



# HOUSE BILL 783: Create Bldg. Code Permit Tech. Cert.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 783 would require the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board (Board) to create a State Building Code Permit Technician Certification program, and further outline the requirements for that certificate.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Article 9C of Chapter 143 relates to the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board and its regulation of Qualified Code-enforcement officials. A "Qualified Code-enforcement official" is a person qualified to engage in the practice of Code enforcement, who is also generally referred to as a building inspector.

Current law does not provide a process or structure for the certification of permit technicians by the Board.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 783 would require the Board to develop a State Building Code Permit Technician certificate program and certificate, and more specifically would:

- Require an applicant to pass an examination as prescribed by the Board.
- Authorize the Board to establish professional development requirements as a condition of certificate renewal.
- Require certificate holders to renew annually.
- Require the Board to waive the examination for an applicant who possesses a Building Inspector standard certificate who is in good standing.
- Require the Board to establish a schedule of fees associated with the program.
- Authorize an examination waiver for applicants who are similarly certified as a permit technician in good standing by a similar board of another jurisdiction or certified by the International Code Council.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective when it becomes law.

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