

B 26-0422 -- Redline

Introduced to Engrossed -- Glazier Licensing Standards and Certification Act of 2025

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Statement ~~ENGROSSED of ORIGINAL Introduction~~ A Glazier BILL Licensing ~~Standards~~ 26-422 and ~~5 Certification~~ IN
~~Act~~ THE of COUNCIL 2025 ~~OF October~~ THE 7, ~~DISTRICT 2025~~ OF Today, ~~COLUMBIA alongside~~
~~Councilmembers~~ Allen ~~9 and~~ To Frumin, ~~amend~~ I ~~Chapter am~~ 28 ~~introducing of the~~ Title
Glazier ~~47 Licensing of Standards~~ the and District Certification Act of 2025, ~~Columbia legislation~~ Official
~~that~~ Code will to create ~~establish a~~ licensing standards and certification ~~standard~~ requirements ~~for~~
~~glaziers, glazier who and are~~ glazing highly ~~contractors, skilled and architectural to glass~~ add 2 members
~~representing glaziers and metal~~ glazing technicians, contractors to the Board of Industrial Trades.
~~This BE bill~~ IT will ENACTED ensure ~~BY that~~ THE glass ~~COUNCIL and~~ OF metal ~~THE installation~~ DISTRICT work ~~OF~~
~~in COLUMBIA, the~~ That District this meets ~~act the~~ may highest be ~~standards~~ cited of ~~as safety, quality, and~~
~~energy efficiency, protecting both the workers~~ "Glazier who Licensing perform ~~Standards the job and~~
~~the Certification residents~~ Act and of businesses ~~2026".~~ -that depend on their craftsmanship.
~~Glaziers install and maintain the glass and metal systems that shape the look and performance of our~~
~~city's buildings.~~

~~Their work affects how much energy a structure uses, how it withstands weather, and how safe it is for~~
~~occupants and the public.~~

~~Yet, unlike electricians, plumbers, and HVAC technicians, glaziers in the District are not required to~~
~~be licensed.~~

~~This bill closes that gap by bringing the trade in line with other licensed construction professions to~~
~~ensure consistent oversight, accountability, and public safety.~~

~~The need for this safeguard is not theoretical.~~

~~At the U.S.~~

~~Nuclear Regulatory Commission headquarters in Maryland, a non-qualified glazing contractor was removed~~
~~after a 3 by 15-foot acrylic panel fell from the 21st floor.~~

~~Only after certified technicians took over was the project completed safely.~~

~~Incidents like this underscore the importance of technical skill and the high stakes when that expertise~~
~~is absent.~~

~~Licensing and certification are proven measures that reduce costly mistakes, prevent injuries, and~~
~~protect taxpayers from expensive rework and litigation.~~

~~This legislation also advances the District's goals for workforce development and sustainability.~~

~~As new public and private projects rise across the city, we must ensure that every stage of construction~~
~~meets modern standards for safety, efficiency, and environmental performance.~~

~~A licensing standard for glaziers will help ensure that high-performance glass and metal systems support~~
~~our climate goals while strengthening a skilled local workforce trained in modern building practices.~~

~~This bill is a straightforward reform that improves safety, ensures higher-quality construction, and~~
~~sets clear standards for a critical trade.~~

~~By establishing professional licensing for glaziers, the District will strengthen oversight, reduce~~
~~costly errors, and support a skilled local workforce prepared to meet the city's growing development~~
~~needs.~~

~~I look forward to working with my colleagues and industry partners to advance this legislation and help~~
~~build a safer and more reliable D.C.~~

~~_____ Councilmember Charles Allen Councilmember~~
~~Janeese Lewis George 4 _____ Councilmember Matthew Frumin 8 A BILL~~

~~_____ IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA _____ To amend~~
~~Chapter 28 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to establish licensing standards and~~
~~certification requirements for glazier and glazing contractors, and to add 2 members representing~~
~~glaziers and glazing contractors to the Board of Industrial Trades.~~

~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as "Glazier~~
~~Licensing Standards and Certification Act of 2025".~~

~~(b) Section 47-2853.04(a) is amended by adding new paragraphs (13A), (18A) and (13B), (18B) to read~~
~~ENGROSSED ORIGINAL as follows:~~

~~"(13A)"~~ (18A) ~~Glazier;~~

~~"(13B)"~~ (18B) ~~Glazing Contractor;"~~ contractor;

~~(1) Strike the phrase ", "consisting and of one 15 shall members," be a consumer member" and insert the~~
~~phrase ", "consisting one of shall 17 be members," a glazier certified under the AGMT program, one shall be~~
~~a glazing contractor licensed in the District, and one shall be a consumer member." in its place.~~

(2) Strike the phrase "~~The and Board of Industrial Trades shall regulate the practice of~~ consumer member" ~~plumbers, gasfitters, electricians, refrigeration and air conditioning mechanics, steam and other operating engineers, asbestos workers, elevator mechanics, elevator inspectors, except for those employed by the District of Columbia or by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and elevator contractors.~~" and insert the phrase "The one Board shall of be Industrial Trades glazier shall licensed regulate in the practice District, of one plumbers, shall gasfitters, be electricians, a refrigeration glazing and contractor air licensed conditioning in mechanics, the steam District, and other one operating shall engineers, be asbestos workers, consumer elevator member." ~~mechanics, elevator inspectors not employed by the District of Columbia or by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, elevator contractors, glaziers, and glazing contractors.~~" in its place.

(3) Strike the phrase "The Board of Industrial Trades shall regulate the practice of plumbers, gasfitters, electricians, refrigeration and air conditioning mechanics, steam and other operating engineers, asbestos workers, elevator mechanics, elevator inspectors, except for those employed by the District of Columbia or by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and elevator contractors." and insert the phrase "The Board of Industrial Trades shall regulate the practice of plumbers, gasfitters, electricians, refrigeration and air conditioning mechanics, steam and other operating engineers, asbestos workers, elevator mechanics, elevator inspectors not employed by the District of Columbia or by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, elevator contractors, glaziers, and glazing contractors." in its place.

ENGROSSED ORIGINAL "Sec. 47-2853.100.

"(a) The Board of Industrial Trades ("Board") shall regulate and license glaziers and glazier glazing contractors to ensure that persons engaged in the occupation conform to applicable national safety and performance standards." "(b)(1) An applicant for licensure as a glazier glazing contractor shall establish to the satisfaction of the Board that the applicant:

"(B) Has complied with the bonding and insurance requirements established by ~~the rulemaking; rule;~~ and "(C) Meets any other requirements established by the Board Mayor through ENGROSSED ORIGINAL rulemaking.

"(A) ~~Passed Has the passed Architectural an Glassexamination and on Metal glazing Technician that ("AGMT") is certification acceptable knowledge-based to test and the practical Board; base test to become a certified AGMT Glazier and is in good standing;~~

and or "(B) ~~Meets Has any a other certificate requirements of established completion by of an apprenticeship program for glaziers that is registered with the Board Bureau through of rulemaking. Apprenticeship Training, U.S.~~

~~"(2) Department Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this Labor, subsection, the until District rules are promulgated pursuant to paragraph (1)(B) of this Columbia subsection, Apprenticeship the Council, Board or may an issue equivalent a state's 2-year apprenticeship license council; to an applicant who;~~

or "(C) Has comparable experience or a combination of education and experience that the Board deems equivalent to the above;

and "(D) Meets any other requirements established by the Mayor through rulemaking.

ENGROSSED ORIGINAL "(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, until rules are promulgated pursuant to paragraph (1)(D) of this subsection, the Board may issue a 2-year license to an applicant who:

or "(B) ~~Passed Has the passed AGMT an certification examination knowledge-based on test glazing and acceptable the practical base test to become the a Board. certified AGMT Glazier and is in good standing.~~

"(a) Unless licensed in accordance with this part, no person shall use the words or terms ~~or "licensed "glazier" glazier" or "glazing contractor" or any words describing a glazier specialty licensed by the Board of Industrial Trades to imply that the person is authorized licensed to perform the services of a glazier or glazing contractor in the District.~~

Fees; Rules.

rules. "(a)(1) No later than 365 days after the effective date of this part, the Mayor, pursuant to Sec. 2-501 et seq., shall issue rules to implement the provisions of this part;

"(a)(1) provided, Notwithstanding that any both other a provisions glazier of representative this and subchapter, glazing including contractor Sec. Sec. representative 47-2853.10 have and been 47-2853.11, appointed the to fee for the issuance, Board renewal, or reinstatement of a Industrial license Trades under as this required part by shall Sec. be 47-2853.06(d). -\$260;

and "(1) "(2) If Application a fees glazier paid representative under and this glazing section contractor shall representative are not be ENGROSSED refundable, ORIGINAL even appointed if within 180 days after the applicant effective withdraws date his of or this her part, application the for Mayor licensure, shall certification, begin or the registration, rulemaking or process is to found implement the provisions of this part, to be not complete qualified within no later than 365 days after the effective date."

"(b)(1) No later than 365 days after the effective date of this part, the Mayor, pursuant to Sec. 2-501 et seq., shall issue rules to implement the provisions of this part;

~~provided, that both a glazier representative and glazier contractor representative have been appointed to the Board of Industrial Trades as required by Sec. 47-2853.06(d).~~

~~"(2) If a glazier representative and glazier contractor representative are not appointed within 180 days after the effective date of this part, the Mayor shall begin the rulemaking process to implement the provisions of this part, to be complete within no later than 365 days after the effective date."~~

This act shall take effect ~~following~~after approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the ~~veto~~veto), ~~and~~ a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat.

Official Code Sec. ~~1-206.02(c)(1))~~1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.