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SENATE BILL 125-FN

AN ACT relative to certification for mold assessment services.

SPONSORS: Sen. Cataldo, Dist 6; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires persons providing residential mold assessment services for mold contamination in residential dwellings be certified by certain professional organizations and requires the board of home inspectors to inform the public that mold assessment professionals are required to be certified.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.
Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

208:1 New Section; Mold Assessment; Certification Required. Amend RSA 310-A by inserting 1 $\mathbf{2}$ after section 189-a the following new section: 3 310-A:189-b Mold Assessment Certification Required. I. For the purposes of this section: 4 $\mathbf{5}$ (a) "Mold assessment" means: (1) An inspection, investigation, or survey of a dwelling or other structure to provide 6 7 information to the owner regarding presence, identification, or evaluation of mold; 8 (2) The development of a mold remediation specification or protocol; or 9 (3) The collection of a mold sample for analysis. 10 (b) "Third party certification" means a certification approved by a national nonprofit organization whose programs are accredited by ANSI (American National Standards Institute), 11 12CESB (Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards), NCCA (National Commission for 13Certifying Agencies), or any other accrediting body that operates in compliance with the ISO (International Organization for Standardization) standard for accrediting organizations. 1415Certifications are credentials of industry knowledge granted to individuals by a certification body for 16a limited time. 17II. No person shall perform residential mold assessment services for remuneration unless that person possesses a valid national third party certification for mold assessment. The individual 18 19shall not own the designation; the designation shall be owned by the certifying body. Certification 20holders shall meet certain requirements set by third party certification organizations in order to be 21recertified. 22III. The board of home inspectors shall inform the public through its website that persons 23engaged in residential mold assessment shall be certified under paragraph II and shall provide links 24to the websites of the certifying organizations. 25IV. Any professional hired for remuneration by a homeowner, in which the primary work

26 contracted for is not mold assessment, shall be exempt from this section.

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V. Any person who offers mold assessment services for a fee but does not comply with this

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- 1 chapter shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person or guilty of a class B misdemeanor if any
- 2 other person.
- 3 208:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.
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- 5 Approved: July 6, 2015
- 6 Effective Date: January 1, 2016