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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes the parameters for electrical installations that may be made by a landscaping business.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Alignment of exemption to the National Electrical Code
- Electrical installations that can be performed by a landscape contractor versus what has to be installed by an electrician
- Work on the measure with the National Electrical Contractors Association

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Landscape contractors are currently exempt from electrical safety law if they are performing “limited energy electrical” activity involving irrigation control wiring or outdoor landscape lighting. However, technology changes have brought changes to commonly installed products. For instance, many low-voltage lighting transformers have multiple outputs ranging from 12 to 22 volts. The National Electrical Code, a standard for the safe installation of electrical wiring and equipment, has recognized these changes.

House Bill 3354-A changes the parameters of the electrical license exemption to allow installations of irrigation control wiring and outdoor landscape lighting involving a Class II or Class III system that does not exceed 30 volts and 750 volt-amperes. This change balances safety considerations with the voltage of common products that are installed in landscaping projects and design demands of the landscaping industry.