

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL EMPLOY AN INVESTIGATIVE STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

(C) CONTRACTUAL EXPERTS.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY CONTRACT WITH AN EXPERT, SUBJECT TO THE STATE BUDGET, IF THE SERVICES OF AN EXPERT ARE REQUIRED IN A PARTICULAR CASE.

(D) HOME IMPROVEMENT COMPLAINTS.

INVESTIGATIVE STAFF AND CONTRACTUAL EXPERTS SHALL INVESTIGATE ONLY COMPLAINTS ABOUT HOME IMPROVEMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 56, § 252(c) and the first and second sentences of (d).

In subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, the references to the State budget are added for clarity since all staff is compensated in accordance with the State budget.

In subsection (a) of this section, the former phrase "subject to the approval of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation" is deleted as unnecessary since all staff to the Commission is provided through the Department of Licensing and Regulation.

In subsection (b) of this section, the words "investigative staff" are substituted for the former words "investigators and inspectors" since, in practice, the Department employs "investigators" rather than "inspectors".

Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to "the merit system established by Article 64A of this Code" is deleted as surplusage. The scope of the Merit System Law is specified in Art. 64A of the Code.

The first and third sentences of former Art. 56, § 252(e), as those sentences related to employees of the Commission, are deleted as surplusage in light of the current budgetary process and the Standard State Travel Regulations. As to entitlement to travel expenses, see SF § 10-203 and COMAR 23.02.01.01 through .12. Similarly, the second sentence of former Art. 56, § 252(e), which provided for the disbursement of appropriations in the State budget for salaries of employees of the Commission, is deleted as unnecessary and potentially misleading. Disbursement of money for all the boards and commissions in the Department of Licensing and Regulation is made under the State budget and through the Department.

Defined term: "Home improvement" § 8-101

8-207. REGULATIONS.

(A) POWER TO ADOPT AND ENFORCE.