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SENATE BILL 747

Short Title: Builder Designations/General Contractors. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rand; and Swindell.

Referred to: Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDER DESIGNATIONS
3 UNDER THE LAWS PERTAINING TO GENERAL CONTRACTORS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Article 1 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 87-15.4. Builder designations created.**

8 (a) A licensee who successfully completes the educational requirements for
9 accredited builder or accredited master builder, as established by the North Carolina
10 Builders Institute (Institute), shall be designated by the Board as a 'North Carolina
11 Certified Accredited Residential Builder' or 'North Carolina Certified Accredited Master
12 Residential Builder,' respectively. The Institute shall provide to the Board written
13 certification of those licensees who have successfully completed the requirements for
14 the designations. The certification shall remain in effect so long as: (i) the licensee's
15 license is in effect pursuant to G.S. 87-10; and (ii) the licensee completes at least eight
16 hours of continuing education each calendar year as certified by the Institute.

17 (b) The Board may approve for designation a licensee who, in the Board's
18 opinion, has successfully completed an equivalent course of study and who completes
19 the requisite number of hours of continuing education required by the Board.

20 (c) The Board may use all powers granted to it under this Article to enforce the
21 provisions of this section and ensure that the designations created by this section are
22 conferred upon and used only by a licensee who complies with the provisions of this
23 section and any rules adopted by the Board."

24 SECTION 2. Any individual currently licensed by the State Licensing Board
25 of General Contractors (Board) who has successfully completed the requirements of
26 G.S. 87-15.4, as enacted by Section 1 of this act, before the effective date of this act
27 may be designated by the Board as a "North Carolina Certified Accredited Residential
28 Builder" or "North Carolina Certified Accredited Master Residential Builder" upon

- 1 submitting to the Board certification from the North Carolina Builders Institute of
2 successful completion of the requirements of G.S. 87-15.4.
3 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.