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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - HOME INSPECTORS

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, McNamara, Ferri, and Lima

Date Introduced: February 14, 2013

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 5-65.1-4 and 5-65.1-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-65.1
2 entitled "Home Inspectors" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-65.1-4. Eligibility for licensure as home inspector. --** (a) To be eligible for licensure
4 as a home inspector, an applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:

5 (1) Be of good moral character;

6 (2) Have successfully completed high school or its equivalent;

7 (3) Have been engaged as a licensed associate home inspector for no less than one year,
8 and have performed not less than one hundred (100) home inspections for compensation, or have
9 been a registered/licensed contractor in good standing in any state for an aggregate of not less
10 than five (5) years; and

11 (4) Have passed an examination approved or administered by the board. The
12 examination may have been passed before the effective date of this chapter.

13 (b) After the effective date of this chapter the board shall issue a license to any person
14 upon application, provided that the applicant meets:

15 (1) The requirements of subdivisions (a)(1), (2) and (4) of this section, and either:

16 (i) Has been engaged in the practice of home inspections for compensation for not less
17 than one year prior to the effective date of this chapter and has performed not less than one
18 hundred (100) home inspections for compensation prior to the effective date of this chapter; or

19 (ii) Is a registered/licensed contractor in good standing in any state for an aggregate of

1 not less than five (5) years; or

2 (2) The requirements of subdivisions (a)(1) and (2) of this section, and has been engaged
3 in the practice of home inspections for compensation for not less than two (2) years and
4 performed not less than one hundred fifty (150) home inspections for compensation prior to ~~July~~
5 ~~1, 2006~~ [July 1, 2013](#).

6 **5-65.1-5. Eligibility for licensure as associate home inspector.** -- (a) To be eligible for
7 licensure as an associate home inspector, an applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:

8 (1) Be of good moral character;

9 (2) Have successfully completed high school or its equivalent;

10 (3) Have assisted in not less than fifty (50) home inspections in the presence of a
11 licensed home inspector; and

12 (4) Have passed an examination approved or administered by the board. The
13 examination may have been passed before ~~July 1, 2001~~ [July 1, 2013](#).

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that the requirements to be licensed as a home inspector or
2 associate home inspector be completed by July 1, 2013.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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