

Contractor Bills Become Law

(December 21, 2007) A package of four contractor bills was signed into law by Governor Granholm today. The bills establish more stringent penalties for unlicensed builders, provide for pre-licensure education and continuing competence, and make other changes in licensure of residential builders. Similar bills were vetoed by the Governor in late 2006, because there were concerns regarding the continuing education provisions and there was insufficient funding for the proposed enforcement fund. The Legislature has addressed those issues in these bills. The bill sponsors were Senators Raymond Basham and Nancy Cassis. The increased penalties in Public Acts 155-158 of 2007 go into effect immediately, but the other regulatory changes become effective June 1, 2007.