

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote: 9 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Edwards C., Esquivel, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Witt, Schaufler
Nays: 0
Exc.: Holvey
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Meeting Dates: Subcommittee: 4/16, Full: 4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits a business from undertaking locksmith services unless the business is licensed by the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) and has an owner or employee certified as a locksmith. Requires CCB to adopt rules establishing minimum standard of practice for locksmiths and businesses that provide locksmith services. Requires applicant for certification as a locksmith to pass a test demonstrating locksmith competency. Permits CCB to adopt rules regulating the practice of locksmithing. Requires CCB to adopt rules establishing procedures for issuance, renewal and revocation of a locksmith certificate. Permits CCB to suspend or revoke a locksmith certificate. Creates the following exceptions to locksmith licensure: a person offering key duplication services, if the person does not offer other locksmith services; a tow truck operator; a person installing a new door, window or other article with a locking mechanism manufactured and sold as a unit; or a person performing the duties of a limited energy technician. Applies to locksmith work performed on or after July 1, 2010. Requires CCB to make certification as a locksmith available for qualified applicants no later than January 1, 2010. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Concerns regarding lack of regulation
- Unscrupulous locksmiths and crime
- Consumer protection

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: HB 3127-A creates licensure requirements for those who work as locksmiths. Currently, the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) does not regulate locksmiths. The measure would prohibit a business from providing locksmith services unless the business is licensed with the CCB and has an owner or employee who is certified as a locksmith. The measure also provides rule-making authority to the CCB to regulate the practice of locksmithing.