

## HB 2452 -- Licensure of Contractors

Sponsor: Yates

This bill requires the licensure of contractors and prohibits any organization from engaging in the business of construction services, acting in any capacity of, or purporting to have the capacity of a contractor without having a contractor's license. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires the Governor to appoint a registrar of contractors for a term ending with the Governor's term or until a successor is appointed and qualifies;
- (2) Requires the registrar to maintain an office in Jefferson City and elsewhere if necessary; maintain a complete record of all applications and licenses issued, renewed, terminated, cancelled, revoked, or suspended; furnish certified copies of licenses or an affidavit that no license exists or that a license has been cancelled or suspended and certified copies of license bonds or cash deposit certificates for a fee; employ necessary staff; and procure necessary equipment;
- (3) Authorizes the registrar to establish the rules necessary to carry out the provisions of the bill. If the rules of minimum standards are inconsistent with any state, county, city, or other political entity's building code, compliance with the code will constitute good and workmanlike construction for the provisions of the bill;
- (4) Creates the Registrar of Contractors Fund which will be used solely for carrying out the powers and duties of the registrar;
- (5) Exempts certain organizations, businesses, entities, and individuals from licensure as a contractor; and
- (6) Specifies the requirements an applicant must meet to be issued a license and the fees for licensure as well as for an inactive license certificate.

Any person advertising that he or she is able to perform any service or contract for compensation subject to regulation by the registrar will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor unless first obtaining a license. Violators may be subject to a cease and desist order and a citation for which a penalty of at least \$200 for each violation but not more than \$2,500 for multiple violations committed on the same day can be assessed.