

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5927

As of February 22, 1995

Title: An act relating to home and real estate inspectors.

Brief Description: Regulating the practice of home and real estate inspection.

Sponsors: Senator Heavey.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Trade: 2/27/95.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & TRADE

Staff: Traci Ratzliff (786-7452)

Background: Individuals who perform home inspections for compensation are not currently required to be licensed to conduct such activity.

Summary of Bill: Individuals who engage in the business of performing home inspections must comply with the contractor registration requirements established under current law. These include: registering with the Department of Labor and Industries; obtaining a bond; including state registration numbers on advertising materials, and other business-related correspondence, contracts, and documents; and abiding by other business practices outlined in statute. Home inspectors are specifically exempt from additional contractor insurance/financial requirements contained in current law.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 21, 1995.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.