

Senate Study Bill 1114 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON WEBSTER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act related to the regulation of certain licensed
2 professionals by counties and cities, including prohibiting
3 contractor licensing and limiting permit fees.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 105.17, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. On and after July 1, 2008, a governmental subdivision
4 shall not prohibit a contractor or a plumbing, mechanical,
5 HVAC-refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic professional
6 licensed pursuant to this chapter from performing services for
7 which that person is licensed pursuant to this chapter or enforce
8 any contractor or plumbing, and mechanical, HVAC-refrigeration,
9 sheet metal, or hydronic professional licensing provisions
10 promulgated by the governmental subdivision against a person
11 licensed pursuant to this chapter.

12 Sec. 2. Section 105.17, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 2. Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit a governmental
15 subdivision from assessing and collecting permit fees that do
16 not exceed five hundred dollars or inspection fees related to
17 work performed by plumbing, mechanical, HVAC-refrigeration, sheet
18 metal, or hydronic professionals.

19 Sec. 3. Section 331.301, subsection 6, paragraph b, Code
20 2025, is amended to read as follows:

21 b. A county shall not impose any fee or charge on any
22 individual or business licensed by the plumbing and mechanical
23 systems board for the right to perform plumbing, mechanical,
24 HVAC, refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic systems work within
25 the scope of the license. A county shall not impose a license
26 fee or charge on any individual or business defined as a
27 "general contractor" as defined in section 572.1, subsection 3,
28 or "subcontractor" as defined in section 572.1, subsection 11.
29 This paragraph does not prohibit a county from charging fees for
30 the issuance of permits that do not exceed five hundred dollars
31 for, and inspections of, work performed in its jurisdiction.

32 Sec. 4. Section 364.3, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code 2025,
33 is amended to read as follows:

34 b. A city shall not impose any fee or charge on any
35 individual or business licensed by the plumbing and mechanical

1 systems board for the right to perform plumbing, mechanical,
2 HVAC, refrigeration, sheet metal, or hydronic systems work within
3 the scope of the license. A city shall not impose a license
4 fee or charge on any individual or business defined as a
5 "general contractor" as defined in section 572.1, subsection 3,
6 or "subcontractor" as defined in section 572.1, subsection 11.
7 This paragraph does not prohibit a city from charging fees for
8 the issuance of permits that do not exceed five hundred dollars
9 for, and inspections of, work performed in its jurisdiction.

10 EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 Under current law, a county or city is prohibited from
14 imposing a fee or charge on any individual or business licensed
15 by the plumbing and mechanical systems board for the right to
16 perform plumbing, mechanical, HVAC, refrigeration, sheet metal,
17 or hydronic systems work within the scope of the license. A
18 county or city may charge fees for the issuance of permits for,
19 and inspections of, work performed in its jurisdiction.

20 This bill prohibits a county or a city from imposing
21 a licensing fee or charge on a general contractor or a
22 subcontractor. "General contractor" includes every person who
23 does work or furnishes materials by contract, express or implied,
24 with an owner. "General contractor" does not include a person
25 who does work or furnishes materials on contract with an
26 owner-builder. "Subcontractor" includes every person furnishing
27 material or performing labor upon any building, erection, or
28 other improvement, except those having contracts directly with
29 the owner. "Subcontractor" shall include those persons having
30 contracts directly with an owner-builder.

31 The bill limits the amount of a permit fee charged by a county
32 or a city for work performed, including inspection of such work,
33 in its jurisdiction to not more than \$500.