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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Assembly Bill 994

Assembly Amendment 1

BACKGROUND

Under current law, with certain exceptions, a person may not begin construction on a building that is subject to the one- and two-family dwelling code unless the person obtains a building permit. A person may not obtain a building permit unless the person annually obtains a certificate of financial responsibility from the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS).

2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 994

In addition to requirements in current law for obtaining a certificate of financial responsibility, Assembly Bill 994 requires that an applicant submit to DSPS proof of completing at least 12 hours in an educational course approved by DSPS that satisfies all of the following:

- The course consists of in-person instruction or **live virtual** instruction.
- The course provider requires that the applicant show photo identification to register attendance for the course.
- The course includes instruction on accounting, lien law, ethics, and best business practices.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 changes live virtual instruction to **online** instruction in the first bullet above.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Spiros on February 16, 2022. On February 22, 2022, the Assembly Committee on Housing and Real Estate recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0. On February 23, 2022, the Assembly adopted the amendment and passed the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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