

**HB 1597 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that dishonest construction contractors sometimes hire workers without proper licenses, certificates, and permits to do electrical, plumbing, and conveyance work. This practice gives these contractors an unfair competitive advantage and leaves workers and customers vulnerable. Requiring workers to have their licenses, certificates, and permits in their possession while doing such work will help address the problems of the underground economy in the construction industry, level the playing field for honest contractors, and protect workers and consumers.