

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 880

Introduced by Assembly Member Niello

February 26, 2009

An act to amend Section 7027.3 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to contractors.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 880, as introduced, Niello. Contractors: license fraud penalty.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of contractors by the Contractor's State License Board within the Department of Consumer Affairs, and specifies that contractor's license fraud is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment, as specified, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

This bill would raise the maximum fine to \$15,000.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 7027.3 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 7027.3. Any person, licensed or unlicensed, who willfully and
4 intentionally uses, with intent to defraud, a contractor's license
5 number that does not correspond to the number on a currently valid
6 contractor's license held by that person, is punishable by a fine
7 not exceeding ~~ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)~~ *fifteen thousand*
8 *dollars (\$15,000)*, or by imprisonment in state prison, or in county
9 jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and

1 imprisonment. The penalty provided by this section is cumulative
2 to the penalties available under all other laws of this state. If, upon
3 investigation, the registrar has probable cause to believe that an
4 unlicensed individual is in violation of this section, the registrar
5 may issue a citation pursuant to Section 7028.7.

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