

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-1117 of the Code of Virginia, relating to licensing of contractors*
3 *by localities; civil penalty.*

4 [H 1277]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 54.1-1117 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 § 54.1-1117. Licensing of certain contractors by localities; qualifications and procedure; registration
9 of certain persons engaged in business of home improvement; civil penalty.

10 A. Except as to contractors currently licensed under the provisions of § 54.1-1106, ~~the governing~~
11 ~~body of every city, county or town~~ *any locality* shall have the power and authority to adopt ordinances,
12 not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, requiring every person who engages in, or offers to
13 engage in, the business of home improvement or the business of constructing ~~single-~~ *single-family* or
14 multi-family dwellings, in such ~~city, county or town~~ *locality*, to obtain a license from such ~~city, county~~
15 ~~or town~~ *locality*.

16 B. ~~The governing body of every city, county or town~~ *locality* adopting ordinances pursuant to this
17 section may require every applicant for such license, other than those currently licensed under the
18 provisions of § 54.1-1106, (i) to furnish evidence of his ability and proficiency; and (ii) to successfully
19 complete an examination to determine his qualifications. ~~The governing body~~ *locality* may designate or
20 establish an agent or board and establish the procedures for an examination according to the standards
21 set forth in this chapter and in the regulations of the Board for Contractors. Except contractors currently
22 licensed under the provisions of § 54.1-1106, licensure may be refused to any person found not to be
23 qualified. Persons not currently licensed pursuant to § 54.1-1106 may be required to furnish bond in a
24 reasonable penal sum, with reasonable condition, and with surety as the governing body deems
25 necessary. The governing body may provide for the punishment of violations of such ordinances,
26 provided that no such punishment shall exceed that provided for misdemeanors generally.

27 C. *A locality may by ordinance establish a civil penalty that may be assessed when a person or*
28 *business falsely represents to a customer or prospective customer that such person or business has a*
29 *valid contractor's license issued pursuant to the provisions of § 54.1-1106. Such civil penalty shall not*
30 *exceed \$2,500.*

31 D. For the purpose of this section the business of home improvement shall mean the contracting for
32 and/or providing labor and material or labor only for repairs, improvements, and additions to residential
33 buildings or structures accessory thereto where any payment of money or other thing of value is
34 required.

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