

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25649

Section 54-5002, Idaho Code, in relevant part, provides exemptions from HVAC licensure for homeowners (54-5002(4)) and certain maintenance HVAC work (54-5002(1)). The exceptions currently allow property owners of a single or duplex family dwelling to perform HVAC work and allow employers to perform alterations, extensions and new construction on the premises of their place of employment using regularly employed maintenance workers without a certificate of competency (license). The HVAC Board and HVAC industry feel the statute should more clearly indicate that a homeowner should be allowed to perform HVAC work on the owner's primary or secondary residence, accessory buildings, quarters and grounds used for non-commercial purposes. They also feel that in places of employment in commercial buildings, maintenance personnel should be allowed to perform repair and replacements of HVAC equipment, but any alterations, extensions or new construction must be done by a licensed HVAC contractor. These statute changes more clearly define the scope of work in both instances.

FISCAL NOTE

There would be no impact on the dedicated HVAC Board fund or the state General Fund as permits are required regardless of the licensure exemption. There could potentially be a negative impact on those facility owners currently utilizing uncertified HVAC personnel to perform new work.

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