



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 317

HOUSE BILL NO. 1713

By Representative Curtiss

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1962

By Senators Stewart, Haile

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to electrical inspections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-102-143(a), is amended by deleting the existing language and substituting the following:

(a)

(1) The commissioner of commerce and insurance may, in addition to the other provisions of this part, authorize and appoint any person, acting through a professional corporation pursuant to § 48-101-601, who meets the qualifications enumerated in subdivision (a)(2) as a commissioned deputy electrical inspector in this division, who shall have all the power of other deputies and assistants to enter any building or premises to make inspections of the buildings and their contents, and to report the inspections in writing to the commissioner. The commissioner is directed to contract with each deputy electrical inspector through the inspector's professional corporation to provide electrical inspection services. The contracts shall be between the commissioner and the professional corporation employing the electrical inspector and the electrical inspectors shall not be deemed employees of the state for payroll purposes or otherwise.

(2) A deputy electrical inspector shall possess:

(A) A high school diploma or GED certificate;

(B) Practical experience consisting of at least five (5) years in electrical installation or inspection; and

(C) Proof of having passed a nationally recognized certification examination prescribed by the commissioner in both electrical one- and two-family dwellings and electrical general.

(3) The commissioner shall provide a program to ensure that electrical inspection services are available throughout the state on a timely basis according to the following criteria:

(A) Geographically designated inspection territories shall be established to provide for timely inspections. An inspection shall be considered timely if it is performed within three (3) working days of when the request is made to the inspector.

(B) Each geographical territory shall be assigned to a deputy electrical inspector, acting through a professional corporation, by the commissioner after consultation with local electric power distributors and the Tennessee Association of Electrical Inspectors.

(C) Each geographical territory may also be served by back-up inspectors who may serve multiple geographic territories in order to provide for timely inspections. The commissioner has authority to

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contract with back-up inspectors, acting through each back-up inspector's professional corporation.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-14-804, is amended by deleting the current language in its entirety and by substituting in place thereof the following:

Each person, enterprise, agency or entity that purchases or acquires a swimming pool to be installed after January 1, 2011, shall install and maintain a pool alarm before using or making available for use such swimming pool.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-14-805(a), is amended by deleting the current language in its entirety and by substituting in place thereof the following:

(a) When an electrical inspection is required for approval of the wiring of a swimming pool, the electrical inspector shall not give final approval for such electrical wiring unless a hard-wired swimming pool alarm has been properly installed or the person, enterprise, agency or entity who has acquired the pool provides written proof that a battery operated pool alarm has been purchased.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 16, 2011

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR