

## STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-2-01

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The following is offered in response to your letter in which you seek an official interpretation of the provisions of section 105.4 of the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code.

**Question:** Does the referenced code section allow a local building official to accept inspection reports submitted by individuals who are not licensed to perform such inspections by the Department of Public Safety, State of Connecticut?

**Answer:** No. Subsection (b) of section 29-261 of the Connecticut General Statutes states, in part, that the building official shall pass upon any question relative to the mode or manner of construction, or materials used in the erection or alteration of buildings, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the State Building Code *and* rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Public Safety. The Administrative Regulations of the Department of Public Safety, at section 29-262-1a, establish classes of licensure for code enforcement within the state. Sections 29-262-2a through 29-262-11a set forth the duties and minimum qualifications for the various categories. The intent of section 105.4 of the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code is that with respect to inspections not done personally by the building official, such official only accept the reports of individuals holding the applicable license issued by the Department of Public Safety. This means that the local building official shall not accept reports from unlicensed individuals, nor shall the building official accept inspection reports from individuals holding a license that does not include the item inspected. For example, it would be improper for a building official to accept a report regarding an electrical inspection from a Plumbing Inspector.