

HB 2400 -- Licensure of Electrical Contractors

Sponsor: Scharnhorst

This bill requires the licensure of electrical contractors. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Establishes the Missouri Electrical Industry Licensing Board in the Division of Professional Registration within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration;

(2) Specifies that the board's eight members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, will serve four-year terms, not to exceed two terms. Four members must be in good standing with the National Electrical Contractors Association, two members with the Associated Builders and Contractors, and two members with the Independent Electrical Contractors Association;

(3) Requires the board to meet at least four times annually and allows board members to be reimbursed for expenses and receive compensation of up to \$70 per day;

(4) Allows contractors practicing prior to January 1, 2005, to apply for a waiver of the requirements if they hold a license issued by any authority that requires a written test and have completed 12,000 hours of verifiable practical experience. Other practicing contractors may apply for a two-year limited, non-renewable license until passing the state examination;

(5) Allows the division to establish licensing fees to cover administrative costs and to develop reciprocal licensing agreements with other states;

(6) Creates within the state treasury the Missouri Electrical Industry Licensing Board Fund which will be used solely for the administration and operation of the board; and

(7) Allows the board to file complaints against contractors with the Administrative Hearing Commission and suspend or revoke licenses based on the commission's findings.

Any person violating the provisions of the bill will be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.