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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY SENATOR BARROW

CONTRACTORS. Requests the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors to study the criteria used to assess penalties against contractors who violate licensing laws.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors to study the criteria it uses to assess penalties against contractors who violate licensing laws and to submit a written report of its findings to the legislature on or before February 15, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors was created in 1965 to protect the public from contractor fraud by maintaining the integrity of the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, the compliance division is the investigative and enforcement arm of the board and works to ensure that construction projects are conducted in accordance with the contractor licensing laws of the state; and

WHEREAS, the compliance division received 451 complaints in 2018, 394 of which resulted in a fine, two of which resulted in a license suspension or probation, and three of which resulted in a license revocation; and

WHEREAS, upon the receipt of a complaint, the board gathers documents and conducts an investigation; and

WHEREAS, the contractor alleged to be in violation of state licensing laws is summoned to appear before the board for an administrative hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is after this investigation and hearing that the board makes a determination and assesses a penalty if the contractor is found guilty; and

WHEREAS, a penalty may range in degree from a fine to license suspension or revocation; and

WHEREAS, the penalties currently assessed are not adequately deterring individuals from repeating violations; and

WHEREAS, the board is urged to review its penalties and to study the criteria it uses to assess those penalties to ensure that contractors are operating within the confines of the law and that those who violate the law are deterred from doing so again.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors to study the criteria used to assess penalties against contractors violating state law and to submit a written report of its findings to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives on or before February 15, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Morgan B. Robertson.

DIGEST

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