**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑11‑250 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AS A GENERAL OR MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR, TO INCREASE THE LENGTH OF LICENSURE FROM TWO TO FIVE YEARS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40‑11‑250(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) All licenses may be renewed ~~biennially~~ every five years. A licensee shall apply to the department for license renewal by the expiration date on a form approved by the board. Renewal applications not postmarked by the expiration date result in a lapsed license. An entity which fails to renew and which continues to engage in construction is practicing without a license and is subject to the penalties prescribed in this chapter.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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