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ASBESTOS CONTRACTORS LICENSING

House Bill 4222
First Committee: Labor
Second Committee: State Affairs

House Bills 4223-4226
Committee: Labor
Sponsor: Rep. Thomas Hickner

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4222 AS INTRODUCED 2-16-89

The bill would make the following amendments to the Abatement Contractors Licensing Act (MCL 338.3207 et al.):

-- Create an Asbestos Abatement Fund in the state treasury. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year would remain in the fund, and would not revert to the general fund. The fund could be used only for the asbestos-related responsibilities of the Department of Public Health.

-- Exempt an electrician, mechanical contractor, plumber or building contractor from asbestos abatement licensing requirements when engaged in an incidental project involving a residential structure of not more than two family units.

-- Require all persons, except for homeowners performing their own in-house work, to notify the department at least ten days before beginning a project exceeding six linear feet or five square feet, or both, of friable asbestos materials. (The bill would repeal the section of the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act that requires notification to the Department of Labor.)

-- Require submission of asbestos abatement project fees equal to 10 cents per linear foot or square foot, or both, for each project, to be submitted at the time project notifications are given. The minimum fee would be \$25 and the maximum \$1,000; all fees would be deposited in the Asbestos Abatement Fund.

-- Require asbestos abatement contractors to notify those who engaged their services whether they held liability insurance.

-- Require the department to notify the appropriate licensing board of a violation of the act.

House Bill 4222 is tie-barred to House Bills 4223, 4224, 4225 and 4226, which would specify that licensing boards of the plumbing, electrical, mechanical contracting, and building trades would have to review complaints and could suspend or revoke licenses for violations of the Asbestos Abatement Contractors Licensing Act. House Bill 4223 would amend the act governing the licensure of plumbers (MCL 338.911b). House Bill 4224 would amend the Electrical Administrative Act (MCL 338.888d). House Bill 4225 would amend the Forbes Mechanical Contractors Act (MCL 338.981). House Bill 4226 would amend the Occupational Code (MCL 339.2411).

MCL 338 307 et al.