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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources
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Brief Description: Regulating structural pest inspectors.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that it is prohibited for a business to conduct one or more complete wood destroying organism inspections without first having obtained a structural pest inspection company license from the department.

Provides that the director shall require each applicant for a structural pest inspector license to demonstrate to the director the applicant's knowledge of applicable laws and regulations; structural pest identification and damage; and conditions conducive to the development of wood destroying organisms by satisfactorily passing a written examination for the classifications for which the applicant has applied prior to issuing the license.

Declares it is unlawful for any business to conduct complete wood destroying organism inspections without having obtained a company license from the director.

Provides that the director shall not issue a license to any individual who intends to act as a structural pest inspector until evidence of financial responsibility, required and described in this act, is furnished by the applicant or the business employing the applicant. Licensed commercial applicators that have met the requirements of RCW 17.21.160 and their licensed commercial operator employees are exempt from this financial responsibility requirement when performing specific wood destroying organism inspections. Public employees licensed to perform structural pest inspections are exempt from this licensing requirement when acting within their official capacities.

Provides that evidence of financial responsibility, consisting of one of the following, must be provided and maintained as a condition of licensure: (1) An errors and omissions insurance policy, the amount and terms of which are consistent with the requirements of RCW 15.58.465(1)(a);

(2) A surety bond, the amounts and terms of which are consistent with the requirements of RCW 15.58.465(1)(b);

(3) A surety bond and an errors and omissions insurance policy, the amount and terms of which are consistent with the requirements of RCW 15.58.465(1)(c);

(4) An assigned account, the amount and terms of which are consistent with the requirements of RCW 15.58.465(1)(d);

(5) Any other type of evidence of financial responsibility identified by the director by rule that provides coverage equivalent to that provided by any of these requirements.