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## Senate Bill 930

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Good morning Mr. Chairman and committee members, thank you for taking the time to hear Senate Bill 930.

SB 930 was drafted at the request of the Wisconsin Builders Association (WBA), representatives of which are with me here today. The bill updates the contractor certification requirements in Wisconsin for builders and remodelers who apply for a building permit for the construction or remodeling of a single-family home.

The changes contained in the bill come from a subcommittee established by the Wisconsin Builders Association to update provisions of 2005 Wisconsin Act 200. The subcommittee consisted of WBA builder and associate members who provided the ideas and expertise for the updates in the bill and are part of the overall WBA advocacy agenda for the 2021-2022 legislative session. These changes will provide more clarity to current law and administrative rules and improve on the current standards for single family building contractors in Wisconsin.

Generally, the bill will clarify that to obtain an initial certification the 12-hour course must include instruction on accounting, lien law, ethics, and best business practices and the applicant must show photo identification to register attendance for the course.

The bill also provides additional courses and topics that a contractor can complete to satisfy the 12 hours of continuing education a contractor needs every 2 years to include “a total of 4 hours of continuing education on construction laws and codes and contracts, liability and risk management.”

The bill does not increase the 12 hours required for initial certification or continuing education, and does not apply any of these requirements to home owners doing work themselves.

Finally, at the request of Department of Safety and Professional Services this draft contains a six month delayed effective date to allow time for the industry to get better educated on the changes prior to taking effect.

Thank you again for taking the time to hear this bill today. I would be happy to answer any questions.

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**DATE:** February 3, 2022

**TO:** Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, Commerce and Trade

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**SUBJECT:** Wisconsin Builders Association Support for Senate Bill 930, Relating to Certification Requirement for Building Contractors

On behalf of the 3,500 members of the Wisconsin Builders Association (WBA), we ask for your support of **Senate Bill 930 (SB 930)** which makes changes to the contractor certification statutes originally passed as 2005 Wisconsin Act 200.

WBA members from across the state were part of a subcommittee formed to review the state statutes and administrative rules associated with 2005 Wisconsin Act 200, and the results of their efforts were approved by the WBA Board of Directors as part of our 2021-2022 legislative agenda.

SB 930 adds some categories for eligible credits to focus on key areas of need that will improve the knowledgebase of those who hold the credential required to receive a building permit to build or remodel a single-family home.

SB 930 would:

- a) Require accounting, lien law, ethics, and best business be included courses as part of the initial 12 hours of instruction
- b) Require those taking the initial 12 hours of instruction be required to show photo identification at registration
- c) Add a requirement that at least four hours of the continuing education credits cover construction laws and codes, and contracts, liability, and risk management.
- d) Ensure the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) is enforcing current requirements, such as requiring a test for credits provided online, and requiring any vendor offering the online classes to submit acknowledgement of the completed and corrected test for each credit received online.

Additionally, we ask for your support of this important piece of legislation to further improve the quality of the education requirements required for single family home builders and remodelers in Wisconsin.

SB 930 was shared with DSPS prior to introduction. Section 8 of SB 930 contains a six-month delayed effective date per the request of DSPS.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 930.