

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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 A state electrical wiring code; regulation of electricians, electrical contractors, and electrical inspectors; inspections of electrical wiring; regulation of electrical wiring; regulation of heating and air conditioning contractors by a county with a population of 500,000 or more; and granting rule-making authority

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations				<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties	<input type="checkbox"/> Others	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts	<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory			

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS s. 20.143 (3) (j), Stats.	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2007 AB 294 includes several provisions impacting the Department of Commerce: required licensing of electricians, electrical contractors and electrical wiring inspectors; promulgation of a state wiring code; and the promulgation of rules that establish standards and a process for the inspection of electrical wiring.

Currently, the Department administers rules regarding the wiring of public buildings, places of employment, and of 1&2 family dwellings, and also for the inspection of these wiring installations. In addition, the Department administers a program for the certification of electricians and electrical contractors who then use that certification to obtain a license in municipalities which require licensing.

The Department estimates that an additional 10,000 electricians and electrical contractors will obtain a license. This will result in additional annual revenues of \$458,500. The annual costs related to the implementation of the licensing requirements provided in 2007 AB 294 will be \$56,900. These costs are for 1.0 FTE support staff, which is needed to administer the licensing requirements of 2007 AB 294.

2007 AB 294 requires Commerce to promulgate rules establishing standards and a process for the inspection of electrical wiring in municipalities that do not provide for such inspections. This will result in the full implementation of a statewide electrical wiring inspection program. The Department anticipates that it will contract to provide for inspections in municipalities that do not provide such inspections. To fully implement an inspection program, Commerce estimates additional costs of \$211,788. These costs are for 2.0 FTE electrical consultants, who will perform consultation and auditing duties and also duties related to the enforcement of the licensing requirements.

The bill will prohibit Commerce from licensing heating and air conditioning contractors in any county with a population of 500,000 or more. This provision will result in a decline in revenues to the agency in the amount of approximately \$28,700 annually.

Currently, municipalities can require that an electrician or electrical contractor be licensed by their municipality. While certification is done by the Department of Commerce, the municipality typically collects a fee. 2007 AB 294 will prohibit municipalities from licensing electricians or electrical contractors, and therefore prohibit assessment of a fee by the municipality. This will reduce licensing revenue collected by the municipality. However, a municipality may offset this revenue loss by increasing permit fees. The amount of such revenue is indeterminable.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$201,900	\$0	
(FTE Position Changes)	(3.0 FTE)	(0.0 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs	66,800	0	
Local Assistance	0	0	
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	0	0	
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$268,700	\$0	
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR	0	0	
FED	0	0	
PRO/PRS (PRO)	268,700	0	
SEG/SEG-S	0	0	
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$0	\$0	
GPR Earned	0	0	
FED	0	0	
PRO/PRS (PRO)	458,500	-28,700	
SEG/SEG-S	0	0	
TOTAL State Revenues	\$458,500	\$-28,700	
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	State	Local	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$268,700	\$0	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$429,800	\$0	
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