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3 4 5 6	(By Delegates Mr. Speaker (Mr. Miley), Lane, Iaquinta, Fragale, Ellem, Hamilton, Barrett, Skaff, Young and Manchin)
7	[Introduced February 14, 2014; referred to the
8	Committee on the Judiciary.]
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$21\mathchar`-11\mathchar`-3$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating to the West Virginia Contractor
12	Licensing Act; definition of contractor; and increasing the
13	contract undertaking threshold cost from \$2,500 to \$5,000.
14	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
15	That §21-11-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
16	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
17	ARTICLE 11. WEST VIRGINIA CONTRACTOR LICENSING ACT.
18	§21-11-3. Definitions.
19	(a) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Division of
20	Labor.
21	(b) "Board" means the West Virginia Contractor Licensing
22	Board.
23	(c) "Contractor" means a person who in any capacity for
24	compensation, other than as an employee of another, undertakes,
25	offers to undertake, purports to have the capacity to undertake or

1 submits a bid to construct, alter, repair, add to, subtract from, 2 improve, move, wreck or demolish any building, highway, road, 3 railroad, structure or excavation associated with a project, 4 development or improvement, or to do any part thereof, including 5 the erection of scaffolding or other structures or works in 6 connection therewith, where the cost of the undertaking is $\frac{$2,500}{$2,500}$ 7 $\frac{$5,000}{100}$ or more.

8 Contractor includes a construction manager who performs 9 management and counseling services for a construction project for 10 a professional fee.

11 Contractor does not include:

12 (1) One who merely furnishes materials or supplies without13 fabricating or consuming them in the construction project;

14 (2) A person who personally performs construction work on the 15 site of real property which the person owns or leases whether for 16 commercial or residential purposes;

17 (3) A person who is licensed or registered as a professional 18 and who functions under the control of any other licensing or 19 regulatory board, whose primary business is real estate sales, 20 appraisal, development, management and maintenance, who acting in 21 his or her respective professional capacity and any employee of 22 such professional, acting in the course of his or her employment, 23 performs any work which may be considered to be performing 24 contracting work;

1 (4) A pest control operator licensed under the provisions of 2 section seven, article sixteen-a, chapter nineteen of this code to 3 engage in the application of pesticides for hire, unless the 4 operator also performs structural repairs exceeding \$1,000 on 5 property treated for insect pests; or

6 (5) A corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship whose 7 primary purpose is to prepare construction plans and specifications 8 used by the contractors defined in this subsection and who employs 9 full time a registered architect licensed to practice in this state 10 or a registered professional engineer licensed to practice in this 11 state. Employees of such corporation, partnership or sole 12 proprietorship shall also be exempt from the requirements of this 13 article.

(d) "Electrical contractor" means a person who engages in the business of contracting to install, erect, repair or alter electrical equipment for the generation, transmission or utilization of electrical energy.

(e) "General building contractor" means a person whose principal business is in connection with any structures built, being built or to be built for the support, shelter and enclosure of persons, animals, chattels or movable property of any kind, requiring in the construction the use of more than two contractor classifications, or a person who supervises the whole or any part of such construction.

1 (f) "General engineering contractor" means a person whose 2 principal business is in connection with public or private works 3 projects, including, but not limited to, one or more of the 4 following: Irrigation, drainage and water supply projects; 5 electrical generation projects; swimming pools; flood control; 6 harbors; railroads; highways; tunnels; airports and airways; sewers 7 and sewage disposal systems; bridges; inland waterways; pipelines 8 for transmission of petroleum and other liquid or gaseous 9 substances; refineries; chemical plants and other industrial plants 10 requiring a specialized engineering knowledge and skill; piers and 11 foundations; and structures or work incidental thereto.

12 (g) "Heating, ventilating and cooling contractor" means a 13 person who engages in the business of contracting to install, 14 erect, repair, service or alter heating, ventilating and air 15 conditioning equipment or systems to heat, cool or ventilate 16 residential and commercial structures.

17 (h) "License" means a license to engage in business in this 18 state as a contractor in one of the classifications set out in this 19 article.

(i) "Multifamily contractor" means a person who is engaged in 21 construction, repair or improvement of a multifamily residential 22 structure.

(j) "Person" includes an individual, firm, sole24 proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association or other

1 entity engaged in the undertaking of construction projects or any 2 combination thereof.

3 (k) "Piping contractor" means a person whose principal 4 business is the installation of process, power plant, air, oil, 5 gasoline, chemical or other kinds of piping; and boilers and 6 pressure vessels using joining methods of thread, weld, solvent 7 weld or mechanical methods.

8 (1) "Plumbing contractor" means a person whose principal 9 business is the installation, maintenance, extension and alteration 10 of piping, plumbing fixtures, plumbing appliances and plumbing 11 appurtenances, venting systems and public or private water supply 12 systems within or adjacent to any building or structure; included 13 in this definition is installation of gas piping, chilled water 14 piping in connection with refrigeration processes and comfort 15 cooling, hot water piping in connection with building heating and 16 piping for stand pipes.

(m) "Residential contractor" means a person whose principal business is in connection with construction, repair or improvement of real property used as, or intended to be used for, residential coccupancy.

(n) "Specialty contractor" means a person who engages in 22 specialty contracting services which do not substantially fall 23 within the scope of any contractor classification as set out 24 herein.

(o) "Residential occupancy" means occupancy of a structure for
residential purposes for periods greater than thirty consecutive
calendar days.

4 (p) "Residential structure" means a building or structure used 5 or intended to be used for residential occupancy, together with 6 related facilities appurtenant to the premises as an adjunct of 7 residential occupancy, which contains not more than three distinct 8 floors which are above grade in any structural unit regardless of 9 whether the building or structure is designed and constructed for 10 one or more living units. Dormitories, hotels, motels or other 11 transient lodging units are not residential structures.

12 (q) "Subcontractor" means a person who performs a portion of 13 a project undertaken by a principal or general contractor or 14 another subcontractor.

15 (r) "Division" means the Division of Labor.

16 (s) "Cease and desist order" means an order issued by the 17 commissioner pursuant to the provisions of this article.

18 (t) The term "basic universal design" means the design of 19 products and environments to be useable by all people, to the 20 greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or 21 specialization.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to raise the threshold

amount required for a construction job to be performed by someone with a contractor's license from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.