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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill amends sections of Chapter 337 regulating building contracts and changes provisions in law that govern what is included in an indemnification agreement and insurance coverage that can be required in building contracts.

Section

Indemnification agreement. Clarifies that an agreement to defend an action against a third party is included in the definition of indemnification agreements, and for the purposes of building contracts is limited in certain circumstances governed by section 337.02.

Effective date. This section is effective the day following enactment and applies to agreements entered into on or after that date.

Agreements valid. Removes project-specific insurance from the list of specific insurance options a party to a building contract can require of another party. This section amends a law passed in 2013 that prohibited building contracts from requiring insurance for the negligence or intentional acts of another party.

Effective date. This section is effective the day following enactment and applies to agreements entered into on or after that date.