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BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 454 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Dale L. Shugars
Committee: Health Policy and Senior Citizens

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Asbestos Workers Accreditation Act to extend its accreditation standards and training requirements to persons performing asbestos-related work in public and commercial buildings (as well as in school buildings, as currently provided). The bill also would require accreditation for someone conducting or designing a response activity (with certain exceptions); require asbestos inspectors to disclose their financial interest in a business performing asbestos-related work; increase training requirements for asbestos abatement contractors, supervisors, and workers; raise from \$25 to \$50 the fee for accreditation of contractors, supervisors, and workers; allow the Department of Public Health (DPH) to deny, revoke, or suspend the approval of a training sponsor for certain reasons; require training sponsors to pay an annual renewal fee of \$200 (in addition to the \$400 initial application fee); require training sponsors to give the DPH a description of a certificate of successful course completion that satisfied the requirements of the Federal Asbestos Model Accreditation Plan (MAP), submit a notice of scheduled courses, and satisfy record-keeping requirements described in the MAP; require training sponsors, rather than the DPH, to issue certificates of successful course completion; and require the DPH to issue certificates of accreditation. The bill would repeal the Act three years after the bill's effective date.

Under the bill, "public and commercial building" would mean the interior space of a building that was not a school building, a residential apartment building of fewer than 10 units, or a detached single family home. Public and commercial buildings would include, but not be limited to, all of the following: industrial and office buildings; residential apartment buildings and condominiums of 10 or more dwelling units; government-owned buildings; colleges and universities; museums; airports; hospitals; churches; preschools; stores; warehouses; and factories.

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Legislative Analyst: S. Margules

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would result in an indeterminate increase in State restricted fee revenues. The amount of the increase would depend on the number of renewals of training course sponsorship and the number of individuals seeking initial accreditation as an asbestos abatement contractor, supervisor, or worker. Based on current Asbestos Abatement Program experience, the increase in fee revenue would be approximately \$70,000.

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