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Dear Pennsylvania Crane Operators and Users,

The Pennsylvania State Board of Crane Operators recently proposed a law (16A-7101) to require certification of crane operators. The proposed law, as written, eliminates all certification providers other than NCCCO. Other providers, such as Crane Institute Certification (CIC) can save you time and money on nationally recognized and accredited certifications. While CIC supports the efforts of the State of Pennsylvania to promote a safe working environment, this proposed law is fundamentally flawed, and if passed, will cost crane operators in Pennsylvania more. Crane Institute Certification (CIC) provides NCCA accredited certifications. All certifications are NCCA accredited and recognized by Federal OSHA. CIC tests on the ASME B30 Standards, OSHA regulations, safe crane operation and cranes relevant to the cranes the operators operate.

Pennsylvania crane operators should have the same options as operators in other states. Comments are due before July 5. Email your comments to chrncnally@state.pa.us. Tell him that you want to post a comment for the IRRC (Independent Regulatory Review Commission) regarding proposed law 16A-7101. You can view other comments that have already posted concerning this proposed law at <http://www.irrc.state.pa.us/Regulations/RegInfo.cfm?IRRCNo=2850>

One way to correct the proposed law is to simplify the requirement to:

- Crane Operators must have a valid certification from a provider that
- provides NCCA or ANSI accredited certifications,
 - is recognized by OSHA,
 - tests on cranes relevant to the cranes the operator operates, and
 - tests on OSHA regulations, ASME B30 Standards, and safe crane operations.

In addition, we suggest that the final version of the law lists all NCCA or ANSI accredited providers simultaneously.

This simple wording is clear and allows CIC and other accredited certification providers to compete for your business! It requires your certification to meet strict standards of excellence so that you have a nationally recognized and valid certification.

Thank you for your interest and support in this situation.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie Dickinson".

Debbie Dickinson, Executive Director



The Standard in Certification

CIC CERTIFICATIONS test crane operators, signalpersons and riggers on knowledge and use of knowledge and skill in applying ASME B30.5 Standards, OSHA Regulations, and safe operation with and around cranes.

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