

**Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
2025-2026 (194<sup>th</sup>) Bill Summary**

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**BILL NUMBER:** H460

**TITLE:** An Act relative to updating construction safety standards

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**CURRENT LAW**

Chapter 143 of the Massachusetts General Laws governs the licensing, regulation, and inspections of buildings and elevators. Section 93 of said chapter establishes the 15-member state board of building regulations and standards within the division of occupational licensure for the adoption and administration of the state building code pursuant to sections 94 through 100, inclusive, of said chapter. Section 3 of said chapter authorizes the chief administrative officer of any city or town to designate an inspector of buildings or building commissioner and other local inspectors as necessary to administer and enforce the state building code.

Section 39S of Chapter 30 of the General Laws mandates certifications by contractors relative to public works projects exceeding \$10,000. Contractors must certify ability to provide harmonious labor and that all employees working on the site have completed a minimum 10-hour OSHA-approved construction safety and health course. Employees lacking such certification on the worksite face removal. The Attorney General is empowered to enforce this section.

**SUMMARY**

This legislation seeks to mandate that “craft workers” and “construction supervisors” subject to said section 39S shall have completed certain training and refresher training on an annual basis. Further, “high risk trade partner safety managers” and “worksite safety managers” shall have completed certain training and refresher training on an annual basis. Each construction site shall maintain a workplace safety plan to be reviewed and approved by the division of occupational licensure.

The legislation also puts in place specific requirements for supported and suspended scaffolds, concrete formwork, perimeter protection prior to façade installation, and sidewalk sheds. Local inspectors shall have the authority to inspect for compliance, and the division of occupational licensure may promulgate any necessary rules and regulations.