

Committee on Commerce and Tourism

CS/HB 481 — Building Construction Regulations and System Warranties

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Maggard (CS/SB 612 by Commerce and Tourism Committee and Senator Hooper)

The bill expands the kind of work that Class A and Class B air-conditioning contractors and mechanical contractors may undertake to include replacing, disconnecting, or reconnecting power wiring on the line side of a dedicated existing electrical disconnect switch on a single phase electrical system; and repairing or replacing power wiring, disconnects, breakers, or fuses for dedicated HVAC circuits with proper use of a circuit breaker lock.

The bill prohibits the conditioning of an HVAC system warranty on product registration, and specifies that the full length of such a warranty's coverage term begins on the date a licensed contractor installs the system. The bill also requires that an HVAC warranty or product registration card or form must specify that the card or form is for the product registration and that failure to complete and return the form does not diminish any warranty rights.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0