

HB 869 -- MUNICIPAL BUILDING PERMITS

SPONSOR: Brattin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 9 to 4.

This bill prohibits any municipality from requiring a construction industry employer to maintain any policy of insurance other than workers' compensation and general liability as a condition prior to issuing a residential building permit. In addition, the bill prohibits a municipality from requiring the construction industry employer to hold a certificate, license or degree.

This bill is similar to HB 1298 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that municipal licenses create barriers that keep individuals from working. The bill sponsor is himself a contractor and finds that he does not have time to obtain such licenses so he is prevented from working in municipalities that require them. The bill sponsor believes that consumers are still protected because the work is inspected after it is completed.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Brattin.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.