Overview

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Section

1  **Code enforcement.** Provides that statutes requiring the board of electricity to enforce building code provisions relating to electrical installation do not apply to installations covered by this act.

2  **Definitions.** Defines, for purposes of this act, "alarm systems", "audio signal systems", "communication systems", "demarcation", "power-limited circuits or systems", "remote control circuits", "signaling circuits", and "technology circuits or systems".

3  **Licensure not warranted.** States that for registered technology businesses some level of accountability, skill, training, and experience may be of benefit to the public but regulation by licensure is not warranted.

4  **Registered technology businesses.** Designates certain activities as registered technology businesses. Authorizes businesses and individuals registered with the department of administration to perform services and provide products necessary to their businesses. Provides that this work and these products shall be regulated only through the building code and by the commissioner of administration. Provides that no other state or local entity can require any form of permit or license or fee for providing the products or performing the work. The section does not prohibit a unit of local government from charging a franchise fee to a cable system. Forbids the commissioner from delegating these duties to other state agencies under section 16B.05. The activities covered by this section are specified aspects of: alarm and security installation, telcom installation, irrigation and landscaping installation, central vacuum installation, building
automation installation, power-limited lighting installation, automatic door installation, HVAC or refrigeration installation, nonspecific installation of other signaling or control systems which the commissioner of administration considers appropriate for inclusion as registered technical businesses.

Registration. Requires the commissioner of administration to maintain a register of all businesses or individuals that have registered as technology businesses. Provides for the form of this registration; availability to the public; maintenance of a bond of at least $10,000; general liability insurance with specified minimums; and a statement of qualifications with specified information.

Approval by commissioner. Provides that the commissioner must approve information submitted by registrants before including it in the published registration statement. Permits the commissioner to remove information the commissioner finds to be misleading or inaccurate.

Costs. Provides that the costs of maintaining the register, and associated expenses, must be recovered through a registration fee. Requires registrations to be renewed annually.

Advisory council. Permits the commissioner to appoint an advisory council of up to seven registrants. Specifies duties for the council.