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Senate Bill 235 (as introduced 2-28-13)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Building Officials and Inspectors Registration Act to provide for the registration of a person as a limited mechanical inspector and a limited electrical inspector if he or she were certified by a national association as a fire inspector.

Specifically, the bill would require the State Construction Code Commission, upon receiving the fee prescribed by Section 13 and without requiring an examination, to register or reregister an applicant as both a limited mechanical inspector and a limited electrical inspector if he or she were certified by the National Fire Protection Association or the International Code Council as one of the following:

- Both a fire inspector I and a fire plans examiner.
- A fire inspector II.

The limited registration of a person certified as a fire inspector I and a fire plans examiner would authorize the applicant only to conduct plan reviews on fire protection and fire detection and alarm systems. The limited registration of a person certified as a fire inspector II would authorize the applicant only to inspect and approve such systems.

These provisions would not apply to an applicant certified under standards adopted or amended by the National Fire Protection Association or the International Code Council after bill was enacted, unless the Commission promulgated a rule incorporating the new or amended standards. The rule could incorporate the standards by reference.

(Section 13 requires the Commission to charge fees for the registration of building officials, inspectors, and plan reviewers. For each year the registration covers, an applicant for registration must pay a fee of \$25. After September 30, 2015, the fee will be \$10.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minor, but likely positive fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Under the bill, individuals certified as fire inspectors by a national association would be able to pay a \$25 fee to be registered as a limited mechanical inspector and a limited electrical inspector for the purpose of conducting plan reviews on fire

protection and fire detection and alarm systems. The Department would use these fees for the support of the Bureau of Commercial Services.

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