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Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Streamlines the application process for trade licenses administered by the Department of Consumer and Business Services' Building Codes Division.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Eliminates the provision relating to allowing regulatory bodies that offer an extended license term (under established statute) regarding extending the terms for renewed licenses to offer an extended initial license term not to exceed five years. Eliminates the examination fee for a limited energy technician's license. Clarifies that the maximum fee for continuing education for renewing a plumber license is \$25 per year instead of the one-time \$25 fee currently in statute.

BACKGROUND: HB 2181 (2005) authorized the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Manufactured Structures and Parks Advisory Board, the State Plumbing Board, the Electrical and Elevator Board, and the Board of Boiler Rules to adopt rules governing the certification of persons regulated by the agency, including continuing education requirements. HB 2219-A makes technical changes related to the implementation of HB 2181; further streamlining the license application process for various trade licenses administered by the Building Codes Division (BCD) and to facilitate greater consistency and clarity in the division's licensing procedures while making no change in actual license requirements.

The measure establishes consistent terminology for application fees and terms amongst the types of licenses issued by the BCD. It also provides the Board of Boiler Rules with the authority to establish rules regarding the continuing education requirements for boiler contractors and individuals who install, alter, or repair boilers or pressure vessels, making the Board of Boiler Rules consistent with other BCD Boards in regards to rulemaking authority. It also removes the practical testing requirement from the State Plumbing Board examination to make the examination process similar to other BCD licensed trades exams.