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Senate Bill 1234 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Nancy Cassis

Committee: Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Boiler Act to require the Department of Labor and Economic Growth to do the following:

- Issue an initial or renewal license or permit within 90 days after an applicant filed a "completed application" (as defined in the bill).
- Notify the applicant in writing, or make information electronically available, within 30 days after receiving an incomplete application, describing the deficiency and requesting additional information.
- Refund the license or permit fee and reduce the fee for the applicant's next renewal application, if any, by 15% if the Department missed the deadline.
- Report to the Legislature by December 1 each year, beginning in 2005, regarding the number of applications received and completed within the 90-day time period; the number denied; the number of applicants not issued a license within the 90-day period; and the amount of money returned to applicants.

The bill would apply to licenses to install or repair boilers and permits for the installation or repair of boilers.

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FISCAL IMPACT

According to the Department, in FY 2002-03 it licensed approximately 2,200 boiler installers and 150 inspectors. The bill would require a refund of the initial fee and then a discount of 15% for the next licensing cycle if the Department missed the deadline. Currently, the Department operates within the bill's time frame so the fiscal impact should be minimal.

The bill also would require a report that would include new or additional information not currently collected. The database adjustment required to accommodate this requirement and the ability to flag those licensees eligible for the 15% reduction could increase Information Technology costs.

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