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## **LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: SB **627** SLS 14RS 1652

Bill Text Version: REENGROSSED

Opp. Chamb. Action: Proposed Amd .:

Sub. Bill For .:

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Dept./Agy.: Workforce Commission

**Analyst:** Patrice Thomas **Subject:** Exempts Home Improvement Contracts

WORKERS' COMPENSATION RE NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1 Exempts certain home improvement contractors who have no employees from the requirements of workers' compensation.

Proposed law provides that a home improvement contractor who is licensed and meets specific criteria outlined in the proposed law shall be exempt from the requirements of workers' compensation coverage. Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law shall not exempt or in any way apply to subcontractors or employees of any person, firm, partnership, or corporations engaged within a project under a principal contractor. Proposed law provides that a Home Improvement Contractors' Coverage Exemption form be completed and submitted to the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors upon application for licensing. Proposed law provides that an affidavit reflecting the exemption from coverage shall be completed upon the application for any building permit and must submitted to the local permits office, with a copy submitted to the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors. Proposed law allows tort liability claims against the licensed home improvement contractor that has an exemption. Proposed law is effective August 1, 2014.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	\$0

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed legislation provides an exemption from the requirements of workers' compensation coverage for home improvement contractors that meet specific criteria. The Legislative Fiscal Office assumes that licensed home improvement contractors currently are selfinsured or pay workers' compensation coverage to a private insurance carrier. Therefore, this measure does not impact the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) or the LA State Licensing Board for Contractors.

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u> <u>Ho</u>	use 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	John D. Cagaster
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1352	\$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee		John D. Carpenter
	Change (C&H)	☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase	Legislative Fiscal Officer

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