

Legislative Analysis



PERMIT NOT REQUIRED FOR PROVIDER TO INSTALL BUSINESS MONITORING SYSTEM

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House Bill 4654 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Michele Hoytenga

House Bill 4655 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Beth Griffin

Committee: Communications and Technology
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SUMMARY:

Each bill would specify that a permit is not required to install a business monitoring system, and each would add a definition of "business monitoring system" as follows:

A device or an assembly of equipment and devices that allows a business to remotely monitor its business premises through audio, video, or sensor detection systems. It does not include a fire alarm system or a life safety system designed to protect and evacuate building occupants in the event of emergencies such as fire, smoke, or power outages.

House Bill 4654 would amend the Skilled Trades Regulation Act, which establishes uniform provisions relating to the licensing of various occupations, to prohibit a local ordinance from requiring a permit to install a business monitoring system.

House Bill 5655 would amend the Single State Construction Code Act to specify that a permit is not required to install, maintain, replace, or service a business monitoring system.

The Skilled Trades Regulation Act (HB 4654) states that it does not limit the power of a municipality to enact an ordinance to provide for licensing of electrical or specialty contractors or journeyman electricians, sign specialists, or fire alarm specialty technicians. However, the act currently does prohibit an ordinance from requiring the procurement of a permit by a provider to install, maintain, replace, or service any electrical wiring, equipment, or devices associated with a home monitoring system. HB 4654 would add "business monitoring system" as another prohibition. (MCL 339.5733)

The Single State Construction Code Act (HB 4655) currently states that a permit is not required for the installation, maintenance, replacement, or servicing of any electrical wiring, equipment, or devices related to or associated with a home monitoring system if performed by a provider. HB 4655 would include "business monitoring system" to this list. (MCL 125.1528a)

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bills do not appear to have any significant impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

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