

HB 1189 -- 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' Board to implement the licensure program and specifies its duties, powers, membership, and terms of office;
- (2) Requires persons conducting home inspections to be licensed by the board;
- (3) Establishes the criteria for the supervision, training, and licensure of home inspector apprentices;
- (4) Exempts certain individuals, businesses, and associations from licensure;
- (5) Creates the Missouri Home Inspectors' Fund to be used by the board for its costs;
- (6) Authorizes the board to establish licensing qualifications, an application process, licensing fee, continuing education requirements, and reciprocity agreements; develop and publish standards of professional conduct; approve courses of instruction; and specify the form and content of examinations; and
- (7) Authorizes the board 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.

Any person or corporation who knowingly violates the provisions of the bill will be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

The bill becomes effective January 1, 2010.