

HB 1832 -- LICENSING OF HOME INSPECTORS

SPONSOR: Violet

This bill requires any person conducting a home inspection to be licensed by the Division of Professional Registration within the Department of Commerce and Insurance. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Establishes the "Missouri Home Inspectors' Board" within the Division to implement the licensure program and specifies its duties, powers, membership, and the members' terms of office, specifically requiring the Governor to appoint five members with the advice and consent of the Senate;
- (2) Establishes the criteria for the supervision, training, and licensure of home inspector apprentices;
- (3) Prohibits a license from being issued to a partnership, association, corporation, firm, LLC, or group;
- (4) Creates the "Missouri Home Inspectors' Fund" for the administration of the provisions of the bill;
- (5) Authorizes the Board to establish licensing qualifications, an application process, the licensing fee, criteria for courses of instruction, continuing education requirements, and procedures for the issuance of a license on a reciprocal basis; develop and publish standards of professional conduct; and specify the form and content of examinations; and
- (6) Authorizes the Board to refuse to issue or renew, suspend, or revoke any license and may cause a complaint to be filed against a licensee with the Administrative Hearing Commission as specified in the bill. Any person or corporation who knowingly violates any provision of the bill will be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

This bill has an effective date of January 1, 2027.