
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONTRACTORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a problem
2 of enforcement within the building industry. Homeowners,
3 inspectors, and government agencies have difficulty identifying
4 the number of licensed tradespersons performing electrical and
5 plumbing work on construction job sites. Further, it may be
6 difficult to determine whether the ratio of licensed to
7 unlicensed tradesmen performing electrical and plumbing work on
8 construction job sites comply with requirements under state law.

9 The purpose of this Act is to provide for the facilitation,
10 identification, and enforcement of the requirement for licensed
11 electricians and plumbers on job sites and to extend that
12 requirement for licensed elevator mechanics, to promote public
13 safety and facilitate compliance with state law.

14 SECTION 2. Section 444-9.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "§444-9.5 Licensing of electrical or plumbing workers[-]
17 or elevator mechanics. (a) At least half of all individuals
18 performing electrical or plumbing work employed on a



1 construction job site by an electrical or plumbing contractor
2 shall be licensed in accordance with chapter 448E. The board
3 may waive this requirement in any county when there are
4 insufficient licensed electrical or plumbing workers in that
5 county to comply herewith."

6 (b) All individuals licensed in accordance with chapter
7 448E, or 448H, and who are employed on a construction job site
8 by an electrical, plumbing, or elevator mechanic contractor,
9 shall visibly display their license issued by the department on
10 their person while on the construction job site. Any licensed
11 individual not wearing their license at the time of a site
12 inspection shall not be counted as a licensee to determine
13 compliance with this section."

14 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Contractors; Licensing of Electricians and Plumbers; Elevator Mechanics

Description:

Requires identification of licensed individuals performing electrical, plumbing, and elevator mechanic work on a construction job site. Requires identification to be supplied by the department of commerce and consumer affairs. Stipulates that any licensed individual not wearing their license at the time of a site inspection will not be counted as a licensee for purposes of determining compliance with state law. (HB2102 HD1)

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