

FINAL BILL REPORT

EHB 1156

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Synopsis As Enacted

Brief Description: Regulating structural pest control inspectors.

By Representatives Winsley, Rayburn, Rasmussen, R. Johnson, Cole and Wilson.

House Committee on Agriculture & Rural Development
Senate Committee on Agriculture & Water Resources

Background: The state's Pesticide Control Act requires that pest control consultants be licensed by the Department of Agriculture. To obtain a license, consultants must demonstrate, through a written examination, their knowledge of pesticide laws and rules, pesticide hazards, and the safe distribution, use, application, and disposal of pesticides. The examinations may vary based on various classifications of the licenses sought.

Summary: No individual may commercially perform the service of inspecting a building for the presence of pests destructive to its structural components without first obtaining from the director of the Department of Agriculture a pest control consultant license in the special category of structural pest control inspector. The fee for such a license is \$30. Exempted from the licensing requirement are entities licensed as pesticide applicators or operators when acting within the authorities of those licenses. Also exempt are governmental employees acting in their official governmental capacities and certain persons acting solely within a licensed pesticide dealer's outlet.

The director may adopt rules establishing criteria governing the conduct of a structural pest control inspection. It is unlawful for any person to fail to comply with such criteria.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	47	0

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