

TESTIMONY Neutral HB 1473

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Chairman Lefor and members of the IBL Committee:

House Bill 1473 was introduced by the electrical industry in North Dakota with the knowledge of the North Dakota State Electrical Board. I've had discussions with a few from the industry on the proposed HB 1473. Some are in favor, some are opposed.

It would be beneficial for our inspectors to see whose vehicles are on a job site, but if the contractor doesn't put a logo on or advertise on their vehicle, then, as the bill is written, a contracting master would not be required to post his or her license number on the vehicle.

This bill would also help our office when reviewing ads in newspapers or on websites such as Craig's List where unlicensed handymen are advertising to do electrical work.

I understand there was formerly a requirement in North Dakota that electrical advertising include a master's license number but that apparently went away a few years ago and I am not sure why.

We therefore take a neutral position on HB 1473 and we thank the Committee for listening and would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.