

Present law requires that any person who is engaged in the construction industry as a principal contractor, intermediate contractor, or subcontractor must carry workers' compensation insurance. Under prior law, sole proprietors and partners were not required to cover themselves. On December 31, 2009, Public Chapter 1041 of the Public Acts of 2008 changed prior law by requiring that sole proprietors and partners who are engaged in the construction industry must obtain workers' compensation coverage on themselves unless they are working on a structure on their own property, for their own use and without compensation or they are doing work directly for a homeowner.

This bill temporarily removes the requirement that sole proprietors and partners who are engaged in the construction industry must obtain workers' compensation coverage on themselves. This bill removes the requirement upon becoming a law. The requirement will be reinstated on February 28, 2011.

ON JANUARY 15, 2010, THE SENATE ADOPTED AMENDMENT #1 AND PASSED SENATE BILL 7001, AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT #1 changes the date on which the requirement for sole proprietors and partners who are engaged in the construction industry to obtain workers' compensation would be reinstated from "February 28, 2011" to "March 28, 2011".