
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 291

AN ACT CONCERNING CRANE OPERATIONS.

SUMMARY:

This bill postpones by three years, to October 1, 2017, implementation of the provisions of PA 12-99 scheduled to take effect on October 1, 2014. These provisions broaden the definition of cranes, expand examination requirements for crane operators, require periodic reexaminations, and exempt certain people from licensing requirements.

Before October 1, 2014 when the new definition of crane was scheduled to take effect, PA 12-99 allowed the Crane Examiners Board to develop and administer written and practical examinations for, and issue licenses to operators of cranes meeting the new definition. This bill allows them to do so before the definition takes effect on October 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Crane and Public Act 12-99

Public Act 12-99 broadened the definition of "crane," thereby expanding the (1) types of equipment and operators subject to state regulation and (2) scope of the state safety code for operating and maintaining cranes and hoisting equipment. The law was expanded in anticipation of new federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) standards. Some changes were scheduled to take effect on October 1, 2012 and others on October 1, 2014, when OSHA's rules were to go into effect. OSHA has decided to delay adoption of its final rule until November 2017.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/11/2014)