SKILLED TRADES REGULATION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 407 of 2016

339.6007.new Enforcement of construction codes; participation of advisory boards; review and approval of educational and training programs, tests, and instructors; recommendation of criteria for approval.

Sec. 1007. (1) The commission shall promote effective and uniform enforcement of construction codes in the state by improving the competence of building officials, plan reviewers, and inspectors.

(2) The advisory boards shall participate in and work with the commission to establish both of the following:

(a) Minimum training and experience standards, qualifications, and classifications of responsibility applicable to individuals who are engaged in the enforcement of codes and plan reviews.

(b) Minimum criteria for the approval of educational or training programs and tests.

(3) The commission may review and approve prepared educational and training programs, tests, and instructors. The examination and evaluation of training and educational programs, instructors, and tests shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Construction code administration.

(b) Specialty aspects of code program parts, including all of the following:

(i) Prohibited appliances.

(ii) Premanufactured units.

(iii) Approval of materials, products, and methods.

(iv) Barrier free design.

(v) Energy conservation.

(c) Inspection techniques.

(d) Communication skills.

(e) Human and public relations.

(f) Report writing.

(g) Plans and specifications reading.

(h) Pertinent laws, ordinances, rules, and policies.

(i) Construction practices.

(4) If the commission finds that proposed educational or training courses or programs are acceptable under minimum requirements established under this section, the commission shall give approval to the courses or programs for a limited period of time and with any appropriate qualifications established by the commission.

(5) An advisory board shall recommend to the commission criteria for approval that relate to the advisory board's function and are required under subsection (2). The commission shall give consideration to any submission by an advisory board, but the commission has final responsibility and authority for the approval of training standards and programs.