

Legislative Analysis



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Senate Bill 954 as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Darwin L. Booher
House Committee: Regulatory Reform
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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 954 would amend several sections of the Occupational Code, primarily by adding language specifying that *the practice of professional engineering* does not include the preparation, signing, or submission of shop drawings for a fire alarm system and making complementary changes to the act.

The bill also would repeal Section 2005 of the Occupational Code (MCL 339.2005). Section 2005 contains requirements for licensure as an architect, professional engineer, and professional surveyor. These appear to largely mirror those contained within Section 2004. Requirements regarding qualifications remain the same, but the following provisions would not be carried over into Section 2004:

- The examination required by Article 20 must be given at least once a year.
- That an examinee must be notified in writing of the examinee's results on each part of the examination.
- That an individual with a mental or physical disability may be tested using special equipment, facilities, or assistance. However, the examination shall not be varied in form, content, or the format in which answers are submitted. (Individuals with disabilities are already required to be offered necessary accommodations under federal Law.)
- That all requirements for licensure shall be completed within 10 years after receipt of the application by the department. If the requirements are not completed within the 10-year period, the application shall be void.

The bill would take effect 90 days after it is enacted into law.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 954 would likely have significant fiscal impacts on the state or local units of government.

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