunction provided for in this Code
1397 section shall be in addition to any other legal remedy which the board has and shall be in
1398 addition to any right of criminal prosecution provided for by law.

1399 43-14-16.

1400 (a) Any municipal or county inspection authority which meets the standards established
1401 by the board shall be authorized, after notice and hearing, to suspend the license or
1402 certification, or refuse to restore a license or certification to any person or licensee upon

1403 the grounds set out in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-14-6; provided,
1404 however, that such suspension of a license by a local inspection authority shall be
1405 applicable only within the jurisdiction of such local authority. Any person aggrieved by
1406 an action of a local authority shall be entitled to an appeal to the appropriate division of the
1407 board and a hearing.

1408 (b)(1) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority
1409 of any county or municipality in the state from adopting and enforcing codes at the local
1410 level; provided, however, that no county or municipality may require any licensed
1411 conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber who has executed and deposited a bond
1412 as authorized in paragraph (2) of this subsection to give or furnish or execute any code
1413 compliance bond or similar bond for the purpose of ensuring that all construction,
1414 installation, or modifications are made or completed in compliance with the county or
1415 municipal ordinances or building and construction codes.

1416 (2) In order to protect the public from damages arising from any work by a licensed
1417 conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber, which work fails to comply with the
1418 ordinances or building and construction codes adopted by any county or municipal
1419 corporation, any such licensed conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber may
1420 execute and deposit with the judge of the probate court in the county of his or her
1421 principal place of business a bond in the sum of \$10,000.00. Such bond shall be a cash
1422 bond of \$10,000.00 or executed by a surety authorized and qualified to write surety bonds
1423 in the State of Georgia and shall be approved by the judge of the probate court. Such
1424 bond shall be conditioned upon all work done or supervised by such licensee complying
1425 with the provisions of any ordinances or building and construction codes of any county
1426 or municipal corporation wherein the work is performed. Action on such bond may be
1427 brought against the principal and surety thereon in the name of and for the benefit of any
1428 person who suffers damages as a consequence of said licensee's work not conforming to
1429 the requirements of any ordinances or building and construction codes; provided,

1430 however, that the aggregate liability of the surety to all persons so damaged shall in no
1431 event exceed the sum of such bond.

1432 (3) In any case where a bond is required under this subsection, the conditioned air
1433 contractor or plumber shall file a copy of the bond with the building official in the
1434 political subdivision wherein the work is being performed.

1435 (4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to or affect any bonding
1436 requirements involving contracts for public works as provided in Chapter 10 of Title 13.

1437 (c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed as prohibiting or preventing a
1438 municipality or county from fixing, charging, assessing, or collecting any license fee,
1439 registration fee, tax, or gross receipt tax on any related business or on anyone engaged in
1440 any related business governed by this chapter.

1441 43-14-17.

1442 (a) If a person is in violation Code Section 43-14-8, 43-14-9, 43-14-10, 43-14-13, or
1443 43-14-14, it shall not be necessary for an investigator to observe or witness the unlicensed
1444 person engaged illegally in the process of work or to show work in progress or work
1445 completed in order to prove the unlawful practice of electrical contracting, low voltage
1446 contracting, utility contracting, plumbing contracting, or conditioned air contracting, by an
1447 unlicensed person.

1448 (b) It shall be prima-facie evidence of a violation of this chapter if any person not licensed
1449 as a conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, electrical contractor, utility contractor,
1450 or low voltage contractor advertises that such person is in the business or profession of a
1451 conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, electrical contractor utility contractor, or
1452 low voltage contractor or advertises in a manner such that the general public would believe
1453 that such person is a licensed conditioned air contractor or in the business or profession of
1454 a conditioned air contractor, is a licensed plumbing contractor in the business or profession
1455 of a plumbing contractor, or is a licensed electrical contractor in the business or profession

1456 of an electrical contractor, is a licensed utility contractor in the business or profession of
1457 a utility contractor, or is a licensed low voltage contractor in the business or profession of
1458 a low voltage contractor. Advertising under this subsection includes, but is not limited to,
1459 newspaper, internet, social media and digital applications, television, radio, telephone
1460 directory listings, mailings, business cards, or signage at a place of business or attached to
1461 a vehicle.

1462 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 43-1-20.1, after notice and hearing,
1463 the board may issue a cease and desist order prohibiting any person from violating the
1464 provisions of this chapter by engaging in the business or profession of a conditioned air
1465 contractor, plumbing contractor, electrical contractor, or low voltage contractor without a
1466 license as required under this chapter or by constructing, erecting, altering, or repairing a
1467 utility system without a properly certified utility manager or properly certified utility
1468 foreman present at the job site.

1469 (d) With respect to plumbing contracting, conditioned air contracting, low voltage
1470 contracting, and electrical contracting, the violation of any cease and desist order of the
1471 board issued under subsection (c) of this Code section shall subject the person violating the
1472 order to further proceedings before the board, and the board shall be authorized to impose
1473 a fine not to exceed \$1,500.00 for each violation thereof. Each day that a person practices
1474 in violation of this Code section and chapter shall constitute a separate violation.

1475 (e) With respect to utility contracting, the violation of any cease and desist order of the
1476 board issued under subsection (c) of this Code section shall subject the person violating the
1477 order to further proceedings before the board, and the board shall be authorized to impose
1478 a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 for each violation thereof. Each day that a person practices
1479 in violation of this Code section and chapter or constructs, erects, alters, or repairs a utility
1480 system without a properly certified utility manager or properly certified utility foreman
1481 present at such job site shall constitute a separate violation.

1482 (f) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the board from seeking
1483 remedies otherwise available by statute without first seeking a cease and desist order in
1484 accordance with the provisions of this Code section.

1485 (g) Any person violating this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
1486 conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than
1487 six months, or both.

1488 43-14-18.

1489 (a) Every person holding a license issued by a division of the board shall display it in a
1490 conspicuous manner at his or her place of business.

1491 (b) All commercial vehicles used by licensees and certificate holders exclusively in the
1492 daily operation of their business shall have prominently displayed thereon the company or
1493 business registration or certificate number issued by the Secretary of State's office. Such
1494 registration number or certificate number, or website address where such number can be
1495 found, shall also be prominently displayed on any advertising relating to work which a
1496 licensee or certificate holder purports to have the capacity to perform. Said registration or
1497 certificate number shall also be printed on all invoices and proposal forms.

1498 43-14-19.

1499 (a) This chapter shall apply to all installations, alterations, and repairs of plumbing, air
1500 conditioning and heating, or electrical or low voltage wiring or utility systems within or on
1501 public or private buildings, structures, or premises except as otherwise provided in this
1502 Code section.

1503 (b) Any person that holds a license issued under this chapter may engage in the business
1504 of plumbing contracting, electrical contracting, conditioned air contracting, low voltage
1505 contracting, or utility contracting but only as prescribed by the license, throughout the state;
1506 and except as provided in Code Section 43-14-16, no municipality or county may require

1507 such person to comply with any additional licensing requirements imposed by such
1508 municipality or county.

1509 (c) This chapter shall not apply to:

1510 (1) The installation, alteration, or repair of plumbing, air conditioning and heating, utility
1511 systems, or electrical services, except low voltage wiring services, up to and including
1512 the meters where such work is performed by and is an integral part of the system owned
1513 or operated by a public service corporation, an electrical, water, or gas department of any
1514 municipality in this state, a railroad company, a pipeline company, or a mining company
1515 in the exercise of its normal function as such;

1516 (2) Low voltage wiring performed by public utilities, except that the portion of the
1517 business of public utilities which involves the installation, alteration, repair, or service
1518 of telecommunications systems for profit shall be covered under this chapter;

1519 (3) The installation, construction, or maintenance of power systems or
1520 telecommunications systems for the generation or distribution of electric current
1521 constructed under the National Electrical Safety Code, which regulates the safety
1522 requirements of utilities; but the interior wiring regulated by the National Electrical
1523 Safety Code shall not be exempt and must be done by an electrical contractor, except as
1524 otherwise provided by law; provided, however, that a tier 2 local exchange company, as
1525 defined in Code Section 46-5-162, may perform low-voltage interior wiring without
1526 licensure as an electrical contractor solely to the extent such wiring is necessary for the
1527 installation, maintenance, repair, or operation of its own telecommunications systems and
1528 network infrastructure. Such work shall be performed only by employees of the tier 2
1529 local exchange company and shall not include general electrical service work or
1530 modification of building power distribution systems unrelated to the provider's
1531 telecommunications systems;

1532 (4) Any technician employed by a municipal or county franchised community antenna
1533 television (CATV) system or a municipally owned CATV system in the performance of
1534 work on the system;

1535 (5) Regular full-time employees of an institution, manufacturer, or business who perform
1536 plumbing, electrical, low voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting
1537 when working on the premises of their employer;

1538 (6) A contractor certified by the Department of Public Health to make the connection to
1539 any on-site waste-water management system from the stub out exiting the structure to an
1540 on-site waste-water management system;

1541 (7) Any employee or authorized agent of a regulated gas utility or municipally owned
1542 gas utility while in the course and scope of such employment; or

1543 (8) Persons licensed as manufactured or mobile home installers by the state fire marshal
1544 when:

1545 (A) Coupling the electrical connection from the service entrance panel outside the
1546 manufactured housing to the distribution panel board inside the manufactured housing;

1547 (B) Connecting the exterior sewer outlets to the aboveground sewer system; or

1548 (C) Connecting the exterior water line to the aboveground water system.

1549 (d) This chapter shall not prohibit:

1550 (1) An individual from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing fixtures, air
1551 conditioning and heating, air conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or
1552 electrical or low voltage wiring services in a residential dwelling owned or occupied by
1553 such individual; provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with
1554 all other provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board, and any
1555 applicable county or municipal resolutions, ordinances, codes, or inspection
1556 requirements;

1557 (2) An individual employed on the maintenance staff of a facility owned by the state or
1558 by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision from installing, altering, or

1559 repairing plumbing, plumbing fixtures, air conditioning and heating fixtures, utility
1560 systems, or electrical or low voltage wiring services when such work is an integral part
1561 of the maintenance requirements of the facility; provided, however, that all such work
1562 must be done in conformity with all other provisions of this chapter and the orders, rules,
1563 and regulations of the board;

1564 (3) Any person from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing, plumbing fixtures, air
1565 conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or electrical or low voltage wiring
1566 services in a farm or ranch service building or as an integral part of any irrigation system
1567 on a farm or ranch when such system is not located within 30 feet of any dwelling or any
1568 building devoted to animal husbandry. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
1569 limit the application of any resolution, ordinance, code, or inspection requirements of a
1570 county or municipality relating to such connections;

1571 (4) Any person from installing, altering, or repairing the plumbing component of a lawn
1572 sprinkler system from a backflow preventer which was installed by a licensed plumber;
1573 provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other
1574 provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board, and ordinances of the
1575 county or municipality; or

1576 (5) Any propane dealer that is properly insured as required by law and that holds a
1577 liquefied petroleum gas license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner from installing,
1578 repairing, or servicing a propane system or the gas piping or components of such system;
1579 provided, however, that such propane dealers shall be prohibited from performing the
1580 installation of conditioned air systems or forced air heating systems unless licensed to do
1581 so under this chapter.

1582 (e) Any person qualified by the Department of Transportation to perform work for the
1583 department shall not be required to be licensed under:

1584 (1) Code Section 43-14-10 or certified under Code Sections 43-14-11 and 43-14-12 in
1585 order to perform work for the department; or

1586 (2) Code Section 43-14-10 or certified under Code Sections 43-14-11 and 43-14-12 in
1587 order to perform work for a county, municipality, authority, or other political subdivision
1588 when such work is of the same nature as that for which the person is qualified when
1589 performing department work; provided, however, that such work is not performed on a
1590 utility system as defined in Code Section 43-14-2 for which the person receives
1591 compensation.

1592 (f) Any person who contracts with a licensed conditioned air contractor:

1593 (1) As part of a conditioned air contract to install, alter, or repair duct systems, control
1594 systems, or insulation is not required to hold a license from the Division of Conditioned
1595 Air Contractors. The conditioned air contractor must retain responsibility for completion
1596 of the contract, including any subcontracted work;

1597 (2) To perform a complete installation, alteration, or repair of a conditioned air system
1598 must hold a valid license from the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors; or

1599 (3) To perform for or on behalf of a conditioned air contractor the installation, alteration,
1600 or repair of the electrical, low voltage, or plumbing components of a conditioned air
1601 system must hold a valid license from the appropriate division of the board.

1602 (g) Any utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter shall
1603 be authorized to bid for and perform work on any utility system in this state without
1604 obtaining a license under Chapter 41 of this title. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a
1605 utility system or anyone soliciting work to be performed on a utility system to refuse to
1606 allow a utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter to bid
1607 for or perform work on a utility system on the basis that such contractor does not hold a
1608 license under Chapter 41 of this title.

1609 43-14-20.

1610 (a) All licenses and certificates issued under this chapter shall be valid for a period of two
1611 years and shall be subject to biennial renewal upon expiration.

1612 (b) All applications for renewal of a license or certificate shall be filed with the division
1613 director prior to the expiration date, accompanied by the biennial renewal fee prescribed
1614 by the board and certifying that all current requirements of continuing education as
1615 determined by the board have been fulfilled.

1616 (c) Any person who fails to renew a license or certificate on or before its expiration date
1617 may apply for late renewal during a period not to exceed 31 days immediately following
1618 the expiration of the biennial license. Such application shall be submitted and shall include
1619 the required renewal information and late renewal fee, as prescribed by the board.

1620 (d) Any license or certificate that is not renewed on or before its expiration date or during
1621 the late renewal period provided in subsection (c) of this Code section shall lapse and shall
1622 not be in good standing unless reinstated pursuant to this Code section.

1623 (e) If an application for reinstatement is submitted less than three years after the expiration
1624 date of the license or certificate, the applicant shall submit a reinstatement application, the
1625 required reinstatement fee, verification that the licensee or certificate holder has completed
1626 the required continuing education requirements, and any other information, as prescribed
1627 by the board.

1628 (f) If an application for reinstatement is submitted more than three years after the
1629 expiration date of a license or certificate, the applicant shall, in addition to satisfying the
1630 applicable continuing education requirements, comply with any additional requirements
1631 prescribed by the board or the appropriate division. Such requirements may include, when
1632 applicable to the license or certificate sought, reexamination and the submission of an
1633 affidavit attesting that the applicant meets the applicable experience requirements.

1634 (g) Each division of the board is authorized to require individuals seeking renewal of any
1635 license or certificate issued under this chapter to complete continuing education courses
1636 approved by that division.

1637 (h) Each division may approve continuing education courses or programs offered within
1638 or outside this state for licensees and certificate holders, subject to reasonable,

1639 nondiscriminatory fees. Such courses or programs shall relate to the licensed activity and
1640 shall be offered by qualified providers in accordance with rules adopted by the board.
1641 Courses conducted primarily to promote specific products or services shall not be
1642 permitted.

1643 (i) Each division may waive the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship,
1644 disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the division deems appropriate.

1645 (j) Each division shall make all reasonable efforts to make the continuing education
1646 offered pursuant to this Code section available online or through home study courses and
1647 accessible at times outside of the normal work hours of those licensed by such division.

1648 (k) Continuing education hours shall not be carried forward to a subsequent renewal
1649 period.

1650 (l) Failure to comply with the continuing education or renewal requirements of this Code
1651 section shall render the license or certificate invalid and subject the licensee or certificate
1652 holder to disciplinary action, including denial of renewal or revocation of the license. Such
1653 licensee or certificate holder shall not be authorized to engage in the business or profession
1654 for which licensed until the license or certificate is renewed or reinstated in accordance
1655 with applicable procedures.

1656 43-14-21.

1657 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

1658 (1) 'Discharge' means an honorable discharge or a general discharge from active military
1659 service. Such term shall not mean a discharge under other than honorable conditions, a
1660 bad conduct discharge, or a dishonorable discharge.

1661 (2) 'Military' means the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the
1662 armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard.

1663 (b) A committee composed of the division director, members of the Governor's Office of
1664 Workforce Development, and members of the relevant divisions of the licensing board

1665 representing the profession for which the applicant is seeking a license shall determine the
1666 military specialties or certifications the training or experience for which substantially meets
1667 or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license for Electrical Contractor Class I,
1668 Journeyman Plumber, Conditioned Air Contractor Class I, or Utility Foreman. The
1669 Governor shall designate a chairperson from among the members of the committee.

1670 (c) Any current or former member of the military may apply to the licensing board for the
1671 expedited issuance of a license or certification based upon his or her having obtained a
1672 military specialty or certification, the training or experience for which substantially meets
1673 or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license or certification identified in subsection (b)
1674 of this Code section.

1675 (d) In order to qualify under this Code section, an applicant shall make application not
1676 later than two years after his or her discharge. The licensing board, in its discretion, may
1677 by rule or regulation extend such two-year period for a license or certification, or class
1678 thereof, or may extend such two-year period for an individual applicant if certain
1679 circumstances, including, but not limited to, health, hospitalization, or other related
1680 emergencies or exigencies, prevented the member of the military from making an
1681 application.

1682 (e) Such application shall be in such form and shall require such documentation as the
1683 division director shall determine. If the applicant satisfies the requirements of this Code
1684 section, the division director shall direct the appropriate division to issue the appropriate
1685 license, and the division shall immediately issue such license; provided, however, that the
1686 applicant shall satisfy all financial and insurance requirements for the issuance of such
1687 license. This Code section shall only apply to the initial issuance of a license. After the
1688 initial issuance of a license, the licensee shall be subject to any provisions relating to the
1689 renewal of the license applicable to all licensees.

1690 43-14-22.

1691 The board may establish a process through rules and regulations for licenses issued under
1692 this chapter to be placed on inactive status and the qualifications necessary for such
1693 licenses to be returned to active status; provided, however, that engaging in any conduct
1694 that requires a license under this chapter while holding an inactive license shall be
1695 considered an unlicensed practice and shall be prohibited.

1696 43-14-23.

1697 Each division of the board may, in its discretion, grant a license or certificate to any person
1698 who, at the time of application, is licensed or certified in another state whose requirements
1699 for licensure are substantially equal to the requirements for a similar license or certificate
1700 issued under this chapter, and to grant such person full privileges to engage in equivalent
1701 practice authorized under this chapter without requiring an examination, if applicable,
1702 provided that:

1703 (1) The applicant has been principally engaged in the practice authorized by such license
1704 or certificate for a period of not less than two years immediately preceding the
1705 application;

1706 (2) The applicant submits a proper application, pays a fee in an amount established by
1707 the board, and completes any additional safety training courses required by the board; and

1708 (3) The state in which the applicant is licensed or certified affords substantially
1709 equivalent licensure or certification privileges to persons licensed or certified under this
1710 chapter by the State of Georgia.

1711 43-14-24.

1712 This chapter shall be administered in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia
1713 Administrative Procedure Act.'

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SECTION 3.

1715 Code Section 48-7-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to deduction for
1716 payments to classified subcontractors, disclosure of tax returns, and maintenance of list of
1717 classified subcontractors, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

1718 ~~"(2) 'Small business' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 50-5-121~~
1719 means a business which is independently owned and operated and:

1720 (A) Tier one: has ten or fewer employees or \$1 million or less in gross receipts per
1721 year;

1722 (B) Tier two: has 100 or fewer employees or \$10 million or less in gross receipts per
1723 year; or

1724 (C) Tier three: has 300 or fewer employees or \$30 million or less in gross receipts per
1725 year."

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SECTION 4.

1727 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.