

HB 547 -- MISSOURI STATEWIDE MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING ACT

SPONSOR: West

This bill establishes the "Missouri Statewide Mechanical Contractor Licensing Act". Under this bill, the Division of Professional Registration will regulate the statewide mechanical contractor license, the statewide mechanical journeyman license, and the statewide mechanical apprentice license for mechanical work. The provisions of this bill will not apply to mechanical work performed in Greene, Newton, and Jasper counties.

This bill establishes the "Missouri Mechanical Contractor Licensing Fund" in the state treasury, which will be used for the administration of the bill.

A statewide license will not be required to perform mechanical work in a political subdivision, but will be accepted in lieu of an equivalent local license if a political subdivision requires a local license for mechanical work. Any person operating as a mechanical contractor in a political subdivision that does not require a local license will not be required to possess a statewide license to operate as a mechanical contractor in such political subdivision.

If a political subdivision does not recognize a statewide license in lieu of a local license, a statewide mechanical contractor license holder may file a complaint with the Division, which may investigate such complaint. If the Division finds that the political subdivision failed to recognize a statewide mechanical contractor license, the Division must notify the political subdivision of the violation and grant the political subdivision 30 days to comply. If after 30 days the political subdivision does not comply, the Division will notify the Director of the Department of Revenue, who must withhold any moneys the political subdivision would otherwise be entitled to from local sales tax until the political subdivision is in compliance.

Applicants for the statewide licenses must meet certain training, education, and experience criteria specified in the bill equal to those of the mechanical code of St. Louis County as of April 18, 2023.

A corporation, firm, institution, organization, or company seeking to engage in mechanical work must have a least one statewide mechanical contractor licensee in its employ if the political subdivision requires a license. For the purposes of performing residential work, a statewide mechanical contractor or statewide mechanical journeyman, or the equivalent local licensee, must

perform, direct, inspect, or supervise the work. For all other mechanical work, at least one statewide mechanical journeyman must be on site for every statewide mechanical apprentice performing the work, or the equivalent local licensee.

The Division may refuse to issue any license, and may cause a complaint to be filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission against any holder of a license for causes specified in the bill. Upon a finding by the Administrative Hearing Commission that grounds for disciplinary action are met, the Division may censure or place the person on probation for a period not to exceed five years, or may suspend, for a period not to exceed three years, or revoke any license.

Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this bill is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

This bill is similar to SB 392 (2025) and SB 1116 (2024).