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House Bill 4006  
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4006 AS INTRODUCED 1-11-89

The bill would amend the State Construction Code act to require that a person holding certain occupational licenses (or someone required to be licensed) under Michigan law and who applies for a building permit to perform work on a residential building or a residential structure -- other than his or her own residential building or structure -- provide on the application all of the following information:

-- the occupational license number of the applicant;

-- either the name of each carrier providing worker's disability compensation insurance to the applicant, if the applicant is required to be insured pursuant to the worker's disability compensation act, or the reasons for exemption from the requirement to be insured, pursuant to the act, if not required;

-- either the employer identification number, if the applicant is required to have an employer identification number by the Internal Revenue Code, or the reasons for exemption from the requirement;

The bill would affect residential builders or residential maintenance and alteration contractors, master or journeymen plumbers, electrical contractors or master or journeymen electricians, and mechanical contractors who applied for a building permit.

Under the bill, the building permit application form would be required to contain the following statement in eight-point boldface type immediately above the location for the applicant's signature:

"You should be aware that it is unlawful for a person other than a licensed contractor to perform the work of a licensed contractor. A person who knowingly employs an unlicensed person to perform the work of a licensed contractor may be subject to a civil fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$500. Before you begin a construction project, you should be familiar with the construction laws of this state and of the local unit of government in which you intend to begin construction. You should also be sure that you have the skill and knowledge to complete your project in an appropriate manner. If you are not familiar with the construction laws of this state and of the local unit of government in which you intend to begin construction, or if you are unsure whether you have the skill and knowledge necessary to complete your construction project, you should consider hiring a licensed contractor to perform the work for you. You may incur personal liability for injury to persons or property for your negligence in completing the construction project."

The bill would make it a civil violation, under the jurisdiction of the county prosecuting attorney, and with a fine of not less than \$100 nor more

than \$500, to knowingly employ a person who was not licensed under any of the above categories.

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