

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 468  
Insurance Committee Substitute Adopted 5/15/13

Short Title: Align Inspections W/Installer Licensing.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 28, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO SPECIFY THAT WHEN APPLIANCE INSTALLERS ARE LICENSED TO  
3 PERFORM ALL ASPECTS OF AN INSTALLATION, JUST ONE PERMIT AND  
4 INSPECTION WILL BE REQUIRED.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-360 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 153A-360. Inspections of work in progress.

8 As the work pursuant to a permit progresses, local inspectors shall make as many  
9 inspections of the work as may be necessary to satisfy them that it is being done according to  
10 the provisions of the applicable State and local laws and local ordinances and regulations and  
11 of the terms of the permit. In exercising this power, each member of the inspection department  
12 has a right, upon presentation of proper credentials, to enter on any premises within the  
13 territorial jurisdiction of the department at any reasonable hour for the purposes of inspection or  
14 other enforcement action. If a permit has been obtained by an owner exempt from licensure  
15 under G.S. 87-1(b)(2), no inspection shall be conducted without the owner being personally  
16 present, unless the plans for the building were drawn and sealed by an architect licensed  
17 pursuant to Chapter 83A of the General Statutes. When a person licensed under G.S. 87-21 or  
18 G.S. 87-43 performs the installation or replacement of any natural gas, propane gas, or  
19 electrical appliance on an existing structure, a county shall not require more than one permit for  
20 the complete installation or replacement. The cost of the permit for such work shall not exceed  
21 the cost of any one individual trade permit issued by that county."

22 SECTION 2. G.S. 160A-420 reads as rewritten:

23 "§ 160A-420. Inspections of work in progress.

24 As the work pursuant to a permit progresses, local inspectors shall make as many  
25 inspections thereof as may be necessary to satisfy them that the work is being done according  
26 to the provisions of any applicable State and local laws and of the terms of the permit. In  
27 exercising this power, members of the inspection department shall have a right to enter on any  
28 premises within the jurisdiction of the department at all reasonable hours for the purposes of  
29 inspection or other enforcement action, upon presentation of proper credentials. If a permit has  
30 been obtained by an owner exempt from licensure under G.S. 87-1(b)(2), no inspection shall be  
31 conducted without the owner being personally present, unless the plans for the building were  
32 drawn and sealed by an architect licensed pursuant to Chapter 83A of the General Statutes.  
33 When a person licensed under G.S. 87-21 or G.S. 87-43 performs the installation or  
34 replacement of any natural gas, propane gas, or electrical appliance on an existing structure, a  
35 city shall not require more than one permit for the complete installation or replacement. The



1 cost of the permit for such work shall not exceed the cost of any one individual trade permit  
2 issued by that city."

3 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.