

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING OFFICIAL, PLAN REVIEWER, OR INSPECTOR

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House Bill 4245 as enacted
Public Act 88 of 2015
Sponsor: Rep. Anthony G. Forlini
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4245 amends the Building Officials and Inspectors Registration Act to remove a requirement that an individual seeking registration under the act be employed by a governmental subdivision, and adding a new subsection specifying that an individual need not be employed by an enforcing agency to register under the act.

HB 4245 also changes the registration renewal requirements. Currently, the registration renewal coincides with the code change cycle of a code that a person is enforcing in that jurisdiction. The bill would remove the underlined language. The bill would also change the current requirement that registration renewals occur at least every three years, and instead would provide that an inspector renew a registration by September 17 of every third year, beginning in 2015.

An enforcing agency is defined as the governmental agency that, under the Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, is responsible for administration and enforcement of the code within a governmental subdivision.

The bill also would make other complementary changes to reflect the removal of the requirement that an individual be employed by an enforcing agency to register under the act, as well as non-substantive, technical wording changes. The bill takes effect 9-21-15, which is 90 days after being enacted into law.

MCL 338.2307, et al.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4245 would indeterminately, yet likely nominally, impact the revenues and expenditures of the Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to the extent that the number of individuals applying for registration as building officials or inspectors or plan reviewers increases. Applicants pay a statutory registration fee of \$75 every three years, which supports the BCC's expenses related to registering building officials or inspectors or plan reviewers.

Furthermore, HB 4245 could nominally reduce expenditures for local units of government hiring building officials or inspectors or plan reviewers to the extent that such individuals could already be registered prior to employment and consequently, perform their job duties sooner once being hired.

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