



HB19-1035

Local Government Electrical Inspection Fees

Sponsors: Reps. Rich and Roberts, Sen. Woodward

Under current statute, counties and municipalities are authorized to conduct electrical inspections within their jurisdictions. The Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) conducts electrical inspections in those communities where the local building department does not conduct inspections. However, the fees for electrical permitting and inspection are set by the state, and local governments cannot deviate from these fees by more than 15 percent - regardless of the actual cost to local governments to conduct these inspection programs.

Twice within the last four years, DORA has lowered its fee structures dramatically because of various budgeting issues. Each of these fee decreases forced locals to follow suit, costing cities and counties tens of thousands of dollars in lost revenue.

HB 1035 would decouple local and state fees by allowing local governments to set their own electrical permitting and inspection fee structures – ensuring that building departments are able to recover their costs and allowing counties and cities to continue providing this important service to their communities.

The 2018 Sunset Review of the State Electrical Board actually **recommended** repealing the limitation on the fees that local jurisdictions may charge for electrical permitting and inspections, noting that “Because the General Assembly is not privy to what the direct and indirect costs associated with implementing a local program may be, the limits appear to be arbitrary.”

CCI and CML urge your support of this important cost-recovery tool for local governments.

Please vote YES on HB 1035

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