

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1999 RECONVENED SESSION

CHAPTER 977

An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-1103 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Board for Contractors; licensure.

[H 1477]

Approved April 7, 1999

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-1103 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-1103. Necessity for license; requirements for water well drillers and landscape irrigation contractors; exemption.

A. No person shall engage in, or offer to engage in, contracting work in the Commonwealth unless he has been licensed under the provisions of this chapter. *The Board may waive any provision of this chapter for Habitat for Humanity, its local affiliates or subsidiaries, and any other nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of constructing single-family dwellings that will be given to or sold below the appraised value to low-income persons.* Prior to a joint venture engaging in, or offering to engage in, contracting work in the Commonwealth, (i) each contracting party of the joint venture shall be licensed under the provisions of this chapter or (ii) a license shall be obtained in the name of the joint venture under the provisions of this chapter.

B. Except as provided in § 54.1-1117, the issuance of a license under the provisions of this chapter shall not entitle the holder to engage in any activity for which a special license is required by law.

C. When the contracting work is for the purpose of landscape irrigation or the construction of a water well as defined in § 62.1-255, the contractor shall be licensed, regardless of the contract amount, as follows:

1. A Class C license is required when the total value referred to in a single contract or project is no more than \$7,500, or the total value of all such water well or landscape irrigation contracts undertaken within any twelve-month period is no more than \$150,000;

2. A Class B license is required when the total value referred to in a single contract is \$7,500 or more, but less than \$70,000, or the total value of all such water well or landscape irrigation contracts undertaken within any twelve-month period is \$150,000 or more, but less than \$500,000; and

3. A Class A license is required when the total value referred to in a single contract or project is \$70,000 or more, or when the total value of all such water well or landscape irrigation contracts undertaken within any twelve-month period is \$500,000 or more.

D. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, an architect or professional engineer who is licensed pursuant to Chapter 4 (§ 54.1-400 et seq.) of this title shall not be required to be licensed or certified to engage in, or offer to engage in, contracting work or operate as an owner-developer in the Commonwealth in accordance with this chapter when bidding upon or negotiating design-build contracts or performing services other than construction services under a design-build contract. However, the construction services offered or rendered in connection with such contracts shall only be offered or rendered by a contractor licensed or certified in accordance with this chapter.