

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2265

By: Representative Cozart

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CONTRACTORS; TO
CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE BEST PRACTICES FOR
THE LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS AND CONSTRUCTION
PROFESSIONALS, AND TO EXAMINE THE CURRENT LAW AND
RULES PERTAINING TO CONTRACTORS AND CONSTRUCTION
PROFESSIONALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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AND TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE
BEST PRACTICES AND EXAMINE THE CURRENT
LAWS AND RULES PERTAINING TO THE
LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS AND CONSTRUCTION
PROFESSIONALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY.

Construction Licensing Law Task Force – Creation.

*(a) There is created a legislative task force to be known as the
"Construction Licensing Law Task Force".*

*(b)(1) The task force shall be composed of thirteen (13) members as
follows:*

*(A) One (1) member of the Arkansas Chapter of Associated
General Contractors;*

(B) One (1) member of the Arkansas Building Contractors;

(C) One (1) member of the Arkansas Home Builders



Association;

(D) One (1) member of the Contractors Licensing Board;

(E) One (1) member of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Council of Engineers;

(F) One (1) member of the Arkansas Chapter of American Institute of Architects;

(G) Two (2) consumer advocates appointed by the Governor from the state at large;

(H) Two (2) members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

(I) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(J) One (1) representative from the Attorney General's office, selected by the Attorney General.

(2) The task force shall elect from its membership:

(A) A chair; and

(B) Other officers deemed necessary by the task force.

(c)(1) Seven (7) members of the task force shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

(2) A majority vote of the total membership of the task force is required for any action of the task force.

(3) Each member of the task force is a full voting member.

(d) The members of the task force shall meet at their own expense and shall not be entitled to reimbursement for mileage or per diem.

(e)(1) The members of the task force shall be appointed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act.

(2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall call the first meeting of the task force, which shall occur within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this act.

Duties.

(a) The Construction Licensing Law Task Force shall have no executive powers.

(b) The task force shall:

(1) Review and evaluate existing construction licensing laws in this state;

(2) Review and evaluate existing construction licensing laws in other states that are deemed desirable by the task force; and

(3) Recommend proposed amendments to the existing construction licensing laws in this state.

(c) No later than November 1 preceding the regular legislative session of the Ninety-Second General Assembly, the task force shall report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives its recommendations concerning proposed amendments to the existing construction licensing laws in this state.

Sunset.

This taskforce shall expire upon the presentation of the report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

/s/Cozart