AN ACT AMENDING THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED WELL CONTRACTORS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 87-98.12 reads as rewritten:

"§ 87-98.12. Continuing education requirements.

(a) In order to continue to be certified under this Article, a well contractor shall satisfactorily complete the number of two hours of approved continuing education required by the Commission each year for the first three years of the contractor's certification. The Commission shall not require a well contractor properly certified in accordance with the provisions of this Article and rules adopted under this Article to obtain continuing education credits for annual renewal of certification after the contractor's third year of certification, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section. The Commission shall establish the minimum number of hours of continuing education that shall be required to maintain certification, shall specify the scope of required continuing education courses for this purpose and shall approve continuing education courses.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, in order to continue to be certified under this Article, a well contractor against whom disciplinary action is taken pursuant to the provisions of this Article and rules adopted under this Article shall satisfactorily complete the number of hours of approved educational courses required by the Commission for remedial purposes. The Commission shall specify the scope of required continuing education courses for this purpose and shall approve continuing education courses.

(c) The Commission shall adopt or amend its rules in accordance with this section."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of May, 2014.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved 4:05 p.m. this 29th day of May, 2014