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By Representatives Ericks, Eddy, Kelley, Conway, Springer, and Rolfes

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1            AN ACT Relating to a sunrise review of the need for single-family  
2 residential contractor licensing; creating a new section; and providing  
3 an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of licensing shall  
6 conduct a review of the need for regulation of general and specialty  
7 contractors involved in the repair, alteration, or construction of  
8 single-family homes using the public interest criteria set forth in RCW  
9 18.118.010. In conducting the review, the department of licensing  
10 shall:

11            (a) Consult with representatives of and suppliers to residential  
12 contractors, consumer protection organizations, and any entity or  
13 individual that may assist in identifying the source or cause of  
14 prevalent home construction defects; and

15            (b) Examine any general and specialty contractor regulatory and  
16 licensing schemes in neighboring states.

17            (2) The department of labor and industries and the office of the  
18 attorney general shall make available to the department of licensing  
19 any home construction defect and related consumer complaints. The

1 department of licensing shall compile and evaluate consumer complaints  
2 and use this data to assist in conducting the review required by  
3 subsection (1) of this section.

4 (3) By October 1, 2008, the department of licensing shall submit  
5 recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature  
6 regarding:

7 (a) The need for regulation of general and specialty contractors  
8 involved in the construction and remodel of residential single-family  
9 homes; and

10 (b) If some form of regulation is recommended, the minimum  
11 qualifications to meet the regulatory standard.

12 (4) This section expires July 1, 2009.

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