



IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Plumbing and Electrician Boards

SF 567

Status of Bill: House Calendar

Committee: State Government (21-2) (Senate 48-0)

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Amendment Summary

H-1115 State Government Committee Amendment

This amendment makes numerous changes to the legislation. The first action requires the Electrical Board and the Plumbing Board to grant exceptions for a person who would be denied a license due to a criminal conviction. The board is required to consider the nature and seriousness of the offense, as well as all circumstances relative to the offense, including social conditions. Other items to be considered including how much time has lapsed, the age of the person at the time, and letters of reference. The legislation before amendment just requires the board to adopt rules to identify which crimes are sexual or violent in nature.

The amendment specifies that a conviction that is a sexually violent offense, dependent adult abuse, domestic abuse, or a forcible felony can be grounds for denial, revocation, or suspension. No other felony conviction is grounds for revocation, denial, or suspension. Felony convictions in another state are given the same treatment as if they were committed in Iowa. This language applies to an Electrical contractor license, class A and B qualifications, class A and B journeyman, residential electrician, special electricians, and apprentice electricians. The same language is also placed in the Grounds for Denial section for the plumbing board.

The amendment keeps language in the bill that strikes a suspension, denial, or revocation of a license for a conviction of any felony, in regards to electrical contractors.

H-XXXX to H-1115 by Nielsen

Requires the Boards addressed in the legislation to file a report the General Assembly each year by January 1 on the reasons licenses were denied, including the demographic information of those who were denied and accepted. The legislation requires the report to cover the five preceding years in the report.

H-XXXX to H-1115 by Wolfe

Allows for an inmate to apply to the appropriate board for a waiver from disqualification due to a felony conviction that would otherwise disqualify them. If the waiver is granted they are required to be allowed to enroll in the relevant apprenticeship program.

H-XXXX to H-1115 by Wolfe

Adds being ineligible for the apprenticeship program as one of the exceptions that the board can grant a waiver.

H-1198 by Bossman

Allows for a person who has completed an apprenticeship of barbering while in custody of the Department of Corrections to take the examine to become a barber.