

## 2019 MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE SESSION BAM PRIORITIES SUMMARY



### CONSTRUCTION CAREERS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE ECONOMY

In partnership with Build Minnesota, we seek to empower young women and men to view construction as a life-long career choice.

- Require high school career counseling to emphasize careers in residential construction
- Seek methods to allow minors to work on construction sites – currently minors are banned from this work unless work is for a parent’s business, done by a 17 year-old high school graduate, or outside the area of hazardous operation, materials, or equipment.

### UNLICENSED BUILDERS HURT CONSUMERS

Unlicensed contractors deprive consumers from statutory protections. In addition, it is an unfair business practice that puts licensed contractors at a significant competitive disadvantage.

- **Homeowners can Sue Unlicensed Contractor** to recover payments
- **Unlicensed Contractors Not Eligible** for payment for work requiring a license
- **Require Homeowners Acting as Contractor to be Responsible for Warranty**
- **Eliminate the Handyman and “1 Home Every 2 Years” Unlicensed Exceptions**
- **Require Lenders and Insurers to Verify Licensure** before Issuing mortgages and insurance general liability or workers compensation policies
- **Increase Penalties for Unlicensed Activities** from misdemeanor to gross misdemeanor
- **Require DLI to Dedicated All Fines to Enforcement** of unlicensed activity
- **Comprehensive Code Inspection and Licensure Enforcement Restructure**
  - Work with industry regulators to implement public health, wellness, and safety enforcement tools in non-code enforced areas to make sure all new residential construction is built by a licensed contractor and subject to code inspections.
- **Repeal Licensure: *As a last resort***, repeal licensure and pre-empt local government licensure if regulators and industry are unable to create reliable, meaningful, statewide enforcement of code and licensure.

### AND MORE...

- ***PROTECT the Contractor Recovery Fund from being used to offset problems caused by unlicensed contractors***
- Seek **Housing Policy** that allows the private market to deliver more housing in a more affordable manner
- Make sure state and local governments are prohibited from adopting by ordinance that allow expensive stretch energy codes
- Require codes increasing the cost of housing to be reviewed by the Legislature

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