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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1466

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 17-22-101 CONCERNING  
9 LICENSURE AS A CONTRACTOR AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
10 CONTRACTOR\_S LICENSURE LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## Subtitle

13 "AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE AS A  
14 CONTRACTOR AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
15 CONTRACTOR\_S LICENSURE LAW."  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-22-101 is amended to read as follows:  
21 "17-22-101. Definition.

22 (a) As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,  
23 contractor means any person, firm, partnership, copartnership, association,  
24 corporation, or other organization, or any combination thereof, who, for a  
25 fixed price, commission, fee, or wage, attempts to or submits a bid to  
26 construct, or contracts or undertakes to construct, or assumes charge, in a  
27 supervisory capacity or otherwise, or manages the construction, erection,  
28 alteration, or repair, or has or have constructed, erected, altered, or  
29 repaired, under his, their, or its direction, any building, apartment,  
30 condominium, highway, sewer, utility, grading, or any other improvement or  
31 structure on public or private property for lease, rent, resale, public  
32 access, or similar purpose, except single-family residences, when the cost of  
33 the work to be done, or done, in the State of Arkansas by the contractor,

1 including, but not limited to, labor and materials, is twenty thousand  
 2 dollars (\$20,000) or more. However, when a person or entity acts as a  
 3 contractor in the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of his own or  
 4 its own property, such action shall not result in the person or entity being  
 5 required to obtain a license, but the person or entity must comply with all  
 6 other provisions of this subchapter.

7 (b) However, the twenty thousand dollar (\$20,000) exception shall not  
 8 apply to any project of construction in which any of the construction work  
 9 necessary to complete the project, except any in-progress change orders, is  
 10 divided into separate contracts of amounts less than twenty thousand dollars  
 11 (\$20,000), a purpose being to circumvent the provisions of this chapter.

12 (c) It is the intention of this definition to include all improvements  
 13 or structures, excepting only single-family residences.

14 (d) Materials purchased by a prime contractor from a third party shall  
 15 not be considered as part of the subcontractor\_s project, if the prime  
 16 contractor has the proper classification listed on a current contractor\_s  
 17 license for the work being performed by the subcontractor."  
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19 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
 20 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
 21 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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23 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
 24 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
 25 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
 26 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
 27 act are declared to be severable.  
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29 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
 30 hereby repealed.  
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32 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the Eightieth  
 33 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is customary for prime  
 34 contractors to supply materials to certain types of subcontractors; that in  
 35 determining whether a subcontractor is involved in a project for which he

1 must be licensed, the cost of the materials is included, even if the  
2 materials have been provided by the prime contractor; that this requirement  
3 places an unfair burden on some subcontractors and that this act is necessary  
4 to provide immediate relief to the subcontractors. Therefore, an emergency  
5 is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force  
7 and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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