

February 5, 2007

H 73. IMPROVE STATE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS. Filed 2/5/07. *TO IMPROVE THE STATE CAPITAL FACILITIES PROGRAM BY DIRECTING THE STATE BUILDING COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO REDUCE DELAYS AND INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY AMONG THE PARTIES TO THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROCESS, BY INCREASING THE BIDDING, BONDING, AND DESIGNER SELECTION THRESHOLDS FOR STATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, BY DIRECTING THE STATE PERSONNEL OFFICE TO CONDUCT A MARKET STUDY OF ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING POSITION CLASSIFICATIONS, AND BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL PLAN REVIEW AND ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.* Appropriates \$777,386 for 2007-08 and \$729,386 for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Insurance to fund engineer and enforcement officer positions. Directs the State Building Commission to review the State capital improvement process to establish or change the guidelines for the design and inspection of State building projects and plan review in order to increase accountability and to document standards and processes. Requires the commission to report to the General Assembly by April 30, 2008, and December 31, 2008, concerning (1) the capital improvement process guidelines and (2) the commission's progress in implementing the recommendations of the Legislative Study Commission on State Construction Inspections. Requires the State Personnel Office to work with the Department of Administration, Department of Insurance, and other agencies to conduct a market study on architect and engineer salaries and position classifications, to be completed no later than six months after the act becomes law.

Amends GS 143-129(a) to increase the statutory floor for formal contracts from \$300,000 to \$500,000. Amends GS 44A-26(a) to increase the bonding requirements from projects greater than \$300,000 to projects greater than \$500,000. Amends GS 143-64.34 to exempt from Article 3D (procurement of architectural, engineering, and surveying services) capital improvement projects of less than \$500,000 for state agencies, the University of North Carolina, and community colleges.

Bidding, bonding, and project exemption changes are effective for projects funded by the General Assembly on or after July 1, 2007. Appropriation is effective July 1, 2007.

Intro. by Owens, Justice, Michaux.

GS 44A, 143, APPROP, STUDY

April 2, 2007

H 73. IMPROVE STATE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS. Filed 2/5/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Removes proposed changes to GS 44A-26(a) that would have raised the total amount triggering a requirement of a performance and payment bond on a construction contract for any one project from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

June 14, 2007

H 73. IMPROVE STATE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS. Filed 2/5/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Deletes the appropriation to the Department of Insurance for the establishment of engineer and enforcement officer positions. Makes a conforming change to the effective date and to the title.

June 18, 2007

H 73. IMPROVE STATE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS. Filed 2/5/07. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Provides that proposed amendments to GS 143-129(a) (bidding required) and GS 143-64.34 (exemption of certain projects) apply to projects that are funded on or after July 1, 2007 (was, apply to projects that are funded *by the General Assembly* on or after July 1, 2007).

July 23, 2007

H 73. IMPROVE STATE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS. Filed 2/5/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 4th edition. Amends GS 143-135.26(2) to direct the

State Building Commission to develop a standard memorandum of understanding for each state capital improvement project and provides the minimum provisions required in the memorandum. Amends GS 143-341(3) to require the Department of Administration to schedule a meeting of the stakeholders for each state capital improvement project to discuss plan review requirements. Allows the funded agency to request that the meeting not be held. New provisions are effective when they become law and apply to projects funded on or after July 1, 2007.

August 27, 2007

SL 2007-446 (H 73). IMPROVE STATE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS. *AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE STATE CAPITAL FACILITIES PROGRAM BY DIRECTING THE STATE BUILDING COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO REDUCE DELAYS AND INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY AMONG THE PARTIES TO THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROCESS, BY INCREASING THE BIDDING AND DESIGNER SELECTION THRESHOLDS FOR STATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, AND BY DIRECTING THE STATE PERSONNEL OFFICE TO CONDUCT A MARKET STUDY OF ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING POSITION CLASSIFICATIONS.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 2/5/07, 4/2/07, 6/14/07, 6/18/07, and 7/23/07. Enacted August 23, 2007. Sections 4–7 are effective August 23, 2007, and apply to projects funded on or after July 1, 2007. The remainder is effective August 23, 2007.