

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3871**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen**  
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An Act relative to streamlining home improvement contractor registration.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 9 of Chapter 142A of the General Laws as appearing in the 2010  
2 official edition is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (c) the following subsection:-

3 (d) Each applicant for registration as a home improvement contractor or subcontractor  
4 shall submit a completed copy of an application form supplied by the director and necessary  
5 supporting documents to the director, along with such fees as required by section 11, provided  
6 that applicants shall be given the option to pay any registration fee or guarantee fund fee using a  
7 major credit card.

8 SECTION 2. Section 11 of said chapter 142A is hereby amended in subsection (a) by  
9 striking the first paragraph and inserting in its place the following subsection:-

10 (a) Every contractor or subcontractor as defined in this chapter shall pay a  
11 registration fee in an amount equal to the sum of (i) the fee paid by construction supervisors  
12 pursuant to section ninety-four of chapter one hundred and forty-three and (ii) an amount  
13 necessary to recover the aggregate cost to the Commonwealth associated with the use of credit  
14 cards to pay fees charged pursuant to this chapter. The registration fee required under this  
15 paragraph shall be payable upon application for registration and renewal.

16 SECTION 3. Section 14 of said chapter 142A is hereby amended by striking, in line 37,  
17 the words “telecommunications and energy” and inserting in its place the following words:-

18 public utilities

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20 SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2014.