

AB 660 (Torrico) **Sprinkler fitters: licensing.**

Bill Status: active

Last Action: Aug 24, 2009. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Current Location: SEN APPROPRIATIONS.

Position: support

- This bill has been amended since it was first tracked. (August 24, 2009)

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Summary:

Existing law establishes the Office of the State Fire Marshal for specified purposes and requires the appointment by the Governor of the State Fire Marshal. Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to adopt and administer regulations and building standards he or she deems

necessary in order to, among other things, establish and control a program for servicing, testing, and maintaining all automatic fire extinguishing systems, including fire sprinkler systems.

The Contractors' State License Law provides for the licensing and regulation of contractors by the Contractors' State License Board. Under that law, the registrar may refuse to issue, reinstate, reactivate, or renew a license or may suspend a license for the failure of a licensee to resolve all outstanding final liabilities, which include taxes, additions to tax, penalties, interest, and any fees that may be assessed by the board or other specified state agencies.

This bill would include the assessments of the State Fire Marshal among the state agencies for which a license may be affected for nonpayment.

This bill would enact a comprehensive program for the certification and regulation of sprinkler fitters, as defined, by the State Fire Marshal. The bill would prohibit a person from performing work on any fire suppression system, as defined, unless he or she possesses a valid sprinkler fitter or limited scope sprinkler fitter certificate issued by the State Fire Marshal, except as specified, and would prohibit a person or entity from employing a person to perform work on a fire suppression system without such a certificate or permit. The bill would provide for the issuance of, and would set forth eligibility standards for, various certificates and permits, and would require the State Fire Marshal to adopt a schedule of fees in amounts necessary to cover the cost of administering and enforcing these provisions.

This bill would provide for the enforcement of these provisions by the State Fire Marshal, and would require the State Fire Marshal to revoke or suspend a certificate or permit, or reprimand a certificate or permitholder, for specified reasons. The bill would also provide that a person licensed under the Contractors' State License Law who violates these provisions shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Contractors' State License Board, and would allow the Department of Justice to suspend a license, registration, or certificate under certain circumstances. A knowing and willful violation of these licensing and regulatory provisions would be a misdemeanor. By creating a new crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Tracked since Feb 27, 2009.