
DIGEST

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HB 971 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Changes the definition of "home improvement contracting" to only include projects above \$7,500 and not greater than \$50,000.

Present law defines "home improvement contracting" as the construction or other creation of an addition to a pre-existing residential building or dwelling unit or to structures adjacent to such residence or building.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that a project is required to be greater than \$7,500 but not more than \$50,000 for labor in order to qualify as home improvement contracting. Present law defines the term "home improvement contractor" to mean any person, including a contractor or subcontractor, who engages, or attempts to engage, in home improvement contracting.

Proposed law retains the definition but changes the term from "home improvement contractor" to "home improvement registrant". Further, proposed law changes references found in present law to such term.

Present law authorizes any home improvement contractor to complete any contracts in which he entered prior to Oct. 1, 2007 that are valued in excess of \$75,000 without obtaining a residential contractor's license, but requires such persons to obtain a residential contractor's license prior to entering home improvement contracts valued in excess of \$75,000 and entered into after Oct. 1, 2007.

Proposed law retains present law but lowers the threshold for residential contractor licensure from \$75,000 to \$50,000.

Proposed law authorizes any home improvement registrant to complete any contracts into which he entered prior to Aug. 1, 2022, that are valued in excess of \$50,000 without obtaining a residential contractor's license, but requires such persons to obtain a residential contractor's license prior to entering home improvement contracts valued in excess of \$50,000 and entered into after Aug. 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 37:2150.1(intro. para.), (7), and (8), 2171.2(B), 2175.1(A)(intro. para.), (2), and (7), (B), and (D)(1) and (2), 2175.2(A), (B)(intro. para.) and (3), and (D), 2175.3(A)(2), (3), (6), (7), and (10), 2175.4(B) and (C), 2175.5(A)(5), and 2175.6)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Limit the scope of what costs are considered relative to the threshold for home improvement contracting.
2. Make technical corrections.