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Senate Bill 297 (as introduced 3-30-17)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Skilled Trades Regulation Act to require an individual licensed under the Act, upon request, to present proof of licensure and a government-issued photo ID to a building official, inspector, or enforcing agency employee; and require a person to be licensed as an electrician in order to install any electric wiring, regardless of whether it was energized at the time.

The Act regulates and requires the licensure of electricians and electrical contractors; mechanical contractors; boiler inspectors, installers, repairers, and operators and stationary engineers; building officials and inspectors; and plumbers and plumbing contractors.

Under the bill, at the request of a building official, inspector, or employee of an enforcing agency, an individual who was licensed under the Act would have to present to that building official, inspector, or employee proof of licensure and a government-issued photo identification.

"Building official" would mean that term as defined in Section 1001 of the Act: a construction code enforcement person working as an inspector, or plan reviewer, or actively engaged in the administration and enforcement of adopted building, electrical, mechanical, or plumbing codes, or any combination of these codes.

"Inspector" would mean that term as defined in Section 1003 of the Act: the individual who is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the construction of buildings, structures, or appurtenances under the State Construction Code.

Under the Act, "enforcing agency" means the governmental agency that, in accordance with the Single State Construction Code Act, is responsible for administration and enforcement of the State Construction Code within a governmental subdivision.

In addition, Article 7 (Electricians and Electrical Contractors) of the Skilled Trades Regulation Act prohibits a person from installing any electrical wiring, devices, appliances, or appurtenances for the generation, distribution, and use of electrical energy, in or on any building, structure, or property, without a license. The bill provides, instead, that only an individual who was licensed under Article 7 could install electrical wiring.

The Act defines "electrical wiring" as all wiring, generating equipment, fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with the generation, distribution, and use of electrical energy, in or on a building, residence, structure, or propriety. The bill would add, "regardless of whether or not the electrical wiring is energized at the time of installation". The bill also would refer to devices in the definition.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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