

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Municipalities; County Affairs

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 BOND SHALL
 9 BE REQUIRE BY A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
 10 ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO CERTAIN CONTRACTORS; AND FOR RELATED
 11 PURPOSES.

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

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

15 27-17-457. (1) Any contractor, including, but not limited
 16 to, any electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, water
 17 and sewer, roofing or mechanical contractor, who is licensed by
 18 any one (1) municipality or county of the State of Mississippi,
 19 which municipality or county has an examining board where there is
 20 regularly given a written examination, and who does not hold a
 21 current certificate of responsibility issued by the State Board of
 22 Public Contractors, shall be allowed to do business in any other
 23 municipality or county in the state without being required to
 24 obtain a license in such other municipality or county or to
 25 undergo any further examination provided:

26 (a) That he furnishes evidence that he has such
 27 license;

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

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

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

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

50 (3) No bond shall be required by a county or municipality in
51 conjunction with the issuance of a license to such a contractor.

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