

HB 2673 -- MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR LICENSES

SPONSOR: Mathews

This bill establishes a statewide mechanical license for mechanical contractors. Each corporation, firm, institution, organization, company, or representative thereof engaging in mechanical contracting shall have in its employ at least one statewide license holder. A statewide licensed mechanical contractor can only represent one entity at a time.

Any person operating as a mechanical contractor in a political subdivision that does not require the mechanical contractor to hold a local license shall not be required to possess a statewide license to operate as a mechanical contractor in such political subdivisions.

Political subdivisions shall not be prohibited from establishing their own local electrical contractor's licenses, but must recognize a statewide license in lieu of a local license for the purposes of performing contracting work or obtaining permits to perform work with the political subdivision.

This bill mandates political subdivisions to require a separate individual mechanical trade license in addition to the statewide license.

In order to obtain a statewide mechanical license an applicant must be at least 21 years old, provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000, post a bond in each political subdivision in which he or she works, pass a standardized and nationally accredited mechanical assessment exam, and have completed 7,500 hours of verifiable field experience in the mechanical industry or a degree in mechanical or civil engineering with a minimum of three years verifiable experience directing and supervising at least one field employee. Certain individuals holding mechanical contractor licenses from political subdivisions can qualify for a statewide license.

This bill states that holders of statewide mechanical licenses are authorized to perform all mechanical work as defined by the codes written and published by the International Code Council, work relating to backflow preventers if the individual performing the work has a state backflow certification, and water heaters according to the International Mechanical Code.

The provisions of this bill shall not apply to any work regulated by the Public Service Commission or any exemptions provided by a political subdivision.