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ASTTBC and BCIPI Submit Brief on House Inspection Licensing

The House Inspection Licensing Regulation has been in force for over 2 years. At that time ASTTBC congratulated Government for being the first in Canada to introduce a licensing regime for those offering house inspection services and in this way help protect consumers. During the first two years ASTTBC and the BC Institute of Property Inspectors (BCIPI), an Institute within ASTTBC, have been working with the Regulation and considering elements of the Regulation requiring change to ensure a more effective program of licensing house inspectors and better protecting consumers. ASTTBC has been in regular contact with Consumer Protection BC (CPBC), the agency responsible for administering the Regulation and licensing. The major concern is that, with three designated associations / organizations offering certification leading to licensing, there is not one common standard for professional certification and regulation. *“ASTTBC is asking the BC Government and Consumer Protection BC to amend the Regulation to include minimum standards for professional certification and professional accountability,”* said Executive Director, John Leech. *“While the Regulation represents a great beginning, the consumer is at risk because of the lack of minimum education, training and professional practice standards.”* ASTTBC points to the fact that the three designated associations (ASTTBC is one) do not have the same standard for certification, Code of Ethics or complaints and disciplinary policies and processes. Leech concluded, *“ASTTBC has communicated our concerns to the Ministry and CPBC over the past 2 years and, with this brief, is formalizing our recommendations for change to enhance the Regulation and better protect the public.”* For a copy of the ASTTBC ó BCIPI brief go to: <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/bcipibrief.pdf>