
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5151

AN ACT CONCERNING SOLAR LICENSING EXEMPTIONS.

SUMMARY

This bill modifies an exemption from Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) licensing requirements for employees of, and contractors employed by, licensed solar contractors when doing certain work under the licensed contractor's direction.

The bill removes the current licensure exemption when these people are placing and anchoring solar collectors, photovoltaic panels, towers, or turbines. But it allows them, without a license, to uncrate these items and distribute them on the job site. Existing law, unchanged by the bill, allows them to hoist these items without a license.

The bill additionally exempts these employees and contractors from licensure requirements when doing (1) pile driving, (2) concrete form work, and (3) installation of ground screw supports and racking systems.

By law and regulation, DCP issues certain licenses related to solar installation work, including the PV-1 (Limited Solar Electric Contractor) and PV-2 (Limited Solar Electric Journeyman) licenses.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 5 (03/07/2024)