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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Water

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: 1/22/2026

Re: H.B. 2424, As introduced; Establishing a pump installation contractor license and requiring additional examination, qualification and record-keeping requirements for pump installation contractors and water well contractors.

HB 2424 would establish a system for licensing, regulating and enforcing standards for pump installation contractors, where none existed before. A separate licensing process would be established, with specific application, experience and examination requirements. A new definition for "pump installation contractor",¹ similar to the existing definition of "water well contractor", would expressly exempt any person who installs a pump on their own land and that is used for domestic uses² at their place of abode. People who install a pump for a pump installation contractor would also be exempt from the definition of "pump installation contractor". The act otherwise makes it unlawful for a person to engage in the business of a water well contractor or a pump installation contractor without first obtaining a license under the act.³

Licenses would need to be renewed on an annual basis.⁴ The secretary of health and environment would be required to adopt rules and regulations once every two years to establish license fees.⁵ Under current law, fees collected from penalty fines go to the state general fund and other

¹ Pg. 2, line 40

² "Domestic uses" means the use of water by any person, family unit or household for household purposes, the watering of livestock, poultry, farm and domestic animals used in operating a farm or the irrigation of lands not exceeding a total of two acres in area for the growing of gardens, orchards or lawns.

³ Pg. 10, line 33.

⁴ Pg. 7, line 16.

⁵ Pg. 3, line 42; pg. 4, line 7.

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collected fees go to the water program management fund. Under the bill, all fees would now go to the water program management fund.⁶

Record-keeping requirements would be established for pump installation contractors⁷ and would be expanded for water well contractors.⁸ Licensed pump installers would be required to submit their installation records to the secretary within 30 days of installation. The bill would now require every well contractor, even if not licensed, to submit a detailed record to the secretary within 30 days of the completion of their work, and, upon request of the secretary, to send the secretary a water quality analysis of any well within 60 days after completion of each well.

The bill would modify the examination process to allow online tests, in addition to oral and written examinations. Such examinations would now be tailored to each applicant category.⁹ A person whose license has been revoked and wishes to be relicensed could be required to retake the examination.¹⁰

Under current law, unplugged abandoned water wells existing when the act originally went into effect are not required to be plugged. The bill would now require such wells to be plugged if they pose a threat to public health, safety or the environment.¹¹

H.B. 2424 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.

⁶ Pg. 6, line 9; pg. 11, line 36.

⁷ Pg. 1, line 23.

⁸ Pg. 8, line 19.

⁹ Pg. 6, line 19.

¹⁰ Pg. 7, line 34.

¹¹ Pg. 10, line 18.