

HB 978 -- Licensure of Home Inspectors

Sponsor: Parson

This bill requires home inspectors to be licensed by the Division of Professional Registration within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Establishes the Missouri Home Inspectors Commission to implement the licensure program;
- (2) Requires any person conducting home inspections to be licensed by the commission;
- (3) Allows unlicensed persons to assist licensed home inspectors;
- (4) Provides licensing exemptions for certain entities and professions;
- (5) Creates within the state treasury the Missouri Home Inspectors Fund to be used by the commission for its costs;
- (6) Authorizes the commission to establish licensing qualifications and an application process, develop and publish standards of professional conduct, approve courses of instruction, prescribe the form and content of examinations, and establish continuing education requirements and reciprocity agreements; and
- (7) Authorizes the commission to refuse to issue, suspend, or revoke licenses and cause complaints to be filed against licensees with the Administrative Hearing Commission as specified in the bill.

The bill becomes effective January 1, 2008.