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**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Abraham to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 280 by Senator Abraham

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete line 2, and insert:

3 "To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2150.1(8) through (25) and to enact R.S.  
4 37:2150.1(26) and (27) and 2156.5, relative to the state Licensing Board for"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 1, delete line 3, and insert:

7 "Contractors; to provide relative to water well drilling; to provide relative to  
8 environmental wells or holes; to provide for licensure and"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, delete line 7, and insert:

11 "Section 1. R.S. 37:2150.1(8) through (25) are hereby amended and reenacted and  
12 R.S. 37:2150.1(26) and (27) and 2156.5 are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 4

14 On page 1, delete lines 11 through 17 and insert:

15 " (8) **"Environmental well or hole" includes but is not limited to the**  
16 **observation, monitor, piezometer, recovery, horizontal injection, cathodic**  
17 **protection, or geotechnical boreholes for the purposes of environmental**  
18 **assessment, sampling, or analyzation.**

19 (9) "Executive director" means the person appointed by the board to serve as  
20 the chief operating officer in connection with the day-to-day operation of the board's  
21 business. The executive director is the appointing authority for all employees of the  
22 board.

23 ~~(9)(a)~~(10)(a) "General contractor" means a person who contracts directly  
24 with the owner. The term "general contractor" includes the term "primary contractor"  
25 and wherever used in this Chapter or in regulations promulgated thereunder "primary  
26 contractor" means "general contractor".

27 (b) "General contractor" does not mean any person, supplier, manufacturer,  
28 or employee of such person who assembles, repairs, maintains, moves, puts up, tears  
29 down, or disassembles any patented or proprietary equipment supplied by such  
30 person to a contractor to be used solely by the contractor for a construction  
31 undertaking.

32 ~~(10)~~(11) "Home improvement" means the reconstruction, alteration,  
33 renovation, repair, modernization, conversion, improvement, removal, or demolition,  
34 or the construction of an addition to any preexisting residential structure which  
35 building is used or designed to be used as a residence or dwelling unit, or to  
36 structures which are adjacent to such residence or building for which the project  
37 value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more. "Home improvement " does  
38 not include services rendered gratuitously.

39 ~~(11)~~(12) "Home improvement contractor" means any person who undertakes  
40 or attempts to undertake or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise,  
41 superintend, oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of a home  
42 improvement project for which the project value is at least seven thousand five  
43 hundred dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars. A home improvement contractor  
44 shall not perform any structural work that is integral to the structural integrity of any

1 new or existing structure, including but not limited to footings, foundations, outside  
 2 walls, skeleton, bearing columns and interior load bearing walls, floor slabs, or  
 3 roofing systems to any type.

4 ~~(12)~~**(13)** "License" means any form of license or registration the board is  
 5 authorized to issue in accordance with this Chapter.

6 ~~(13)~~**(14)** "Mechanical contractor" means any person who undertakes to,  
 7 attempts to, or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise, superintend,  
 8 oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of the construction,  
 9 alteration, repair, improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, or  
 10 furnishing labor, or furnishing labor together with material and equipment, or  
 11 installing the same for the construction, installation, maintenance, testing, and repair  
 12 of air conditioning, refrigeration, heating systems, and plumbing for all residential,  
 13 commercial, and industrial applications as well as ventilation systems, mechanical  
 14 work controls, boilers and other pressure vessels, steam and hot water systems and  
 15 piping, gas piping and fuel storage, and chilled water and condensing water systems  
 16 and piping, including but not limited to any type of industrial process piping and  
 17 related valves, fittings, and components, for which the project value is ten thousand  
 18 dollars or more. This Paragraph is not deemed or construed to limit the authority of  
 19 a contractor, general contractor, or residential contractor, as those terms are defined  
 20 in this Section, nor to require such individuals to become a mechanical contractor.

21 ~~(14)~~**(15)** "Mold remediation contractor" means any person who engages in  
 22 removal, cleaning, sanitizing, demolition, or other treatment, including preventative  
 23 activities, of mold or mold-contaminated matter that was not purposely grown at that  
 24 location for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more.  
 25 Mold remediation applies only to the regulation of mold-related activities that affect  
 26 indoor air quality and does not apply to routine cleaning when not conducted for the  
 27 purpose of mold-related activities intended to affect indoor air quality.

28 ~~(15)~~**(16)** "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, association,  
 29 cooperative, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or  
 30 any other entity recognized by Louisiana law; and whether or not acting as a  
 31 principal, trustee, fiduciary, receiver, or as any other kind of legal or personal  
 32 representative, or as a successor in interest, assignee, agent, factor, servant,  
 33 employee, director, officer, or any other representative of such person; or any state  
 34 or local governing authority or political subdivision.

35 ~~(16)~~**(17)** "Plumbing contractor" means any person who installs, maintains,  
 36 and repairs potable and nonpotable tap water or sewer systems within a building  
 37 structure or residential structure for which the project value is ten thousand dollars  
 38 or more.

39 ~~(17)~~**(18)** "Principal" means an owner, shareholder, or an officer or director  
 40 of a corporation; a member or manager of a limited liability company; a general  
 41 partner of a partnership; a sole proprietor; a trustee; or a full-time employee with  
 42 similar operational control or significant influence with respect to any person as  
 43 determined by the board.

44 ~~(18)~~**(19)** "Qualifying party" means a natural person designated by the  
 45 contractor to represent the contractor for the purpose of complying with the  
 46 provisions of this Chapter including but not limited to meeting the requirements for  
 47 the initial license and any continuation thereof.

48 ~~(19)(a)~~**(20)(a)** "Residential contractor" means any person who constructs a  
 49 fixed building or structure for sale or use by another as a residence or who, for a  
 50 price, commission, fee, wage, or other compensation, undertakes or offers to  
 51 undertake the construction or superintending of the construction of any residential  
 52 structure which is not more than three floors in height, to be used by another as a  
 53 residence, for which the project value is fifty thousand dollars or more. The term  
 54 "residential contractor" includes all persons who receive an additional fee for the  
 55 employment or direction of labor, or any other work beyond the normal architectural  
 56 or engineering services.

57 (b) "Residential contractor" includes both of the following:

58 (i) Any person bidding or performing home improvement for which the  
 59 project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more.

60 (ii) Any person performing the installation of a modular home with a value  
 61 equal to or greater than fifty thousand dollars for which the total project value shall

1 not include the cost of the component parts of the modular home in the condition  
2 each part leaves the factory pursuant to R.S. 40:1730.71.

3 (c) "Residential contractor" does not include any person engaged in building  
4 residential structures that are built to the United States Department of Housing and  
5 Urban Development's construction standards for manufactured housing as outlined  
6 at 42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq., or mounted on a metal chassis and wheels.

7 ~~(20)~~**(21)** "Residential roofing" means the construction, alteration, repair,  
8 improvement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, furnishing labor, or furnishing  
9 labor together with materials or equipment, or the installation of materials or  
10 equipment for any phase of roofing specific to a residential structure for which the  
11 project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more.

12 ~~(21)~~**(22)** "Residential roofing contractor" means any person who undertakes  
13 to, attempts to, or submits a price or bid, or offers to construct, supervise,  
14 superintend, oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of a  
15 residential roofing project for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred  
16 dollars or more.

17 ~~(22)~~**(23)** "Residential structure" means a building or structure that is used  
18 primarily for occupancy by a person as a residence. Such structures or buildings  
19 include but are not limited to single family dwellings and duplexes which are not  
20 more than three floors in height and structures that are part of or adjacent to the  
21 building or structures to be used as a residence. A residential structure more than  
22 three floors in height may be built by a person holding a building construction and  
23 residential construction license.

24 ~~(23)~~**(24)** "Subcontract" means an agreement to perform a portion of the scope  
25 of work contained in the principal contract including the entire cost of labor and  
26 materials of that part of the principal contract which is performed by the  
27 subcontractor.

28 ~~(24)(a)~~**(25)(a)** "Subcontractor" means a person who contracts to perform a  
29 scope of work that is a part of the scope of work contained in the principal contract.

30 (b) "Subcontractor" does not include any person, supplier, or manufacturer  
31 who assembles, repairs, maintains, moves, puts up, tears down, or disassembles any  
32 patented or proprietary equipment supplied by such person to a contractor to be used  
33 solely by the contractor for a construction undertaking.

34 **(26) "Water well drilling" means drilling for the purposes of extracting**  
35 **ground water which includes but is not limited to the drilling, construction,**  
36 **maintenance, repair, abandoning, plugging, or sealing water wells for potable**  
37 **and nonpotable water."**

38 AMENDMENT NO. 5

39 On page 2, delete line 1.

40 AMENDMENT NO. 6

41 On page 2, delete line 3, and insert "**§2156.5. Water well drilling**"

42 AMENDMENT NO. 7

43 On page 2, line 7, after "**water well,**" delete the remaining of the line.

44 AMENDMENT NO. 8

45 On page 2, line 8, delete "**sampling well**" and insert "**or environmental well or hole**"

46 AMENDMENT NO. 9

47 On page 2, delete lines 10 and 11, and insert:

48 **"B. A water well contractor and environmental well or hole contractor**  
49 **shall pass the appropriate examination, be registered with the State Licensing**  
50 **Board for Contractors, be in good standing with the Department of**  
51 **Conservation and"**

1 AMENDMENT NO. 10

2 On page 2, delete line 14, and insert:

3 **"C. A water well contractor and environmental well or hole contractor shall**  
4 **complete five hours of continuing education"**