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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3349**

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**State of Washington                      60th Legislature                      2008 Regular Session**

**By** House Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored 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 consumers, legal  
13 authorities, and any entity or individual that may assist in  
14 identifying the source or cause of prevalent home construction defects  
15 or concerns;

16            (b) Examine any general and specialty contractor regulatory and  
17 licensing programs in other states; and

18            (c) Conduct one or more public hearings to allow for industry and  
19 consumer testimony.

1           (2) The department of labor and industries and the office of the  
2 attorney general shall make available to the department of licensing  
3 any home construction defect and related consumer complaints. The  
4 department of licensing shall compile and evaluate consumer complaints  
5 and use this data and other data gathered throughout the research  
6 process to assist in conducting the review required by subsection (1)  
7 of this section.

8           (3) By October 1, 2008, the department of licensing shall submit  
9 recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature  
10 regarding:

11           (a) The need for regulation of general and specialty contractors  
12 involved in the construction and remodel of residential single-family  
13 homes; and

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

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

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