

By: Representative Ward

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1037

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-17-457, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE CERTAIN LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 27-17-457. (1) Any electrical or mechanical, plumbing,
8 heating and air conditioning, water and sewer, roofing or
9 construction trades contractor who is licensed by any one (1)
10 municipality or county of the State of Mississippi, which
11 municipality or county has an examining board where there is
12 regularly given a written examination, and who does not hold a
13 current certificate of responsibility issued by the State Board of
14 Public Contractors, shall be granted a license in any other
15 municipality or county in the state without any further
16 examination provided:

17 (a) That he furnishes evidence that he has such
18 license;

19 (b) That he furnishes evidence that he actually took
20 and passed the written examination which qualified him for such
21 license; however, in lieu thereof evidence that if said contractor
22 was issued a license prior to May 1, 1972, and prior to the
23 existence of such written examination by a county or municipality
24 which has an examining board that does presently require written
25 examination to qualify for a license;

26 (c) That he has been actively engaged in business as an
27 electrical or mechanical contractor for two (2) years or more;

28 (d) That he has held such license for one (1) year or
29 more; and

30 (e) That he pays the license fee to the municipality or
31 county to which application is made for a license.

32 (2) Any electrical or mechanical, plumbing, heating and air
33 conditioning, water and sewer, roofing or construction trades
34 contractor who is licensed by any one (1) municipality or county
35 of the State of Mississippi, which municipality or county has an
36 examining board where there is regularly given a written
37 examination, and who holds a current certificate of responsibility
38 issued by the State Board of Public Contractors shall be allowed
39 to do business in any other municipality or county in the state
40 without being required to obtain a separate license in such other
41 municipality or county or to undergo any further examination
42 provided said contractor meets the requirements of paragraphs (a)
43 and (b), * * * of subsection (1) of this section. No surety or
44 penal bond shall be required by a municipality or county in
45 conjunction with the issuance of a license to such contractor.

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