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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 618
Committee: State Government
Date: March 23, 2011
Staff: Kristi Kielhorn (2-5290)
Members: Representative Pettengill

Electricians Licensing

House File 618 makes substantive changes to the statewide license structure for electricians and electrical contractors.

Summary of Action

Passed House State Government 14-9
Passed House 60-33
Deferred on the Senate Floor

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1—Definition of Reasonable Managing Employee

This section adds a new paragraph to the definition of *reasonable managing employee* in the chapter dealing with fire extinguishing and alarm systems contractors and installers. The new paragraph relates to a telecommunications company that has been issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Section 2—Exemption

This section exempts the employees from section one from the requirement to obtain a certificate of licensure from Chapter 100C. (Fire Extinguishing and Alarm Systems Contractors and Installers)

Section 3—Commercial

This section refers to how the word *commercial* would be used in Chapter 103 (Electricians and Electrical Contractors)

- Refers to a use, installation, structure, or premises associated with a place of business where goods are stored or offered for sale on a wholesale or retail basis.
- Refers to a residence only if the residence is also used a place of business as described above.
- Does not apply to:
 - A farm.

- An industrial installation.

Sections 4 & 5—Chapter Inapplicability

These sections remove references to farm property from the code section that exempts them from the licensure, and instead creates a new exemption specifically to deal with farm property. Specifically:

- Persons performing a farm installation, if associated with the farm as a holder of a legal or equitable interest, a relative or employee of the holder, or an operator or manger of the farm do not have to be licensed.
- A permit is not required for an installation on a farm.
- A farm installation is not required to be inspected.
- In order for a farm to qualify under these exemptions, it must not be regularly open to the public as a place of business for the retail sale of goods, ware, services, or merchandise.