Legislative Analysis



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ASBESTOS ABATEMENT CONTRACTOR LICENSE

Senate Bill 1223 as passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Sen. Virg Bernero

Senate Committee: Economic Development, Small Business, and Regulatory Reform

House Committee: Commerce

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 1223 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

The bill would amend the Asbestos Abatement Contractors Licensing Act to require the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG) to return a person's license fee, and reduce the fee for his or her next renewal application by 15 percent, if DLEG failed to issue or deny a license within the time required.

The act requires DLEG, within 15 working days after receiving a license application, to acknowledge receipt of the application and notify the applicant of any deficiency in it. Under the bill, DLEG would have to give this notice in writing or make the information electronically available. The act also requires DLEG, within 60 days after receiving a completed application, including all additional information requested, to issue or deny the application. The bill would define "completed application".

The bill would require DLEG to report to the Legislature by December 1 each year, beginning in 2005, regarding the number of applications received and completed within the prescribed time period; the number of applicants not issued a license within that period; the number of applications denied; and the amount of money returned.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would allow for a return of the fee and a 15% fee reduction on the next renewal application if the department fails to issue or deny a license within the specified time period. In FY 2002-03 the Department collected approximately \$35,300 from initial and renewal licenses under the Asbestos Abatement Contractors Licensing Act. The potential loss of revenue could equate to \$4,500.

It is estimated that there could be additional information technology, computer database costs since there is a new reporting requirement to report on information not currently gathered.

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