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~~{Senator Karen Mayne}~~ Representative James A. Dunnigan proposes the following substitute bill:

CONSTRUCTION TRADES LICENSING REVISIONS

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ ~~{requires an unincorporated entity licensee to file an ownership status report and submit a license renewal application if the number of owners of the entity changes by a specified amount;~~

~~→ requires an unincorporated entity providing labor to a licensed entity to file an~~

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~~ownership status report if the number of owners of the entity changes by a specified amount;~~

→ ~~provides that the license of~~ reduces the number of days of a time interval in which
an unincorporated entity is ~~automatically suspended if the entity experiences a
specified change in the number of owners unless the entity applies for renewal of
the license and the division renews the license~~ required to submit an ownership
status report;

- ▶ provides for an automatic suspension of a license if the licensee becomes an unincorporated entity or transfers the license to an unincorporated entity;
- ▶ modifies financial responsibility provisions;
- ▶ requires government entities to require a contractor to provide proof that the contractor provides workers compensation insurance, pays into the unemployment insurance fund, and withholds applicable taxes from worker pay;
- ▶ makes it unlawful conduct for an unincorporated entity to have an individual who is an owner of the unincorporated entity engage in a construction trade while using a Social Security number that does not belong to the individual;
- ▶ makes it unlawful conduct for an unincorporated entity that provides labor to a licensed entity to provide an individual who is an owner of the unincorporated entity to engage in a construction trade while the individual is using a Social Security number that does not belong to the individual; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-55-302, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 192

58-55-303, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 367

58-55-306, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 192

58-55-310, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1994, Chapter 181

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58-55-501, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 278

58-55-503, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapters 195, 340, and 413

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 58-55-302 is amended to read:

58-55-302. Qualifications for licensure.

(1) Each applicant for a license under this chapter shall:

(a) submit an application prescribed by the division;

(b) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

(c) (i) meet the examination requirements established by rule by the commission with the concurrence of the director, except for the classifications of apprentice plumber and apprentice electrician for whom no examination is required; or

(ii) if required in Section 58-55-304, the individual qualifier must pass the required examination if the applicant is a business entity;

(d) if an apprentice, identify the proposed supervisor of the apprenticeship;

(e) if an applicant for a contractor's license:

(i) produce satisfactory evidence of financial responsibility, except for a construction trades instructor for whom evidence of financial responsibility is not required;

(ii) produce satisfactory evidence of knowledge and experience in the construction industry and knowledge of the principles of the conduct of business as a contractor, reasonably necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare;

(iii) (A) be a licensed master electrician if an applicant for an electrical contractor's license or a licensed master residential electrician if an applicant for a residential electrical contractor's license;

(B) be a licensed master plumber if an applicant for a plumbing contractor's license or a licensed master residential plumber if an applicant for a residential plumbing contractor's license; or

(C) be a licensed elevator mechanic and produce satisfactory evidence of three years experience as an elevator mechanic if an applicant for an elevator contractor's license; and

(iv) when the applicant is an unincorporated entity, provide a list of the one or more individuals who hold an ownership interest in the applicant as of the day on which the

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application is filed that includes for each individual:

- (A) the individual's name, address, birthdate, and Social Security number; and
- (B) whether the individual will engage in a construction trade; and
- (f) if an applicant for a construction trades instructor license, satisfy any additional

requirements established by rule.

(2) After approval of an applicant for a contractor's license by the applicable board and the division, the applicant shall file the following with the division before the division issues the license:

(a) proof of workers' compensation insurance which covers employees of the applicant in accordance with applicable Utah law;

(b) proof of public liability insurance in coverage amounts and form established by rule except for a construction trades instructor for whom public liability insurance is not required; and

(c) proof of registration as required by applicable law with the:

(i) Utah Department of Commerce;

(ii) Division of Corporations and Commercial Code;

(iii) Unemployment Insurance Division in the Department of Workforce Services, for purposes of Title 35A, Chapter 4, Employment Security Act;

(iv) State Tax Commission; and

(v) Internal Revenue Service.

(3) In addition to the general requirements for each applicant in Subsection (1), applicants shall comply with the following requirements to be licensed in the following classifications:

(a) (i) A master plumber shall produce satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

(A) has been a licensed journeyman plumber for at least two years and had two years of supervisory experience as a licensed journeyman plumber in accordance with division rule;

(B) has received at least an associate of applied science degree or similar degree following the completion of a course of study approved by the division and had one year of supervisory experience as a licensed journeyman plumber in accordance with division rule; or

(C) meets the qualifications determined by the division in collaboration with the board to be equivalent to Subsection (3)(a)(i)(A) or (B).

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(ii) An individual holding a valid Utah license as a journeyman plumber, based on at least four years of practical experience as a licensed apprentice under the supervision of a licensed journeyman plumber and four years as a licensed journeyman plumber, in effect immediately prior to May 5, 2008, is on and after May 5, 2008, considered to hold a current master plumber license under this chapter, and satisfies the requirements of this Subsection (3)(a) for the purpose of renewal or reinstatement of that license under Section 58-55-303.

(iii) An individual holding a valid plumbing contractor's license or residential plumbing contractor's license, in effect immediately prior to May 5, 2008, is on or after May 5, 2008:

(A) considered to hold a current master plumber license under this chapter if licensed as a plumbing contractor and a journeyman plumber, and satisfies the requirements of this Subsection (3)(a) for purposes of renewal or reinstatement of that license under Section 58-55-303; and

(B) considered to hold a current residential master plumber license under this chapter if licensed as a residential plumbing contractor and a residential journeyman plumber, and satisfies the requirements of this Subsection (3)(a) for purposes of renewal or reinstatement of that license under Section 58-55-303.

(b) A master residential plumber applicant shall produce satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

(i) has been a licensed residential journeyman plumber for at least two years and had two years of supervisory experience as a licensed residential journeyman plumber in accordance with division rule; or

(ii) meets the qualifications determined by the division in collaboration with the board to be equivalent to Subsection (3)(b)(i).

(c) A journeyman plumber applicant shall produce satisfactory evidence of:

(i) successful completion of the equivalent of at least four years of full-time training and instruction as a licensed apprentice plumber under supervision of a licensed master plumber or journeyman plumber and in accordance with a planned program of training approved by the division;

(ii) at least eight years of full-time experience approved by the division in collaboration with the Plumbers Licensing Board; or

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(iii) satisfactory evidence of meeting the qualifications determined by the board to be equivalent to Subsection (3)(c)(i) or (c)(ii).

(d) A residential journeyman plumber shall produce satisfactory evidence of:

(i) completion of the equivalent of at least three years of full-time training and instruction as a licensed apprentice plumber under the supervision of a licensed residential master plumber, licensed residential journeyman plumber, or licensed journeyman plumber in accordance with a planned program of training approved by the division;

(ii) completion of at least six years of full-time experience in a maintenance or repair trade involving substantial plumbing work; or

(iii) meeting the qualifications determined by the board to be equivalent to Subsection (3)(d)(i) or (d)(ii).

(e) The conduct of licensed apprentice plumbers and their licensed supervisors shall be in accordance with the following:

(i) while engaging in the trade of plumbing, a licensed apprentice plumber shall be under the immediate supervision of a licensed master plumber, licensed residential master plumber, licensed journeyman plumber, or a licensed residential journeyman plumber; and

(ii) a licensed apprentice plumber in the fourth through tenth year of training may work without supervision for a period not to exceed eight hours in any 24-hour period, but if the apprentice does not become a licensed journeyman plumber or licensed residential journeyman plumber by the end of the tenth year of apprenticeship, this nonsupervision provision no longer applies.

(f) A master electrician applicant shall produce satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

(i) is a graduate electrical engineer of an accredited college or university approved by the division and has one year of practical electrical experience as a licensed apprentice electrician;

(ii) is a graduate of an electrical trade school, having received an associate of applied sciences degree following successful completion of a course of study approved by the division, and has two years of practical experience as a licensed journeyman electrician;

(iii) has four years of practical experience as a journeyman electrician; or

(iv) meets the qualifications determined by the board to be equivalent to Subsection (3)(f)(i), (ii), or (iii).

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(g) A master residential electrician applicant shall produce satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

(i) has at least two years of practical experience as a residential journeyman electrician;

or

(ii) meets the qualifications determined by the board to be equivalent to this practical experience.

(h) A journeyman electrician applicant shall produce satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

(i) has successfully completed at least four years of full-time training and instruction as a licensed apprentice electrician under the supervision of a master electrician or journeyman electrician and in accordance with a planned training program approved by the division;

(ii) has at least eight years of full-time experience approved by the division in collaboration with the Electricians Licensing Board; or

(iii) meets the qualifications determined by the board to be equivalent to Subsection (3)(h)(i) or (ii).

(i) A residential journeyman electrician applicant shall produce satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

(i) has successfully completed two years of training in an electrical training program approved by the division;

(ii) has four years of practical experience in wiring, installing, and repairing electrical apparatus and equipment for light, heat, and power under the supervision of a licensed master, journeyman, residential master, or residential journeyman electrician; or

(iii) meets the qualifications determined by the division and applicable board to be equivalent to Subsection (3)(i)(i) or (ii).

(j) The conduct of licensed apprentice electricians and their licensed supervisors shall be in accordance with the following:

(i) A licensed apprentice electrician shall be under the immediate supervision of a licensed master, journeyman, residential master, or residential journeyman electrician. An apprentice in the fourth year of training may work without supervision for a period not to exceed eight hours in any 24-hour period.

(ii) A licensed master, journeyman, residential master, or residential journeyman

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electrician may have under immediate supervision on a residential project up to three licensed apprentice electricians.

(iii) A licensed master or journeyman electrician may have under immediate supervision on nonresidential projects only one licensed apprentice electrician.

(k) An alarm company applicant shall:

(i) have a qualifying agent who is an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or manager of the applicant who:

(A) demonstrates 6,000 hours of experience in the alarm company business;

(B) demonstrates 2,000 hours of experience as a manager or administrator in the alarm company business or in a construction business; and

(C) passes an examination component established by rule by the commission with the concurrence of the director;

(ii) if a corporation, provide:

(A) the names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and fingerprint cards of all corporate officers, directors, and those responsible management personnel employed within the state or having direct responsibility for managing operations of the applicant within the state; and

(B) the names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and fingerprint cards of all shareholders owning 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the corporation, except this shall not be required if the stock is publicly listed and traded;

(iii) if a limited liability company, provide:

(A) the names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and fingerprint cards of all company officers, and those responsible management personnel employed within the state or having direct responsibility for managing operations of the applicant within the state; and

(B) the names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and fingerprint cards of all individuals owning 5% or more of the equity of the company;

(iv) if a partnership, provide the names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and fingerprint cards of all general partners, and those responsible management personnel employed within the state or having direct responsibility for managing operations of the applicant within the state;

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(v) if a proprietorship, provide the names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and fingerprint cards of the proprietor, and those responsible management personnel employed within the state or having direct responsibility for managing operations of the applicant within the state;

(vi) if a trust, provide the names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and fingerprint cards of the trustee, and those responsible management personnel employed within the state or having direct responsibility for managing operations of the applicant within the state;

(vii) be of good moral character in that officers, directors, shareholders described in Subsection (3)(k)(ii)(B), partners, proprietors, trustees, and responsible management personnel have not been convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or any other crime that when considered with the duties and responsibilities of an alarm company is considered by the board to indicate that the best interests of the public are served by granting the applicant a license;

(viii) document that none of the applicant's officers, directors, shareholders described in Subsection (3)(k)(ii)(B), partners, proprietors, trustees, and responsible management personnel have been declared by any court of competent jurisdiction incompetent by reason of mental defect or disease and not been restored;

(ix) document that none of the applicant's officers, directors, shareholders described in Subsection (3)(k)(ii)(B), partners, proprietors, and responsible management personnel are currently suffering from habitual drunkenness or from drug addiction or dependence;

(x) file and maintain with the division evidence of:

(A) comprehensive general liability insurance in form and in amounts to be established by rule by the commission with the concurrence of the director;

(B) workers' compensation insurance that covers employees of the applicant in accordance with applicable Utah law; and

(C) registration as is required by applicable law with the:

(I) Division of Corporations and Commercial Code;

(II) Unemployment Insurance Division in the Department of Workforce Services, for purposes of Title 35A, Chapter 4, Employment Security Act;

(III) State Tax Commission; and

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(IV) Internal Revenue Service; and

(xi) meet with the division and board.

(l) Each applicant for licensure as an alarm company agent shall:

(i) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division accompanied by fingerprint cards;

(ii) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

(iii) be of good moral character in that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or any other crime that when considered with the duties and responsibilities of an alarm company agent is considered by the board to indicate that the best interests of the public are served by granting the applicant a license;

(iv) not have been declared by any court of competent jurisdiction incompetent by reason of mental defect or disease and not been restored;

(v) not be currently suffering from habitual drunkenness or from drug addiction or dependence; and

(vi) meet with the division and board if requested by the division or the board.

(m) (i) Each applicant for licensure as an elevator mechanic shall:

(A) provide documentation of experience and education credits of not less than three years work experience in the elevator industry, in construction, maintenance, or service and repair; and

(B) satisfactorily complete a written examination administered by the division established by rule under Section 58-1-203; or

(C) provide certificates of completion of an apprenticeship program for elevator mechanics, having standards substantially equal to those of this chapter and registered with the United States Department of Labor Bureau Apprenticeship and Training or a state apprenticeship council.

(ii) (A) If an elevator contractor licensed under this chapter cannot find a licensed elevator mechanic to perform the work of erecting, constructing, installing, altering, servicing, repairing, or maintaining an elevator, the contractor may:

(I) notify the division of the unavailability of licensed personnel; and

(II) request the division issue a temporary elevator mechanic license to an individual certified by the contractor as having an acceptable combination of documented experience and

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education to perform the work described in this Subsection (3)(m)(ii)(A).

(B) (I) The division may issue a temporary elevator mechanic license to an individual certified under Subsection (3)(m)(ii)(A)(II) upon application by the individual, accompanied by the appropriate fee as determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504.

(II) The division shall specify the time period for which the license is valid and may renew the license for an additional time period upon its determination that a shortage of licensed elevator mechanics continues to exist.

(4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division may make rules establishing when Federal Bureau of Investigation records shall be checked for applicants as an alarm company or alarm company agent.

(5) To determine if an applicant meets the qualifications of Subsections (3)(k)(vii) and (3)(l)(iii), the division shall provide an appropriate number of copies of fingerprint cards to the Department of Public Safety with the division's request to:

(a) conduct a search of records of the Department of Public Safety for criminal history information relating to each applicant for licensure as an alarm company or alarm company agent and each applicant's officers, directors, shareholders described in Subsection (3)(k)(ii)(B), partners, proprietors, and responsible management personnel; and

(b) forward to the Federal Bureau of Investigation a fingerprint card of each applicant requiring a check of records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for criminal history information under this section.

(6) The Department of Public Safety shall send to the division:

(a) a written record of criminal history, or certification of no criminal history record, as contained in the records of the Department of Public Safety in a timely manner after receipt of a fingerprint card from the division and a request for review of Department of Public Safety records; and

(b) the results of the Federal Bureau of Investigation review concerning an applicant in a timely manner after receipt of information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(7) (a) The division shall charge each applicant for licensure as an alarm company or alarm company agent a fee, in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, equal to the cost of performing the records reviews under this section.

(b) The division shall pay the Department of Public Safety the costs of all records

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reviews, and the Department of Public Safety shall pay the Federal Bureau of Investigation the costs of records reviews under this section.

(8) Information obtained by the division from the reviews of criminal history records of the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be used or disseminated by the division only for the purpose of determining if an applicant for licensure as an alarm company or alarm company agent is qualified for licensure.

(9) (a) An application for licensure under this chapter shall be denied if:

(i) the applicant has had a previous license, which was issued under this chapter, suspended or revoked within one year prior to the date of the applicant's application;

(ii) (A) the applicant is a partnership, corporation, or limited liability company; and

(B) any corporate officer, director, shareholder holding 25% or more of the stock in the applicant, partner, member, agent acting as a qualifier, or any person occupying a similar status, performing similar functions, or directly or indirectly controlling the applicant has served in any similar capacity with any person or entity which has had a previous license, which was issued under this chapter, suspended or revoked within one year prior to the date of the applicant's application; [or]

(iii) (A) the applicant is an individual or sole proprietorship; and

(B) any owner or agent acting as a qualifier has served in any capacity listed in Subsection (9)(a)(ii)(B) in any entity which has had a previous license, which was issued under this chapter, suspended or revoked within one year prior to the date of the applicant's application[-]; or

(iv) (A) the applicant ~~is~~ includes an individual who ~~held~~ was an ~~ownership interest in~~ owner, director, or officer of an unincorporated entity at the time the entity's license under this chapter was revoked; and

(B) the ~~individual's~~ application for licensure is filed within 60 months after the revocation of the unincorporated entity's license.

(b) An application for licensure under this chapter shall be reviewed by the appropriate licensing board prior to approval if:

(i) the applicant has had a previous license, which was issued under this chapter, suspended or revoked more than one year prior to the date of the applicant's application;

(ii) (A) the applicant is a partnership, corporation, or limited liability company; and

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(B) any corporate officer, director, shareholder holding 25% or more of the stock in the applicant, partner, member, agent acting as a qualifier, or any person occupying a similar status, performing similar functions, or directly or indirectly controlling the applicant has served in any similar capacity with any person or entity which has had a previous license, which was issued under this chapter, suspended or revoked more than one year prior to the date of the applicant's application; or

(iii) (A) the applicant is an individual or sole proprietorship; and

(B) any owner or agent acting as a qualifier has served in any capacity listed in Subsection (9)(b)(ii)(B) in any entity which has had a previous license, which was issued under this chapter, suspended or revoked more than one year prior to the date of the applicant's application.

(10) (a) (i) A licensee that is an unincorporated entity shall file an ownership status report with the division every ~~90~~ 30 days after the day on which the license is issued if the licensee has more than five owners who are individuals who:

(A) own an interest in the contractor that is an unincorporated entity;

(B) own, directly or indirectly, less than an 8% interest ~~[in the unincorporated entity]~~, as defined by rule made by the division in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, in the unincorporated entity; and

(C) engage, or will engage, in a construction trade in ~~[Utah]~~ the state as ~~[an owner]~~ owners of the contractor described in Subsection (10)(a)(i)(A).

(ii) If the licensee has five or fewer owners described in Subsection (10)(a)(i), the licensee shall provide the ownership status report with an application for renewal of licensure.

~~{ (iii) An unincorporated entity licensee that has an increase or decrease in the number of owners described in Subsection (10)(a)(i) equal to 13 or more since the date the licensee last filed an ownership status report shall, within 10 days after the increase or decrease:~~

~~— (A) file an ownership status report with the division; and~~

~~— (B) submit to the division an application for renewal of the licensee's license.~~

‡ (b) An ownership status report required under this Subsection (10) shall:

(i) ~~[list]~~ specify each addition or deletion of an owner:

(A) for the first ownership status report, after the day on which the unincorporated entity is licensed under this chapter; and

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(B) for a subsequent ownership status report, after the day on which the previous ownership status report is filed;

(ii) be in a format prescribed by the division that includes ~~[the items on the list provided under]~~ for each owner, regardless of the owner's percentage ownership in the unincorporated entity, the information described in Subsection(1)(e)(iv); ~~and]~~

(iii) list the name of:

(A) each officer or manager of the unincorporated entity; and

(B) each other individual involved in the operation, supervision, or management of the unincorporated entity; and

~~[(iii)]~~ (iv) be accompanied by a fee set by the division in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 if the ownership status report indicates there is a change described in Subsection (10)(b)(i).

(c) The division may, at any time, audit an ownership status report under this Subsection (10):

(i) to determine if financial responsibility has been demonstrated or maintained as required under Section 58-55-306; and

(ii) to determine compliance with Subsection 58-55-501(24) ~~[or]~~, (25), or (27) or Subsection 58-55-502(8) or (9).

(11) (a) An unincorporated entity that provides labor to an entity licensed under this chapter by providing an individual who owns an interest in the unincorporated entity to engage in a construction trade in Utah shall file with the division:

(i) before the individual who owns an interest in the unincorporated entity engages in a construction trade in Utah, a current list of the one or more individuals who hold an ownership interest in the unincorporated entity that includes for each individual:

(A) the individual's name, address, birthdate, and Social Security number; and

(B) whether the individual will engage in a construction trade; ~~{}~~ and ~~{}~~

(ii) every ~~90~~ 30 days after the day on which the unincorporated entity provides the list described in Subsection (11)(a)(i), an ownership status report containing the information that would be required under Subsection (10) if the unincorporated entity were a licensed contractor ~~{}~~. ~~{}~~ ~~and~~

~~{~~ ~~——~~ ~~(iii) an ownership status report described in Subsection (11)(a)(ii), within 10 days after~~

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~~an increase or decrease in the number of owners of the unincorporated entity, if the unincorporated entity has an increase or decrease in the number of owners of the unincorporated entity equal to 13 or more since the date the licensee last filed a list under Subsection (11)(a)(i) or an ownership status report under Subsection (11)(a)(ii).~~

† (b) When filing an ownership list described in Subsection (11)(a)(i) or an ownership status report described in Subsection (11)(a)(ii) or (iii) an unincorporated entity shall pay a fee set by the division in accordance with Section 63J-1-504.

(12) This chapter may not be interpreted to create or support an express or implied independent contractor relationship between an unincorporated entity described in Subsection (10) or (11) and the owners of the unincorporated entity for any purpose, including income tax withholding.

(13) A Social Security number provided under Subsection (1)(e)(iv) is a private record under Subsection 63G-2-302(1)(h).

Section 2. Section **58-55-303** is amended to read:

58-55-303. Term of license -- Expiration -- Renewal.

(1) (a) Each license issued under this chapter shall be issued in accordance with a two-year renewal cycle established by rule.

(b) The division may by rule extend or shorten a renewal period by as much as one year to stagger the renewal cycle it administers.

(c) (i) Notwithstanding a renewal cycle under Subsection (1)(a) or (b), ~~and~~ notwithstanding Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, ~~the~~ and subject to Subsection (1)(c)(ii), a license ~~of an unincorporated entity~~ is automatically suspended ~~90~~60 days after the licensee:

(A) becomes, after the time of licensing, an unincorporated entity ~~has an increase or decrease in~~ that is subject to the ~~number of owners as described in~~ ownership status report filing requirements of Subsection 58-55-302(10)(a)(~~iii~~ unless~~i~~); or

(B) transfers its license to an unincorporated entity that is subject to the ownership status report filing requirements of Subsection 58-55-302(10)(a)(i).

(ii) An automatic suspension does not occur under Subsection (1)(c)(i) if, before the expiration of the 60-day period in Subsection (1)(c)(i):

(A) the licensee submits an application for renewal of the license ~~as required under~~

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~~Subsection 58-55-302(10)(a)(iii)(B);~~ and

(B) the division renews the licensee's license pursuant to the licensee's application for renewal.

(~~iii~~iii) Within 30 days after the effective date of a suspension under Subsection (1)(c)(i), the commission shall, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, make a final determination concerning the suspension.

(2) At the time of renewal, the licensee shall show satisfactory evidence of:

(a) continuing financial responsibility as required under Section 58-55-306;

(b) for a contractor licensee, completion of six hours of approved continuing education, as required in Section 58-55-302.5; and

(c) if the licensee is an apprentice electrician or plumber, journeyman electrician or plumber, master electrician or plumber, residential journeyman electrician or plumber, or residential master electrician or plumber, completion of the number of hours of continuing education specified under Section 58-55-302.7.

(3) Each license automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license unless the licensee renews the license in accordance with Section 58-1-308.

(4) The requirements of Subsection 58-55-302(9) shall also apply to applicants seeking to renew or reinstate a license.

(5) In addition to any other requirements imposed by law, if a license has been suspended or revoked for any reason, the applicant:

(a) shall pay in full all fines imposed by the division;

(b) resolve any outstanding citations or disciplinary actions with the division;

(c) satisfy any Section 58-55-503 judgment and sentence or nontrial resolution;

(d) complete a new financial responsibility review as required under Section 58-55-306, using only titled assets; and

(e) pay in full any reimbursement amount as provided in Title 38, Chapter 11, Residence Lien Restriction and Lien Recovery Fund Act.

Section 3. Section **58-55-306** is amended to read:

58-55-306. Financial responsibility.

(1) An applicant for licensure as a contractor, and a licensee applying for renewal or reinstatement of a contractor's license shall demonstrate to the division and the commission the

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applicant's or licensee's financial responsibility before the issuance of or the renewal or reinstatement of a license by:

- (a) (i) completing a questionnaire developed by the division; and
- (ii) signing the questionnaire, certifying that the information provided is true and

accurate; or

(b) submitting a bond in an amount and form determined by the commission with the concurrence of the director.

(2) A licensee, including an individual who holds an ownership interest in an unincorporated entity licensee, shall maintain financial responsibility throughout the period of licensure.

~~[(2)] (3)~~ The division may audit ~~[an applicant's or licensee's demonstration of]~~ the financial responsibility of an applicant or licensee on a random basis or upon finding of a reasonable need.

~~[(3)] (4)~~ The burden to demonstrate financial responsibility is upon the applicant ~~[or]~~, licensee, or owner of an unincorporated entity licensee, as the case may be.

~~[(4)(a) If an applicant for licensure as a contractor or a licensee applying for renewal or reinstatement of a contractor's license is an unincorporated entity, the {The } division may require each individual who holds an ownership interest in the { an unincorporated entity } applicant or licensee to demonstrate financial responsibility to the division and the commission.]~~

~~[(b) In accordance with Subsection (2){ }, the division may audit an owner's demonstration of financial responsibility under Subsection (4)(a) at any time including requesting:]~~

~~[(i) the applicant or licensee to provide a current list of owners meeting the requirements of Subsection 58-55-302(1)(e)(iv); and]~~

~~[(ii) a credit report for each owner.]~~

~~[(c) If an owner described in Subsection (4) (a) fails to demonstrate financial responsibility under this section, the division may:]~~

~~[(i) prohibit the licensee or owner from engaging in a construction trade; or]~~

(5) (a) In determining the financial responsibility of an applicant or licensee described in Subsection (1) that is an unincorporated entity, the division:

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(i) shall consider the personal financial information of each individual who holds an ownership interest in the unincorporated entity; and

(ii) may, at any time:

(A) audit the personal financial information of any individual who holds an ownership interest in the unincorporated entity; or

(B) request and obtain a credit report on the individual.

(b) If, based on the personal financial information of one or more individuals who hold an ownership interest in the unincorporated entity, the division determines that the applicant or licensee lacks financial responsibility to engage successfully in business as a contractor, the division may:

(i) prohibit the individual or individuals from engaging in a construction trade;

(ii) prohibit the applicant or licensee from engaging in a construction trade, unless the individual or individuals dissociate from the applicant or licensee within 10 days after the division makes the determination of a lack of financial responsibility; or

~~(iii)~~ (iii) require the ~~[owner]~~ individual or individuals, applicant, or licensee to submit a bond that is:

(A) in an amount and form determined by the commission with the concurrence of the director[-]; or

(B) in an amount not less than 20% of the annual gross distributions from the unincorporated entity to its owners and that includes coverage for unpaid obligations incurred by the licensee contractor and any failure of the licensee contractor owners to pay income taxes and self-employment taxes on the gross distributions from the unincorporated entity to its owners.

Section 4. Section **58-55-310** is amended to read:

58-55-310. Requirements when working for political subdivision or state agency.

Each political subdivision and agency of the state and each board of education which requires the issuance of a permit or license as a precondition to the construction, alteration, improvement, demolition, or other repairs for which a contractor's license is also required under this chapter shall:

(1) require that each applicant for a permit or license file a signed statement that the applicant has a current contractor's license with the license number included in the application;

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(2) require that any representation of exemption from the contractor's licensing law be included in the signed statement and that if that exempt person, firm, corporation, association, or other organization intends to hire a contractor to perform any work under the permit or license, that the license number of that contractor be included in the application, but if a contractor has not been selected at the time of the application for a permit or license, the permit or license shall be issued only on the condition that a currently licensed contractor will be selected and that the license number of the contractor will be given to the issuing public body and displayed on the permit or license; ~~and~~

(3) require that, upon issuance of a permit or license, the contractor affix the contractor's license number to that permit or license for public display[-]; and

(4) require the contractor to provide proof that the contractor provides workers' compensation insurance, pays into the unemployment insurance fund, provides health insurance as required under federal or state law, and withholds applicable taxes from worker pay.

Section 5. Section **58-55-501** is amended to read:

58-55-501. Unlawful conduct.

Unlawful conduct includes:

(1) engaging in a construction trade, acting as a contractor, an alarm business or company, or an alarm company agent, or representing oneself to be engaged in a construction trade or to be acting as a contractor in a construction trade requiring licensure, unless the person doing any of these is appropriately licensed or exempted from licensure under this chapter;

(2) acting in a construction trade, as an alarm business or company, or as an alarm company agent beyond the scope of the license held;

(3) hiring or employing in any manner an unlicensed person, other than an employee for wages who is not required to be licensed under this chapter, to engage in a construction trade for which licensure is required or to act as a contractor or subcontractor in a construction trade requiring licensure;

(4) applying for or obtaining a building permit either for oneself or another when not licensed or exempted from licensure as a contractor under this chapter;

(5) issuing a building permit to any person for whom there is no evidence of a current

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license or exemption from licensure as a contractor under this chapter;

(6) applying for or obtaining a building permit for the benefit of or on behalf of any other person who is required to be licensed under this chapter but who is not licensed or is otherwise not entitled to obtain or receive the benefit of the building permit;

(7) failing to obtain a building permit when required by law or rule;

(8) submitting a bid for any work for which a license is required under this chapter by a person not licensed or exempted from licensure as a contractor under this chapter;

(9) willfully or deliberately misrepresenting or omitting a material fact in connection with an application to obtain or renew a license under this chapter;

(10) allowing one's license to be used by another except as provided by statute or rule;

(11) doing business under a name other than the name appearing on the license, except as permitted by statute or rule;

(12) if licensed as a specialty contractor in the electrical trade or plumbing trade, journeyman plumber, residential journeyman plumber, journeyman electrician, master electrician, or residential electrician, failing to directly supervise an apprentice under one's supervision or exceeding the number of apprentices one is allowed to have under the speciality contractor's supervision;

(13) if licensed as a contractor or representing oneself to be a contractor, receiving any funds in payment for a specific project from an owner or any other person, which funds are to pay for work performed or materials and services furnished for that specific project, and after receiving the funds to exercise unauthorized control over the funds by failing to pay the full amounts due and payable to persons who performed work or furnished materials or services within a reasonable period of time;

(14) employing an unlicensed alarm business or company or an unlicensed individual as an alarm company agent, except as permitted under the exemption from licensure provisions under Section 58-1-307;

(15) if licensed as an alarm company or alarm company agent, filing with the division fingerprint cards for an applicant which are not those of the applicant, or are in any other way false or fraudulent and intended to mislead the division in its consideration of the applicant for licensure;

(16) if licensed under this chapter, willfully or deliberately disregarding or violating:

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- (a) the building or construction laws of this state or any political subdivision;
- (b) the safety and labor laws applicable to a project;
- (c) any provision of the health laws applicable to a project;
- (d) the workers' compensation insurance laws of the state applicable to a project;
- (e) the laws governing withholdings for employee state and federal income taxes, unemployment taxes, Social Security payroll taxes, or other required withholdings; or
- (f) reporting, notification, and filing laws of this state or the federal government;
- (17) aiding or abetting any person in evading the provisions of this chapter or rules established under the authority of the division to govern this chapter;
- (18) engaging in the construction trade or as a contractor for the construction of residences of up to two units when not currently registered or exempt from registration as a qualified beneficiary under Title 38, Chapter 11, Residence Lien Restriction and Lien Recovery Fund Act;
- (19) failing, as an original contractor, as defined in Section 38-11-102, to include in a written contract the notification required in Section 38-11-108;
- (20) wrongfully filing a preconstruction or construction lien in violation of Section 38-1a-308;
- (21) if licensed as a contractor, not completing the approved continuing education required under Section 58-55-302.5;
- (22) an alarm company allowing an employee with a temporary license under Section 58-55-312 to engage in conduct on behalf of the company outside the scope of the temporary license, as provided in Subsection 58-55-312(3)(a)(ii);
- (23) an alarm company agent under a temporary license under Section 58-55-312 engaging in conduct outside the scope of the temporary license, as provided in Subsection 58-55-312(3)(a)(ii);
- (24) (a) an unincorporated entity licensed under this chapter having an individual who owns an interest in the unincorporated entity engage in a construction trade in Utah while not lawfully present in the United States; or
- (b) an unincorporated entity providing labor to an entity licensed under this chapter by providing an individual who owns an interest in the unincorporated entity to engage in a construction trade in Utah while not lawfully present in the United States;

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(25) an unincorporated entity failing to provide the following for an individual who engages, or will engage, in a construction trade in Utah for the unincorporated entity, or for an individual who engages, or will engage, in a construction trade in Utah for a separate entity for which the unincorporated entity provides the individual as labor:

(a) workers' compensation coverage:

(i) to the extent required by Title 34A, Chapter 2, Workers' Compensation Act, and Title 34A, Chapter 3, Utah Occupational Disease Act; or

(ii) that would be required under the chapters listed in Subsection (25)(a)(i) if the unincorporated entity were licensed under this chapter; and

(b) unemployment compensation in accordance with Title 35A, Chapter 4, Employment Security Act, for an individual who owns, directly or indirectly, less than an 8% interest in the unincorporated entity, as defined by rule made by the division in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; [or]

(26) the failure of a sign installation contractor or nonelectrical outdoor advertising sign contractor, as classified and defined in division rules, to:

(a) display the contractor's license number prominently on a vehicle that:

(i) the contractor uses; and

(ii) displays the contractor's business name; or

(b) carry a copy of the contractor's license in any other vehicle that the contractor uses at a job site, whether or not the vehicle is owned by the contractor[-];

(27) (a) an unincorporated entity licensed under this chapter having an individual who owns an interest in the unincorporated entity engage in a construction trade in the state while the individual is using a Social Security number that does not belong to that individual; or

(b) an unincorporated entity providing labor to an entity licensed under this chapter by providing an individual, who owns an interest in the unincorporated entity, to engage in a construction trade in the state while the individual is using a Social Security number that does not belong to that individual; or

(28) a contractor failing to comply with a requirement imposed by a political subdivision, state agency, or board of education under Section 58-55-310.

Section 6. Section **58-55-503** is amended to read:

58-55-503. Penalty for unlawful conduct -- Citations.

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(1) (a) (i) A person who violates Subsection 58-55-308(2), Subsection 58-55-501(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (12), (14), (15), (22), (23), (24), (25), [~~or~~] (26), (27), or (28), or Subsection 58-55-504(2), or who fails to comply with a citation issued under this section after it is final, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

(ii) As used in this section in reference to Subsection 58-55-504(2), "person" means an individual and does not include a sole proprietorship, joint venture, corporation, limited liability company, association, or organization of any type.

(b) A person who violates the provisions of Subsection 58-55-501(8) may not be awarded and may not accept a contract for the performance of the work.

(2) A person who violates the provisions of Subsection 58-55-501(13) is guilty of an infraction unless the violator did so with the intent to deprive the person to whom money is to be paid of the money received, in which case the violator is guilty of theft, as classified in Section 76-6-412.

(3) Grounds for immediate suspension of the licensee's license by the division and the commission include the issuance of a citation for violation of Subsection 58-55-308(2), Section 58-55-501, or Subsection 58-55-504(2), or the failure by a licensee to make application to, report to, or notify the division with respect to any matter for which application, notification, or reporting is required under this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter, including applying to the division for a new license to engage in a new specialty classification or to do business under a new form of organization or business structure, filing with the division current financial statements, notifying the division concerning loss of insurance coverage, or change in qualifier.

(4) (a) If upon inspection or investigation, the division concludes that a person has violated the provisions of Subsection 58-55-308(2) or Subsections 58-55-501(1), (2), (3), (9), (10), (12), (14), (19), (21), (22), (23), (24), (25), [~~or~~] (26), (27), or (28), or Subsection 58-55-504(2), or any rule or order issued with respect to these subsections, and that disciplinary action is appropriate, the director or the director's designee from within the division shall promptly issue a citation to the person according to this chapter and any pertinent rules, attempt to negotiate a stipulated settlement, or notify the person to appear before an adjudicative proceeding conducted under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

(i) A person who is in violation of the provisions of Subsection 58-55-308(2),

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Subsection 58-55-501(1), (2), (3), (9), (10), (12), (14), (19), (21), (22), (23), (24), (25), [~~or~~] (26), (27), or (28), or Subsection 58-55-504(2), as evidenced by an uncontested citation, a stipulated settlement, or by a finding of violation in an adjudicative proceeding, may be assessed a fine pursuant to this Subsection (4) and may, in addition to or in lieu of, be ordered to cease and desist from violating Subsection 58-55-308(2), Subsection 58-55-501(1), (2), (3), (9), (10), (12), (14), (19), (21), (24), (25), [~~or~~] (26), (27), or (28), or Subsection 58-55-504(2).

(ii) Except for a cease and desist order, the licensure sanctions cited in Section 58-55-401 may not be assessed through a citation.

(b) (i) A citation shall be in writing and describe with particularity the nature of the violation, including a reference to the provision of the chapter, rule, or order alleged to have been violated.

(ii) A citation shall clearly state that the recipient must notify the division in writing within 20 calendar days of service of the citation if the recipient wishes to contest the citation at a hearing conducted under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

(iii) A citation shall clearly explain the consequences of failure to timely contest the citation or to make payment of any fines assessed by the citation within the time specified in the citation.

(c) A citation issued under this section, or a copy of a citation, may be served upon a person upon whom a summons may be served:

(i) in accordance with the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure;

(ii) personally or upon the person's agent by a division investigator or by a person specially designated by the director; or

(iii) by mail.

(d) (i) If within 20 calendar days from the service of a citation, the person to whom the citation was issued fails to request a hearing to contest the citation, the citation becomes the final order of the division and is not subject to further agency review.

(ii) The period to contest a citation may be extended by the division for cause.

(e) The division may refuse to issue or renew, suspend, revoke, or place on probation the license of a licensee who fails to comply with a citation after it becomes final.

(f) The failure of an applicant for licensure to comply with a citation after it becomes final is a ground for denial of license.

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(g) A citation may not be issued under this section after the expiration of six months following the occurrence of a violation.

(h) The director or the director's designee shall assess a fine in accordance with the following:

(i) for a first offense handled pursuant to Subsection (4)(a), a fine of up to \$1,000;

(ii) for a second offense handled pursuant to Subsection (4)(a), a fine of up to \$2,000;

and

(iii) for any subsequent offense handled pursuant to Subsection (4)(a), a fine of up to \$2,000 for each day of continued offense.

(i) (i) For purposes of issuing a final order under this section and assessing a fine under Subsection (4)(h), an offense constitutes a second or subsequent offense if:

(A) the division previously issued a final order determining that a person committed a first or second offense in violation of Subsection 58-55-308(2), Subsection 58-55-501(1), (2), (3), (9), (10), (12), (14), (19), (24), (25), [or] (26), (27), or (28), or Subsection 58-55-504(2); or

(B) (I) the division initiated an action for a first or second offense;

(II) a final order has not been issued by the division in the action initiated under Subsection (4)(i)(i)(B)(I);

(III) the division determines during an investigation that occurred after the initiation of the action under Subsection (4)(i)(i)(B)(I) that the person committed a second or subsequent violation of the provisions of Subsection 58-55-308(2), Subsection 58-55-501(1), (2), (3), (9), (10), (12), (14), (19), (24), (25), [or] (26), (27), or (28), or Subsection 58-55-504(2); and

(IV) after determining that the person committed a second or subsequent offense under Subsection (4)(i)(i)(B)(III), the division issues a final order on the action initiated under Subsection (4)(i)(i)(B)(I).

(ii) In issuing a final order for a second or subsequent offense under Subsection (4)(i)(i), the division shall comply with the requirements of this section.

(j) In addition to any other licensure sanction or fine imposed under this section, the division shall revoke the license of a licensee that violates Subsection 58-55-501(24) or (25) two or more times within a 12-month period, unless, with respect to a violation of Subsection 58-55-501(24), the licensee can demonstrate that the licensee successfully verified the federal legal working status of the individual who was the subject of the violation using a status

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verification system, as defined in Section 13-47-102.

(k) For purposes of this Subsection (4), a violation of Subsection 58-55-501(24) or (25) for each individual is considered a separate violation.

(5) (a) A penalty imposed by the director under Subsection (4)(h) shall be deposited into the Commerce Service Account created by Section 13-1-2.

(b) A penalty that is not paid may be collected by the director by either referring the matter to a collection agency or bringing an action in the district court of the county in which the person against whom the penalty is imposed resides or in the county where the office of the director is located.

(c) A county attorney or the attorney general of the state is to provide legal assistance and advice to the director in any action to collect the penalty.

(d) In an action brought to enforce the provisions of this section, reasonable attorney fees and costs shall be awarded.