

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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1. Regarding municipal authority under current law and this bill draft, please note the following:

Municipalities will continue to be able to have a municipal electrical code. References to the code and municipal regulation are disappearing with the repeal of ss. 101.865 and 101.87 but are brought back in the amendment of s. 101.86 (1) (a). These changes take effect on the general effective date of the bill.

Municipalities will continue to have inspection jurisdiction under s. 101.86, except that the ability to enter into contracts with the state is eliminated. The change regarding contracting takes effect on the general effective date of the bill.

Municipalities will no longer be able to license electrical contractors or be able to license electricians. This will be done by the state. These changes take effect five years after the general effective date. In the interim, municipalities will be able to continuing licensing but may not create, amend, or appeal licensing ordinances.

2. Are you sure you do not want language authorizing Commerce to recognize out-of-state licenses? The recent legislation concerning elevator mechanics has specific language authorizing Commerce to do so. See 101.985 (2) (b). Not including language in this new legislation may be used as an argument that Commerce does not have such authority.

3. I have rewritten the analysis. Please review carefully.

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