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To: Municipalities; County Affairs

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2894

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-17-457, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT CONTRACTORS WHO ARE LICENSED IN A COUNTY OR  
3 MUNICIPALITY WHICH HAS AN EXAMINING BOARD WHERE THERE IS REGULARLY  
4 GIVEN A WRITTEN EXAMINATION AND WHO DO NOT HOLD A CURRENT  
5 CERTIFICATE OF RESPONSIBILITY ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC  
6 CONTRACTORS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO DO BUSINESS IN ANY OTHER  
7 MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY WITHOUT BEING REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A SEPARATE  
8 LICENSE OR ANY FURTHER EXAMINATION; TO PROVIDE THAT NO ADDITIONAL  
9 PRIVILEGE LICENSE BOND SHALL BE REQUIRED IN ORDER FOR SUCH A  
10 CONTRACTOR TO DO BUSINESS IN ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY IN THE  
11 STATE AS LONG AS THE CONTRACTOR HAS OBTAINED THE BOND IN THE  
12 MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY WHERE HE IS LICENSED; AND FOR RELATED  
13 PURPOSES.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

15 SECTION 1. Section 27-17-457, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
16 amended as follows:

17 27-17-457. (1) Any contractor, including, but not limited  
18 to, any electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, water  
19 and sewer, roofing or mechanical contractor, who is licensed by  
20 any one (1) municipality or county of the State of Mississippi,  
21 which municipality or county has an examining board where there is  
22 regularly given a written examination, and who does not hold a  
23 current certificate of responsibility issued by the State Board of  
24 Public Contractors, shall be allowed to do business in any other  
25 municipality or county in the state without being required to  
26 obtain a license in such other municipality or county or to  
27 undergo any further examination provided:

28 (a) That he furnishes evidence that he has such  
29 license;

30 (b) That he furnishes evidence that he actually took  
31 and passed the written examination which qualified him for such  
32 license; however, in lieu thereof evidence that if said contractor



33 was issued a license prior to May 1, 1972, and prior to the  
34 existence of such written examination by a county or municipality  
35 which has an examining board that does presently require written  
36 examination to qualify for a license; and

37 (c) That he is not operating a separate place of  
38 business located in such other municipality or county.

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40 (2) Any electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning,  
41 water and sewer, roofing or mechanical contractor who is licensed  
42 by any one (1) municipality or county of the State of Mississippi,  
43 which municipality or county has an examining board where there is  
44 regularly given a written examination, and who holds a current  
45 certificate of responsibility issued by the State Board of Public  
46 Contractors shall be allowed to do business in any other  
47 municipality or county in the state without being required to  
48 obtain a separate license in such other municipality or county or  
49 to undergo any further examination provided said contractor meets  
50 the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) \* \* \* of subsection (1)  
51 of this section.

52 (3) No additional privilege license bond shall be required  
53 in order for such a contractor to do business in another  
54 municipality or county in the state as long as the contractor has  
55 obtained the bond in the municipality or county where he is  
56 licensed.

57 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
58 and after July 1, 2001.

