

**Senate File 342 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing continuing education opportunities for  
2 plumbers, mechanical professionals, and contractors.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 105.20, subsection 6, Code 2011, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 6. a. The board shall establish continuing education  
4 requirements pursuant to section 272C.2. The basic continuing  
5 education requirement for renewal of a license shall be the  
6 completion, during the immediately preceding license term,  
7 of the number of ~~classroom~~ hours of instruction required by  
8 the board in courses or seminars which have been approved by  
9 the board. Courses may be offered through the internet, the  
10 Iowa communications network, or other remote learning system.  
11 The board shall require at least eight ~~classroom~~ hours of  
12 instruction during each licensing term.

13 b. A licensee who, for good cause, is unable to complete  
14 the instruction requirement during the immediately preceding  
15 licensing term shall be provided with a three-month extension  
16 to obtain the required instruction.

17 Sec. 2. Section 135.11, Code 2011, is amended by adding the  
18 following new subsection:

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 31. The department shall offer continuing  
20 education instruction for plumbers, mechanical professionals,  
21 and contractors in accordance with the requirements established  
22 by the plumbing and mechanical systems board pursuant to  
23 section 105.20. This instruction shall be made available  
24 throughout the state and throughout the year. Courses may be  
25 offered through the internet, the Iowa communications network,  
26 or other remote learning system.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill allows licensed plumbers, mechanical  
29 professionals, and contractors to obtain their required  
30 continuing education through the internet, the Iowa  
31 communications network, or other remote learning system.

32 A licensee who, for good cause, is unable to complete the  
33 instruction requirement is entitled to a three-month extension  
34 to obtain the required instruction.

35 The department of public health is required to offer

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1 continuing education throughout the state and throughout the  
2 year.