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House Bill 326
Economic Matters

(Delegate Krysiak)

Finance

Home Builder Registration - Application - Social Security Numbers

This bill repeals a requirement that principals of a business applicant provide their Social Security numbers on an application for home builder registration. The bill also clarifies that registration fees are nonrefundable.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A home builder must register with the Home Builder Registration Unit to construct homes in the State. To apply for registration an applicant must submit an application fee and an application providing various types of personal information including the Social Security number(s) of an individual applicant or the principals of an applicant and the federal employer identification number of an applicant other than an individual.

Background: The Home Builder Registration Unit is within the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office. Among the unit's duties are maintaining a list of all home builder registrants and keeping registrants advised of applicable laws and regulations and any modifications made to them; developing consumer protection information required to be distributed to contract purchasers by home builders; and

collecting and maintaining information on the resolution of consumer complaints involving new home builders.

Social Security numbers have been required on home builder applications to help identify problem builders attempting to get back into the business.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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