Legislative Analysis



REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING OFFICIAL, PLAN REVIEWER, OR INSPECTOR

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House Bill 4245 (Reported from committee w/o amendment)

Analysis available at http://www.legislature.mi.gov

Sponsor: Rep. Anthony G. Forlini Committee: Regulatory Reform

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4245 would amend the Building Officials and Inspectors Registration Act to remove a requirement that an individual seeking registration under the act be employed by a governmental subdivision, and adding a new subsection specifying that an individual need not be employed by an enforcing agency to register under the act.

HB 4245 also would change the registration renewal requirements. Currently, the registration renewal coincides with the code change cycle of a code that person is enforcing <u>in that jurisdiction</u>. The bill would remove the <u>underlined</u> language. The bill would not change the current requirement that registration renewals occur at least every three years.

An enforcing agency is defined as the governmental agency that, in accordance with the Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, is responsible for administration and enforcement of the code within a governmental subdivision.

The bill also would make non-substantive, technical wording changes. The bill would go into effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

MCL 338.2307, et al.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4245 would indeterminately, yet likely nominally, impact the revenues and expenditures of the Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to the extent that the number of individuals applying for registration as building officials or inspectors or plan reviewers increases. Applicants pay a statutory registration fee of \$75 every three years which supports the BCC's expenses related to registering building officials or inspectors or plan reviewers.

Furthermore, HB 4245 could nominally reduce expenditures for local units of government hiring building officials or inspectors or plan reviewers to the extent that such individuals could already be registered prior to employment and consequently, perform their job duties sooner once being hired.

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POSITIONS:

Support:

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (3-18-15) Michigan Townships Association (3-18-15) Home Builders Association of Michigan (3-18-15) National Federation of Independent Business (3-25-15)

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