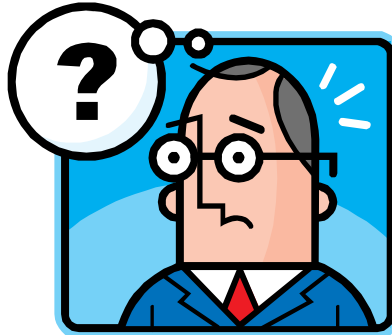




Overview of Illinois Hot Issues
Roofing Industry Licensing Act

Limited vs. Unlimited License?



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*"**Unlimited roofing license**" means a license made available to contractors whose roofing business is unlimited in nature and **includes roofing on residential, commercial, and industrial properties**. Unlimited Exam consists of technical aspects of residential, commercial and industrial roofing. **\$25,000 Bond***

Limited vs Unlimited Permits

- (a-3) A municipality or a county that requires a building permit may not issue a building permit to a roofing contractor unless that contractor has provided sufficient proof that he or she is licensed currently as a roofing contractor by the State. Holders of an ***unlimited roofing*** license may be issued permits for ***residential, commercial, and industrial roofing projects.*** Holders of a ***limited*** roofing license are restricted to permits for work on ***residential properties consisting of 8 units or less.***

State Roofing Contractor License Requirements

1. Must have obtained public liability and property damage insurance;
2. Workers Compensation Insurance covering his employees or is approved as a self-insurer of Workers Comp in accordance with Illinois Law;
3. Must have Illinois Unemployment Insurance EIN #;
4. \$10,000 Bonded for Limited or \$25,000 Bond for Unlimited;
5. Qualifying Party Passed Exam.

HOT LEGISLATION 2017

HB 732 - Fire Safety Roofing Bill

- *HB 732: Narrows the exemption for the work a commercial building owner's employees can perform without a license to basic "Roof Repair" as defined by the ICC. Torching, "Roof Replacement", "Re-Roof", etc., would have to be performed by a licensed contractor.*
- *WHY? Legislation aims to protect both untrained workers from performed tasks outside their professional expertise (falls leading cause of fatalities in construction industry) as well as the occupants of a building. If a fire originates on roof, smoke alarms and sprinkler systems not automatically activated, difficult for fire officials to attack and plenty of oxygen gives fire opportunity to rapidly expand throughout building as well as neighboring structures*
- *STATUS: Passed House and Senate overwhelming support from roofing industry and fire service, no business opposition but Governor still opposed.*

REPEAL of ROOFING INDUSRY LICENSING ACT

- As part of Governor Rauner's initiative to "reduce professional barriers to employment", legislation was introduced to repeal the licensing acts of numerous professions including genetic counselors, surgical assistants, interior designers, geologists, lie detector exam administrators, etc.
- SB 1819 and HB 1969 were introduced to Repeal the Roofing Industry Licensing Act which would have a devastating impact on consumer protection, worker safety, public safety and the construction economy in Illinois.
- Legislation did not advance but could surface up at anytime. Hearings scheduled with only an hour's notice. Industry needs to stay proactive.



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