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(As Introduced)

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Permits a member of a religious organization to satisfy contractor's liability insurance requirements by qualifying as a self-insurer.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**Members of religious organizations may satisfy contractor's liability insurance requirements by qualifying as a self-insurer**

(sec. 4740.06)

As continuing law, Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code provides for the examination and licensing of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning contractors, refrigeration contractors, electrical contractors, plumbing contractors, and hydronics contractors. The law establishes requirements that an individual must meet in order to qualify to take a licensing examination. The individual must be 18 years of age, be a citizen of the United States, have the minimum amount of experience specified, meet certain character standards, and maintain contractor's liability insurance in an amount determined by the appropriate section of the Ohio Construction Industry Examining Board, the Board being established under Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code. The bill maintains these current requirements, except to exempt those persons qualifying as self-insurers from the need to maintain contractor's liability insurance.

The bill provides that an applicant qualifies as a self-insurer if the appropriate section of the Ohio Construction Industry Examining Board determines that the applicant is a member of a religious organization that holds a common belief in mutual financial assistance in time of need to the extent that the members share in the financial obligations of other members who would otherwise be unable to meet their obligations. The appropriate section of the Board must

also determine that: (1) the religious organization is financially solvent and is not subject to any actions in bankruptcy, receivership, or other court proceeding in which the organization's financial solvency is in question, (2) no judgments against the religious organization or any of its members, arising out of a member's employment as a contractor licensed under Chapter 4740., remain unsatisfied for more than 30 days after becoming final, and (3) there are no other factors that cause the appropriate section of the Board to believe that the religious organization and its members are not of sufficient ability to pay any judgment against them.

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## **HISTORY**

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