

SENATE No. 3134

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SENATE, July 6, 2026.

The committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2112) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to increased safety standards in the construction industry, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 3134).

For the committee,
Nick Collins

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An Act relative to increased safety standards in the construction industry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “county”, in line 264, the
3 following words:- ; employees of a city or town who are employed as a building inspector,
4 plumbing inspector, or certified building code enforcement official.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 143 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
6 section 99 the following section:-

7 Section 99A. The board shall develop regulations to increase standards that address
8 safety issues in the construction industry. Said regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the
9 following requirements:

10 (i) skilled workers that specialize in a particular trade shall receive 40 hours of safety
11 training by an approved training provider, with an annual 10-hour continued education
12 component;

(ii) craft forepersons shall receive 62 hours of safety training by an approved training provider, with an annual 10-hour continued education component;

(iii) for any project over 50,000 square feet, a site safety manager shall be on-site at all times in which work is taking place;

(iv) site safety managers shall meet the following requirements:

(A) not less than 5 years' construction safety experience;

(B) 40 hours of completed site safety manager course;

(C) successful completion of a safety experience background check;

(D) successful completion of a test, to be designed by the board; provided, however, that site safety managers must score not less than 80 per cent on said test;

(E) physical exam for fitness; and

(F) annual 3-year continued education;

(v) concrete, steel, excavation and façade workers shall receive 62-hours of safety training by an approved training provider, with an annual 10-hour continued education requirement;

(vi) major building and demolition projects not less than 50,000 square feet shall prepare and keep current a site safety plan, which shall be reviewed and approved by the appropriate state or local official and shall be on site for review by an inspector;

(vii) minimum requirements for the design, permitting, erection, maintenance and disassembly of supported and suspended scaffolds, which shall include stamped and filed drawings by a licensed design professional, use of a licensed master rigger for erection and dismantling of suspended scaffolds, worker training, debris netting and scaffold access;

(viii) minimum standards for the design, erection and inspection of concrete formwork, which shall include: (A) site specific drawings to be prepared by registered design professional; and (B) engineered designs submitted for review and approval and maintained on site for inspectors;

(ix) minimum requirements for perimeter protection prior to façade installation, which shall include permitted drawing by licensed design professional and vertical and horizontal safety netting to be installed and maintained at all unenclosed perimeters; and

(x) minimum standards for the design, permitting, erection, inspection and maintenance of sidewalk sheds, including adjoining property protection, and mandatory sidewalk sheds and site scaffolding for all projects.