

HOUSE No. 4022

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 24, 2016.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill relative to streamlining home improvement contractor registration (House, No. 261, changed), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4022).

For the committee,

BRIAN S. DEMPSEY.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to streamlining home improvement contractor registration.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 142A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (c) the following subsection:-

3 (d) Each applicant for registration as a home improvement contractor or subcontractor
4 shall submit a completed copy of an application form supplied by the director and necessary
5 supporting documents to the director, along with such fees as required by section 11; provided
6 that applicants shall be given the option to pay any registration fee or guarantee fund fee using a
7 major credit card.

8 SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of section 11 of said chapter 142A is hereby amended by
9 striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

10 Every contractor or subcontractor as defined in this chapter shall pay a registration fee in
11 an amount equal to the sum of (i) the fee paid by construction supervisors pursuant to section 94
12 of chapter 143 and (ii) an amount necessary to recover the aggregate cost to the commonwealth
13 associated with the use of credit cards to pay fees charged pursuant to this chapter. The

14 registration fee required pursuant to this paragraph shall be payable upon application for
15 registration and renewal.

16 SECTION 3. Section 14 of said chapter 142A is hereby amended by striking out, in lines
17 39 and 40, the words “telecommunications and energy” and inserting in place thereof the
18 following words:-

19 public utilities.

20 SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2016.