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HOUSE BILL 861

Short Title: Certification of Electrical Appliances. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Johnson, Presnell, Dobson, and Sauls (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Regulatory Reform, if favorable, Appropriations

April 21, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE AND UNNECESSARY ELECTRICAL
3 EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 66-25 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 66-25. Acceptable listings as to safety of goods.**

7 (a) All electrical materials, devices, appliances, and equipment shall ~~be evaluated for~~
8 ~~safety and suitability for intended use. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this~~
9 ~~evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with meet nationally recognized standards and~~
10 ~~shall be conducted standards, as certified by a qualified testing laboratory. The Commissioner~~
11 ~~of Insurance, through the Engineering Division of the Department of Insurance, shall~~
12 ~~implement the procedures necessary to approve suitable national standards and to approve~~
13 ~~suitable qualified testing laboratories. The Commissioner may assign his authority to~~
14 ~~implement the procedures for specific materials, devices, appliances, or equipment to other~~
15 ~~agencies or bodies when they would be uniquely qualified to implement those procedures. The~~
16 ~~affixing of a sticker or other marking to electrical materials, devices, appliances, and equipment~~
17 ~~showing compliance with a nationally recognized standard shall be sufficient to meet the~~
18 ~~requirements of this section, and the Commissioner shall require no other State certification~~
19 ~~process for those materials, devices, appliances, or equipment.~~

20 ~~In the event that the Commissioner determines that electrical materials, devices, appliances,~~
21 ~~or equipment in question cannot be adequately evaluated through the use of approved national~~
22 ~~standards or by approved qualified testing laboratories, the Engineering Division of the~~
23 ~~Department of Insurance shall specify any alternative evaluations which safety requires.~~

24 The Engineering Division of the Department of Insurance shall keep in file, where
25 practical, copies of all approved national standards and resumes of approved qualified testing
26 laboratories. standards.

27 (b) ~~Electrical devices, appliances, or equipment used by the Division of Adult~~
28 ~~Correction of the Department of Public Safety in institutional kitchens and manufacturing~~
29 ~~equipment used by Correction Enterprises are exempt from the evaluation requirement of~~
30 ~~subsection (a) of this section."~~

31 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
32 Purchase and Contract the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) to provide
33 notification to vendors and State agencies regarding the regulatory relief provided by this act.

34 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2017. The remainder
35 of this act is effective when it becomes law.

