
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 207

AN ACT REQUIRING HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS AND SALESMEN TO OBTAIN AND DISPLAY IDENTIFICATION BADGES.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires registered home improvement contractors and salesmen to wear conspicuous, state-issued, personalized identification badges when performing, engaging in, or attempting to engage in the business of making or selling home improvements.

The consumer protection commissioner must issue the badges when registering the contractors and salesmen. The bill allows him to charge a reasonable fee, up to \$30, to cover the badge's cost. A new badge must be obtained at least every six years.

Under the bill, an issued badge must be returned, within three business days, to the commissioner when a contractor's or salesman's registration is revoked, suspended, or not renewed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2015

IDENTIFICATION BADGE

Content of Badge

The bill requires the identification badges to include the contractor's or salesman's:

1. name and registration number;
2. business name; and
3. face, as shown in a color photograph taken within four weeks of the badge's issuance.

They must also include the website address for the state's eLicensing website or any subsequent electronic licensing website.

The badge must be designed so that the name, number, and website address are plainly visible when a contractor or salesman wears it. It must also be made in a way and of such a material that trying to alter it renders it immediately, noticeably, and permanently destroyed.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 4 (03/13/2014)