

House Study Bill 640

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to alarm system installer or contractor
2 certification and electrician licensure provisions, and
3 providing an effective date.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 100C.3, Code Supplement 2007, is
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. An applicant for certification as an
1 4 alarm system contractor or an alarm system installer shall be
1 5 subject to a national criminal history check through the
1 6 federal bureau of investigation. The applicant shall provide
1 7 fingerprints to the department of public safety for submission
1 8 through the state criminal history repository to the federal
1 9 bureau of investigation. Fees for the national criminal
1 10 history check shall be paid by the applicant or the
1 11 applicant's employer. The results of a criminal history check
1 12 conducted pursuant to this subsection shall not be considered
1 13 a public record under chapter 22.

1 14 Sec. 2. Section 103.22, subsections 2 and 3, Code
1 15 Supplement 2007, are amended to read as follows:

1 16 2. Require employees of municipal ~~corporations~~ utilities,
1 17 electric membership or cooperative associations, public
~~1 18 utility corporations investor-owned utilities,~~ rural water
1 19 associations or districts, railroads, telecommunications
1 20 companies, franchised cable television operators, or
1 21 commercial or industrial companies performing manufacturing,
1 22 installation, and repair work for such employer to hold
1 23 licenses while acting within the scope of their employment.

1 24 3. Require any person doing work for which a license would
1 25 otherwise be required under this chapter to hold a license
1 26 issued under this chapter if the person is the holder of a
1 27 valid license issued by any political subdivision, so long as
1 28 the person makes electrical installations only in the
1 29 jurisdictional limits of such political subdivision and such
1 30 license issued by the political subdivision ~~meets the~~
~~1 31 requirements is based upon requirements that are substantially~~
1 32 equivalent to the licensing requirements of this chapter.

1 33 Sec. 3. 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 197, section 40, is
1 34 amended to read as follows:

1 35 SEC. 40. NEW SECTION. 103.30 INSPECTIONS NOT REQUIRED.

2 1 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require the
2 2 work of employees of municipal ~~corporations~~ utilities,
2 3 railroads, electric membership or cooperative associations,
2 4 public utility corporations investor-owned utilities, rural
2 5 water associations or districts, or telecommunications systems
2 6 to be inspected while acting within the scope of their
2 7 employment.

2 8 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act,
2 9 being deemed of immediate importance, take effect upon
2 10 enactment.

EXPLANATION

2 11 This bill relates to requirements pertaining to applicants
2 12 for alarm system contractor and installer certification, and
2 13 to specified exceptions to electrician licensure provisions.

2 14 The bill provides that applicants for certification as an
2 15 alarm system contractor or alarm system installer must provide
2 16 fingerprints to the department of public safety for submission
2 17 through the state criminal history repository to the federal
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2 19 bureau of investigation for the purposes of conducting a
2 20 national criminal history check. The bill states that fees
2 21 for the history check shall be paid by the applicant or the
2 22 applicant's employer, and that the results of the check shall
2 23 not be considered a public record under Code chapter 22.
2 24 The bill also changes references to municipal corporations
2 25 in portions of Code chapter 103 providing exceptions from
2 26 electrician licensure requirements. The bill changes an
2 27 exception for municipal corporation employees acting within
2 28 the scope of their employment to refer to municipal utility
2 29 employees, and makes a corresponding clarification changing
2 30 public utility corporations to investor-owned utilities. The
2 31 result of these changes is to clarify that employees of
2 32 investor-owned utilities, municipal utilities, and electric
2 33 membership or cooperative associations acting within the scope
2 34 of their employment are all exempt. References are changed in
2 35 current statutory law, and also in electrician licensure
3 1 provisions not taking effect until January 1, 2009.
3 2 Additionally, the bill modifies an exception from
3 3 electrician licensure for persons holding a valid license
3 4 issued by a political subdivision and doing work only within
3 5 that political subdivision's jurisdictional limits.
3 6 Currently, the exception is available if the political
3 7 subdivision issues a license which meets the requirements of
3 8 Code chapter 103. The bill modifies this provision such that
3 9 the license issued by a political subdivision shall be based
3 10 upon requirements substantially equivalent to the licensing
3 11 requirements of the Code chapter.
3 12 Sections of the bill amending provisions currently in
3 13 effect take effect upon enactment.
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