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AN ACT

To repeal section 621.045, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fourteen new sections relating to roofing contractors, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 621.045, RSMo, is repealed and fourteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 324.800, 324.805, 324.810, 324.815, 324.820, 324.825, 324.830, 324.835, 324.840, 324.845, 324.850, 324.855, 324.860, and 621.045, to read as follows:

324.800. As used in sections 324.800 to 324.860, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Division", the division of professional registration;

(2) "Out-of-state applicant", any applicant who has not established and maintained a place of business as a registered roofing contractor in this state within the preceding year or has not submitted an income tax return as a resident of this state within the preceding year;

(3) "Person", any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, limited liability company, or other group or combination thereof acting as a unit;

(4) "Roofing contractor", one who has the experience, knowledge, and skill to construct, reconstruct, alter, maintain, and repair roofs and use materials and items used in the construction, reconstruction, alteration, maintenance, and repair of all kinds of roofing and waterproofing as related to roofing, all in such manner to comply with all plans, specifications, codes, laws, and regulations applicable thereto;

(5) "Storm event", any instance in which the National Weather Service has issued a severe thunderstorm warning, tornado warning,

20 or high wind warning, and has received reports of damage to structures
21 or vehicles on the National Weather Service's storm reports webpage.

324.805. 1. Beginning January 1, 2022, a person who practices or
2 offers services as a roofing contractor in this state for compensation or
3 uses any title, sign, abbreviation, card, or device to indicate that such
4 person is a roofing contractor may register with the division according
5 to the provisions of sections 324.800 to 324.860.

6 2. The division shall not register persons under sections 324.800
7 to 324.860 who perform subcontracted work for a registered roofing
8 contractor.

324.810. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the
2 "Roofing Contractor Fund", which shall consist of moneys collected
3 under sections 324.800 to 324.860. The state treasurer shall be
4 custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180,
5 the state treasurer shall approve disbursements. The fund shall be a
6 dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be
7 used solely for the administration of sections 324.800 to 324.860.

8 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the
9 contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium
10 shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

11 3. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the
12 same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys
13 earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

324.815. The division is authorized to promulgate rules and
2 regulations necessary for the administration of sections 324.800 to
3 324.860, including regulations regarding:

4 (1) The content of registration applications and the procedures
5 for filing an application for an initial or renewal registration in this
6 state; and

7 (2) All applicable fees set at a level to produce revenue, which
8 shall not exceed the cost and expense of administering the provisions
9 of sections 324.800 to 324.860.

324.820. 1. An applicant for registration as a roofing contractor
2 shall submit to the division a completed application furnished by the
3 division accompanied by the required nonrefundable fee of no more
4 than two hundred dollars or a renewal fee to be determined by the
5 division. Such application shall include the applicant's name, business

6 name, evidence of insurance as required under subsection 3 of this
7 section, a telephone number, a street address, and such pertinent
8 information as the division may require.

9 2. An applicant shall have ninety days from the day the
10 application is submitted to complete the application process or else the
11 application shall be automatically forfeited and any fees paid by the
12 applicant forfeited. Such applicant shall then reapply in order to
13 obtain a certificate of registration.

14 3. No certificate of registration shall be issued or renewed unless
15 the applicant files with the division proof of motor vehicle insurance
16 for all business vehicles, a current worker's compensation insurance
17 policy, and liability insurance with a minimum level of coverage of not
18 less than one million dollars and unless an applicant or out-of-state
19 applicant has a no tax due statement from the department of revenue.

20 4. No certificate of registration shall be issued if an out-of-state
21 applicant has had a license revoked or suspended in another state.

22 5. No political subdivision of this state shall require a roofing
23 contractor to be registered under sections 324.800 to 324.860 in order
24 to operate as a roofing contractor within the boundaries of such
25 political subdivision. No political subdivision of this state shall require
26 the inspection of a roof more than one time if the cost to construct or
27 repair such roof is less than ten thousand dollars.

324.825. If a registered roofing contractor is found to be
2 operating without the insurance required under subsection 3 of section
3 324.820, the contractor's certificate of registration shall be suspended
4 until the contractor furnishes proof of proper insurance to the
5 division. Additionally, such contractor may be required to report proof
6 of such insurance to the division quarterly for two consecutive years.

324.830. The division shall promulgate rules to implement the
2 provisions of sections 324.800 to 324.860. Any rule or portion of a rule,
3 as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
4 authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it
5 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,
6 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
7 nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general
8 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date,
9 or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held

10 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
11 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2020, shall be invalid and void.

324.835. A registered roofing contractor shall affix the roofing
2 contractor certificate of registration number and the registrant's name,
3 as it appears on the certificate of registration, to all of his or her
4 contracts and bids.

324.840. Any complaint received by the division concerning a
2 person who is the holder of a certificate of registration issued under
3 sections 324.800 to 324.860 or any complaint regarding the offering of
4 roofing contractor services shall be recorded as received and the date
5 received. The division shall investigate all complaints concerning
6 alleged violations of the provisions of sections 324.800 to 324.860 or if
7 there are grounds for the suspension, revocation, or refusal to issue any
8 certificate of registration.

324.845. 1. The division may refuse to issue or renew, or may
2 suspend or revoke a roofing contractor certificate of registration for
3 failing to meet the requirements of section 324.820 or for one or any
4 combination of causes stated in subsection 2 of this section. The
5 division shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the
6 refusal and shall advise the applicant of his or her right to file a
7 complaint with the administrative hearing commission as provided by
8 chapter 621. Notification shall be deemed sufficient if mailed, first
9 class, to the address listed on the application for registration or
10 renewal by the applicant.

11 2. The division may file a complaint with the administrative
12 hearing commission against any holder of a certificate of registration
13 for any one or combination of the following causes:

14 (1) Impersonation of any person holding a roofing contractor
15 certificate of registration or knowingly allowing any person to use his
16 or her certificate of registration;

17 (2) Issuance of a certificate of registration based upon a material
18 mistake of fact;

19 (3) Failure to affix the roofing contractor certificate of
20 registration number and registrant's name on all contracts and bids, in
21 accordance with section 324.835;

22 (4) Providing another person with a false registration number;
23 or

24 **(5) Abandoning a contract, without returning the deposit, by not**
25 **completing the contracted scope of work.**

324.850. 1. The division shall maintain a list of roofing
2 **contractors with current certificates of registration on its website. The**
3 **inclusion of a roofing contractor on such list does not constitute an**
4 **endorsement by the division.**

5 **2. Up to eighty percent of the funds in the roofing contractor**
6 **fund shall be used to advertise to the public the existence of the**
7 **registry.**

8 **3. The division shall make available to the public on its website**
9 **the requirements for obtaining a certificate of registration set forth in**
10 **section 324.820.**

324.855. Any person found in violation of sections 324.800 to
2 **324.860 shall be found guilty of a class D misdemeanor. A second**
3 **conviction for violating sections 324.800 to 324.860 within ten years**
4 **after the first conviction shall be a class B misdemeanor.**

324.860. The provisions of sections 324.800 to 324.860 shall expire
2 **on August 29, 2025.**

 621.045. 1. The administrative hearing commission shall conduct
2 hearings and make findings of fact and conclusions of law in those cases when,
3 under the law, a license **or certificate of registration** issued by any of the
4 following agencies may be revoked or suspended or when the licensee **or**
5 **registrant** may be placed on probation or when an agency refuses to permit an
6 applicant to be examined upon his or her qualifications or refuses to issue or
7 renew a license **or certificate of registration** of an applicant who has passed
8 an examination for licensure or who possesses the qualifications for licensure **or**
9 **registration** without examination:

10 Missouri State Board of Accountancy

11 Missouri State Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional
12 Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects

13 Board of Barber Examiners

14 Board of Cosmetology

15 Board of Chiropody and Podiatry

16 Board of Chiropractic Examiners

17 Missouri Dental Board

18 Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

19 Board of Registration for the Healing Arts
20 Board of Nursing
21 Board of Optometry
22 Board of Pharmacy
23 Missouri Real Estate Commission
24 Missouri Veterinary Medical Board
25 Supervisor of Liquor Control
26 Department of Health and Senior Services
27 Department of Commerce and Insurance
28 Department of Mental Health
29 Board of Private Investigator Examiners.

30 2. If in the future there are created by law any new or additional
31 administrative agencies which have the power to issue, revoke, suspend, or place
32 on probation any license, then those agencies are under the provisions of this law.

33 3. The administrative hearing commission is authorized to conduct
34 hearings and make findings of fact and conclusions of law in those cases brought
35 by the Missouri state board for architects, professional engineers, professional
36 land surveyors and landscape architects against unlicensed persons under section
37 327.076.

38 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary,
39 after August 28, 1995, in order to encourage settlement of disputes between any
40 agency described in subsection 1 or 2 of this section and its licensees **or**
41 **registrants**, any such agency shall:

42 (1) Provide the licensee **or registrant** with a written description of the
43 specific conduct for which discipline is sought and a citation to the law and rules
44 allegedly violated, together with copies of any documents which are the basis
45 thereof and the agency's initial settlement offer, or file a contested case against
46 the licensee **or registrant**;

47 (2) If no contested case has been filed against the licensee **or registrant**,
48 allow the licensee **or registrant** at least sixty days, from the date of mailing, to
49 consider the agency's initial settlement offer and to contact the agency to discuss
50 the terms of such settlement offer;

51 (3) If no contested case has been filed against the licensee **or registrant**,
52 advise the licensee **or registrant** that the licensee may, either at the time the
53 settlement agreement is signed by all parties, or within fifteen days thereafter,
54 submit the agreement to the administrative hearing commission for

55 determination that the facts agreed to by the parties to the settlement constitute
56 grounds for denying or disciplining the license of the licensee **or the certificate**
57 **of registration of the registrant**; and

58 (4) In any contact under this subsection by the agency or its counsel with
59 a licensee **or registrant** who is not represented by counsel, advise the licensee
60 **or registrant** that the licensee **or registrant** has the right to consult an
61 attorney at the licensee's **or registrant's** own expense.

62 5. If the licensee **or registrant** desires review by the administrative
63 hearing commission under subdivision (3) of subsection 4 of this section at any
64 time prior to the settlement becoming final, the licensee may rescind and
65 withdraw from the settlement and any admissions of fact or law in the agreement
66 shall be deemed withdrawn and not admissible for any purposes under the law
67 against the licensee. Any settlement submitted to the administrative hearing
68 commission shall not be effective and final unless and until findings of fact and
69 conclusions of law are entered by the administrative hearing commission that the
70 facts agreed to by the parties to the settlement constitute grounds for denying or
71 disciplining the license of the licensee.

72 6. When a holder of a license, registration, permit, or certificate of
73 authority issued by the division of professional registration or a board,
74 commission, or committee of the division of professional registration against
75 whom an affirmative decision is sought has failed to plead or otherwise respond
76 in the contested case and adequate notice has been given under sections 536.067
77 and 621.100 upon a properly pled writing filed to initiate the contested case
78 under this chapter or chapter 536, a default decision shall be entered against the
79 licensee without further proceedings. The default decision shall grant such relief
80 as requested by the division of professional registration, board, committee,
81 commission, or office in the writing initiating the contested case as allowed by
82 law. Upon motion stating facts constituting a meritorious defense and for good
83 cause shown, a default decision may be set aside. The motion shall be made
84 within a reasonable time, not to exceed thirty days after entry of the default
85 decision. "Good cause" includes a mistake or conduct that is not intentionally or
86 recklessly designed to impede the administrative process.