

Amendment to SB 523-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT establishing a committee to study the implementation of a residential builder
4 registration system.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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8 2 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the implementation of a
9 statewide registration system for residential builders and contractors. For the purposes of this act,
10 “residential builder” shall mean a person or business entity whose primary source of income is
11 derived from the construction, reconstruction, or substantial renovation of residential properties
12 consisting of 4 or fewer dwelling units in a single building.

13 3 Membership and Compensation.

14 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

15 (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

16 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
17 house of representatives.

18 II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
19 attending to the duties of the committee.

20 4 Duties. The committee shall:

21 I. Examine the viability, process, and necessity of implementing a statewide registration for
22 residential builders.

23 II. Assess whether a registration system would enhance consumer protection and address
24 instances of fraud, misrepresentation, exploitation, and miscommunication.

25 III. Evaluate the scope and structure of a registration system, including eligibility
26 requirements, renewal standards, complaint procedures, fee structures, oversight, and disciplinary
27 mechanisms.

28 IV. Identify which, if any, existing state agency or department would be best suited to
29 oversee and administer a registration system, including but not limited to the department of labor,
30 the office of professional licensure and certification, or the department of justice.

31 V. Solicit testimony from members of the public, representatives of the residential building
32 industry, municipal officials, consumer protection advocates, and other interested stakeholders.

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1 VI. Recommend a fee structure sufficient to fully fund administration without reliance on
2 general funds.

3 5 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
4 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
5 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
6 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

7 6 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
8 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
9 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

10 7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the implementation of a residential builder registration system.