

HB 1291 -- Licensure of Home Inspectors

Sponsor: Nance

This bill requires any person conducting a home inspection to be licensed by the Division of Professional Registration within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Establishes the Missouri Home Inspectors' Board within the division to implement the licensure program and specifies its duties, powers, membership, and the members' terms of office;
- (2) Establishes the criteria for the supervision, training, and licensure of home inspector apprentices;
- (3) Prohibits a license from being issued to a partnership, association, corporation, firm, LLC, or group;
- (4) Creates the Missouri Home Inspectors' Fund to be administered by the division for use by the board;
- (5) Authorizes the board to establish licensing qualifications, an application process, the licensing fee, criteria for courses of instruction, continuing education requirements, and procedures for the issuance of a license on a reciprocal basis; develop and publish standards of professional conduct; and specify the form and content of examinations; and
- (6) Authorizes the board to refuse to issue or renew, suspend, or revoke any license and to cause a complaint to be filed against a licensee with the Administrative Hearing Commission as specified in the bill.

Any person or corporation who knowingly violates any provision of the bill will be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

The bill becomes effective January 1, 2014.