

HB 1997 -- LICENSURE OF ROOFING CONTRACTORS

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This bill specifies that beginning in January 1, 2018, no person can practice or offer services as a roofing contractor in this state for compensation or use any title, sign, abbreviation, card, or device to indicate that such person is a roofing contractor unless he or she has been duly licensed with a limited roofing license or an unlimited roofing license.

A roofing contractor with a limited roofing license can only offer and provide roofing services to residential properties consisting of eight units or less. The bill specifies those individuals who are not required to be licensed as a roofing contractor.

The bill establishes the Missouri State Board of Roofing Contractors, which guide, advise, and make recommendations to the Division of Professional Registration. The bill specifies who must serve on the board, the terms of their service, and the duties of the board.

An applicant for a limited license or an unlimited license as a roofing contractor must submit to the board a completed application furnished by the board accompanied by the required fee of \$50 for a limited license and \$300 for an unlimited license. The bill specifies what information must be contained in the application.

Applicants for an unlimited roofing license must pass an examination as established by the board. The first year the examination is offered, the board must offer the examination every other month at a minimum of twenty-five locations accessible throughout the state. After the first year, the examination must be offered only in Jefferson City, Missouri every other month.

An applicant has two years from the day the application is submitted to complete the application process, including for an unlimited roofing license applicant the passage of the examination requirement, or else the application shall be automatically denied and any fees payed by the applicant forfeited. The applicant must then reapply in order to obtain licensure as a roofing contractor.

An applicant for an unlimited roofing license may apply for licensure without examination if the board is satisfied that the applicant meets the necessary work requirements.

The bill prohibits a license from being issued or renewed unless the applicant files with the board a copy of a bond or other acceptable surety providing coverage in the amount of \$10,000 and

provides proof of liability insurance with a minimum level of coverage.

A roofing contractor is required to affix the roofing contractor license number and the licensee's name, as it appears on the license, to all of his or her contracts and bids and must display the license in a conspicuous place in his or her principal office, place of business, or place of employment. The official issuing building permits must also affix the roofing contractor's license number to each application for a building permit and on each building permit issued and recorded.

The bill specifies when these services can be advertised and that a knowing failure to properly advertise is a class A misdemeanor. The bill specifies when the board may refuse to issue or renew a license and when a complaint may be filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission.

The division is required to provide notice to the public after a natural disaster that roofing contractors under state law are required to be licensed and that notice must include the use of advertisements and public service announcements in print, broadcast television, radio, and cable television media, as well as the posting of information on the division's website.