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HOUSE BILL NO. 2311

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-1100 of the Code of Virginia, relating to licensure by the Board for Contractors.

Patrons—Parrish and Marshall; Senator: Colgan

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-1100 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-1100. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Board" means the Board for Contractors.

"Class A contractors" perform or manage construction, removal, repair, or improvements when (i) the total value referred to in a single contract or project is \$70,000 or more, or (ii) the total value of all such construction, removal, repair, or improvements undertaken by such person within any twelve-month period is \$500,000 or more.

"Class B contractors" perform or manage construction, removal, repair, or improvements when (i) the total value referred to in a single contract or project is \$7,500 or more, but less than \$70,000 or (ii) the total value of all such construction, removal, repair or improvements undertaken by such person within any twelve-month period is \$150,000 or more, but less than \$500,000.

"Class C contractors" perform or manage construction, removal, repair, or improvements when (i) the total value referred to in a single contract or project is over \$1,000 but no more than \$7,500 or (ii) the total value of all such construction, removal, repair, or improvements undertaken by such person within any twelve-month period is no more than \$150,000. "Class C contractors" shall not include electrical Electrical, plumbing, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) contractors shall be licensed as Class A or B contractors only and shall not be eligible to be licensed as Class C contractors.

"Contractor" means any person, that for a fixed price, commission, fee, or percentage undertakes to bid upon, or accepts, or offers to accept, orders or contracts for performing, managing, or superintending in whole or in part, the construction, removal, repair or improvement of any building or structure permanently annexed to real property owned, controlled, or leased by another person or any other improvements to such real property.

"Department" means the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

"Designated employee" means the contractor's full-time employee who is at least eighteen years of age and who has successfully completed the oral or written examination required by the Board on behalf of the contractor.

"Director" means the Director of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

"Owner-developer" means any person who performs or supervises the construction, removal, repair or improvements of any building or structure permanently annexed to real property owned, controlled or leased by him or any other improvements to such property when either (i) the total value of all such improvements to or upon any single parcel of land is \$70,000 or more or (ii) the total value of all such improvements to or upon all real property undertaken by him within any twelve-month period is \$500,000 or more, but shall not include a person who performs or supervises the construction, removal, repair or improvement of (i) not more than one building upon his own real property and for his own use during any twenty-four-month period, (ii) a house upon his own real property as a bona fide gift to a member of his immediate family provided such member lives in the house for at least twenty-four months, (iii) industrial or manufacturing facilities for his own use, or (iv) any person who contracts with a duly licensed Class A contractor classified as a building contractor to perform such construction, removal, repair or improvements.

For purposes of this section "immediate family" includes one's mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchild, grandparent, mother-in-law and father-in-law.

"Person" means any individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, joint venture, or other

"Value" means fair market value. When improvements are performed or supervised by a contractor, the contract price shall be prima facie evidence of value.