

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1454

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-59-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REDUCE THE CONSTRUCTION COST THRESHOLD FROM \$10,000.00 TO
3 \$3,000.00 FOR A REMODELER TO BE LICENSED UNDER THE RESIDENTIAL
4 BUILDERS AND REMODELERS LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-59-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 73-59-1. For the purposes of this chapter, the following
9 words shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

10 (a) "Board" means the State Board of Contractors
11 created in Section 31-3-3 * * *.

12 (b) "Residential builder" means any corporation,
13 partnership or individual who constructs a building or structure
14 for sale for use by another as a residence or who, for a fixed
15 price, commission, fee, wage or other compensation, undertakes or
16 offers to undertake the construction, or superintending of the
17 construction, of any building or structure which is not more than
18 three (3) floors in height, to be used by another as a residence,



19 when the total cost of the undertaking exceeds Fifty Thousand
20 Dollars (\$50,000.00).

21 (c) "Remodeler" means any corporation, partnership or
22 individual who, for a fixed price, commission, fee, wage or other
23 compensation, undertakes or offers to undertake the construction,
24 or superintending of the construction, of improvements to an
25 existing residence when the total cost of the improvements
26 exceeds * * * Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

27 (d) "Residential construction" means any undertaking
28 described in paragraph (b) of this section performed by a
29 residential builder.

30 (e) "Residential improvement" means any undertaking
31 described in paragraph (c) of this section performed by a
32 remodeler.

33 (f) "Active licensee" means any builder or remodeler
34 licensed under this chapter and engaged in building and
35 remodeling.

36 (g) "Inactive licensee" means any builder or remodeler
37 licensed under this chapter and not engaged in building or
38 remodeling.

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2020.

