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House Bill 4654 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
House Bill 4655 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Michele Hoytenga (H.B. 4654)
Representative Beth Griffin (H.B. 4655)
House Committee: Communications and Technology
Senate Committee: Energy and Technology

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CONTENT

House Bills 4654 (H-1) and 4655 (H-1) would amend the Skilled Trades Regulation Act and the Single State Construction Code Act, respectively, to make exceptions from permitting requirements for the installation, maintenance, replacement, or servicing of a business monitoring system.

Both bills would define "business monitoring system" as a device or an assembly of equipment and devices, less than 50 volts, that allows a business to remotely monitor its business premises through audio, video, or sensor detection systems. A business monitoring system would 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.

Each bill would take effect 90 days after it was enacted.

House Bill 4654 (H-1)

Article 7 of the Skilled Trades Regulation Act governs electricians and electrical contractors. Article 7 does not apply within a municipality with an ordinance that provides licensure standards at least as stringent as those in Article 7, provides for similar enforcement, and meets other criteria. The Act states Article 7 may not be construed as limiting the power of a municipality to enact an ordinance for the licensing of people as electrical or specialty contractors that have a place of business located in the municipality, or to provide for the licensing of journeymen electricians, sign specialists, or fire alarm specialty technicians who reside in the municipality. However, the ordinance may not require a provider to procure a permit to install, maintain, replace, or service any electrical wiring, equipment, or devices associated with a home monitoring system. Under the bill, the ordinance also could not require a provider to procure a permit to install, maintain, replace, or service any electrical wiring, equipment, or devices associated with a business home monitoring system.

House Bill 4655 (H-1)

The Single State Construction Code Act states that a permit is not required under the Act or the State Construction Code 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. Under the bill, a permit also would not be required for the

installation, maintenance, replacement, or servicing of any electrical wiring, equipment, or devices related to or associated with a business monitoring system if performed by a provider.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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