



Comments Received by the Department of Consumer Affairs

on

Proposed Rules Repealing Home Improvement Salesperson
Requirement

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From: jayleland@aol.com
To: [Rulecomments](#)
Subject: Home Improvement Salesman's License
Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020 1:07:18 PM

As per your site information:

"What are we proposing? The Department of Consumer Affairs ("DCA" or "Department") is proposing a new rule that would repeal all references to home improvement salespersons in the Department's rules. Local Law 31 of 2020 repealed the licensing requirement for home improvement salespersons. This rule is necessary to implement Local Law 31."

My position:

It is understandable that NYC has established that it is redundant to have a need for a properly licensed and insured Home Improvement company-contract to have licensing information on that contract as well as having a salesperson being required to have a license and place that info on the same contract.

Additionally, removing such requirement will save the city substantial amounts of money re: record keeping, administrative duties and lawyers.

Yet, the law does help consumers. It is my understanding that no person with a criminal record, especially with convictions for burglary or robbery or fraud, could be issued a license. This enables a homeowner to know that the person entering their home has had a background investigation. Without this check, anyone can be hired by a H.I. company.

It is also understandable that those who have served their time for non-violent crimes need an opportunity to succeed in the legitimate world, especially as Home Improvements is an essential part of America's economy (Harvard Center for Joint Studies states that, in 2019, it is an industry in excess of \$250B), and they can make a very good living, often earning more than \$100,000 per year.

Thus, I believe NYC DCA has a conundrum. Do you eliminate licenses and background checks? Do you eliminate licenses yet have a H.I. company submit identifying info on salespeople for the sole purpose of a background check (as quickly done for a gun purchase), with no license required, but informing said H.I. company that they must terminate an individual from any work placing them into a residence?

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From: [STEVE KATHCART](#)
To: [Roldan, Alberto \(DCA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Notice of Comment Period re Repeal of Requirements - Home Improvement Salesperson
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 10:56:21 PM
Attachments: [DCA Comment Period for Repeal of Requirements - Home Improvement Salesperson.pdf](#)
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hello ! i think we should have an id card stating we are contractors ! people are always asking me ARE YOU LICENSED ? plus at a glance you can see if they are indeed licensed ! there are too many unlicensed people out there ! and lots of shoddy work ! we should have it clipped on the front of our shirts !

thanks and best regards ! steve kathcart

On Friday, August 28, 2020, 10:19:07 AM EDT, Roldan, Alberto (DCA) <aroldan@dca.nyc.gov> wrote:

Dear Partner:

Attached please find DCA's notice of comment period through September 28th.

Alberto Roldan

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From: [Zaman Construction](#)
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Subject: RE: Notice of Comment Period re Repeal of Requirements - Home Improvement Salesperson
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 5:31:05 PM

Hello;

Hope all is well. I tried to do the comments on line . I am in favor of keeping the license active , as of now we have enough non-licensed people making mis-representation all over the industry. I think licensing as whole should make things more stronger .

Thank you

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Comments

Carl Joseph

Mon,
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12:39pm

Comment:

I always wondered why there had to be a separate salesperson license, it always seemed unnecessary. It should only be a contractor license.