

SB 1284 Registrar of Contractors; Arbitration

SB 1284 becomes effective July 20 and changes the existing Registrar of Contractors complaint process by permitting certain claims to be referred to arbitration. When the cost of repair is \$5,000 or less and a party disputes the ROC's corrective work order, the claim is to be determined by an arbitration process in which the arbitrator cannot suspend or revoke the contractor's license or award monetary damages, civil penalties, legal fees or costs. Larger claims may be resolved through the arbitration process if both parties consent. The ROC may still suspend a contractor's license for failure to comply with a final order unless the contractor has posted a bond in the amount of the claim.

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