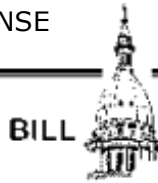




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Senate Bill 1224 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Senator Nancy Cassis

Committee: Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Asbestos Workers Accreditation Act to require the Department of Labor and Economic Growth to do the following:

- Issue an initial or renewal license within 60 days after an applicant filed a "completed application" (as defined in the bill) to sponsor asbestos worker training courses.
- Notify the applicant in writing, or make information electronically available, within 15 days after receiving an incomplete application, describing the deficiency and requesting additional information.
- Refund the license fee and reduce the fee for the applicant's next renewal application, if any, by 15% if the Department missed the deadline.
- Report to the Legislature by December 1 each year, beginning in 2005, regarding the number of applications received and completed within the 60-day time period; the number denied; the number of applicants not issued a license within the 60-day period; and the amount of money returned to applicants.

The Act presently requires the Department to determine whether to approve or deny a license, and notify the applicant of its determination, within 60 calendar days after receiving the appropriate fee and a complete application.

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FISCAL IMPACT

According to the Department, the amount of revenue generated from the licensing of asbestos worker trainers was \$28,600 in 2003. For the accreditation and reaccreditation of the individuals, the total amount of revenue generated in 2003 was \$266,500. The bill would require a refund of the initial fee and then a discount of 15% for the next licensing cycle if the Department missed the deadline. Currently, the Department operates within the bill's time frame so the fiscal impact should be minimal.

The bill also would require a report that would include new or additional information not currently collected. The database adjustment required to accommodate this requirement and the ability to flag those licensees eligible for the 15% reduction could increase Information Technology costs.

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