

Senate Bill 657

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Chapter 661

AN ACT to repeal 145.13 (1) (d); to renumber 145.13 (2); to renumber and amend 145.13 (1) (intro. par.) and (a); to amend 145.01 (1) (e), 145.02 (4), 145.03 (1), as amended by chapter 433, laws of 1965, 145.04 (2), and 145.08 (1) (b); to repeal and recreate 145.01 (1) (a), (b) and (c), 145.09 and 145.14; and to create 145.01 (6) and (7), 145.02 (3) (f), 145.06 (4) (b), (c) and (d), 145.07 (3) to (9) and 145.08 (1) (f) to (j) of the statutes, relating to the licensing of plumbers.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 145.01 (1) (a), (b) and (c) of the statutes are repealed and recreated to read:

145.01 (1) (a) All piping, fixtures, appliances, equipment, devices and appurtenances in connection with the water supply, water distribu-

tion and drainage systems, including hot water storage tanks, water softeners and water heaters connected with such water and drainage systems and also includes the installation thereof.

(b) The construction, connection or installation of any drain or waste piping system from the outside or proposed outside foundation walls of any building to the mains or other sewerage system terminal within bounds of, or beneath an area subject to easement for highway purposes, including private domestic sewage treatment and disposal systems, and the alteration of any such systems, drains or waste piping.

(c) The water service piping from the outside or proposed outside foundation walls of any building to the main or other water utility service terminal within bounds of, or beneath an area subject to easement for highway purposes and its connections.

SECTION 2. 145.01 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

145.01 (1) (e) A plumbing and drainage system so designed and vent piping so installed as to keep the air within the system in free circulation and movement, ~~and~~; to prevent with a margin of safety unequal air pressures of such force as might blow, syphon or affect trap seals, or retard the discharge from plumbing fixtures, or permit sewer air to escape into the building; *to prohibit cross-connection, contamination or pollution of the potable water supply and distribution systems; and to provide an adequate supply of water to properly serve, cleanse and operate all fixtures, equipment, appurtenances and appliances served by the plumbing system.*

SECTION 3. 145.01 (6) and (7) of the statutes are created to read:

145.01 (6) RESTRICTED PLUMBER LICENSEE. A restricted plumber licensee is any person licensed as a master plumber (restricted) or a journeyman plumber (restricted) under s. 145.14.

(7) REGISTERED LEARNER. A registered learner is a person, other than a restricted plumber licensee, who is learning a limited type of plumbing and is engaged in assisting a restricted plumber licensee.

SECTION 4. 145.02 (3) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

145.02 (3) (f) Issue special orders by or through the state health officer directing and requiring compliance with the rules and standards of the board promulgated under this chapter whenever, in the judgment of the state health officer, such rules or standards are threatened with violation, are being violated or have been violated. The circuit court of any county where violation of such an order has occurred shall have jurisdiction to enforce the order by injunctive and other appropriate relief. The district attorney of the county wherein violation of such order has occurred shall bring action for its enforcement.

SECTION 5. 145.02 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

145.02 (4) The board shall prescribe rules ~~and regulations~~ as to the qualifications, examination and licensing of master and journeyman plumbers and *restricted plumber licensees*, for the registration of plumbing apprentices. ~~On March 1 of each year the board shall prepare a list giving the names and addresses of all licensed plumbers and registered plumbing apprentices and for the registration and training of registered learners.~~

SECTION 6. 145.03 (1) of the statutes, as amended by chapter 433, laws of 1965, is amended to read:

145.03 (1) The board shall appoint, and may remove for cause, a committee of examiners consisting of 3 members, prescribe their quali-

fications and assign their duties, one of whom shall be a master plumber, one a journeyman plumber and one an employe of the board. The term of office shall be ~~for a term of~~ 2 years. Such examiners shall be exempt from ~~the provisions of ch. 16.~~ The ~~said~~ committee of examiners and other employes of the board shall, when so directed, serve the board in an advisory capacity in the formulating of rules and regulations to be adopted by the board. Each member of the committee of examiners who is not an employe of the board shall be paid a per diem of ~~\$10 per day~~ \$25 for the actual number of days served by such member in the performance of his duties, and in addition thereto shall be reimbursed his actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his duties, such per diem and expenses to be paid from the appropriation to the state board of health in s. 20.410 (1) (g).

SECTION 7. 145.04 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

145.04 (2) No city, village, ~~township~~ *town, town sanitary district, county or, metropolitan sewerage district commission shall or other agency may* require the licensing of ~~plumbers or prohibit plumbers any person licensed or registered under this chapter or prohibit such person~~ from engaging in or working at the business of ~~plumbing~~ *within the scope of his license or permit.*

SECTION 10. 145.06 (4) (b), (c) and (d) of the statutes are created to read:

145.06 (4) (b) Plumbing from the private water supply pump to and including the initial pressure tank and connection to an existing water distribution system, when installed by persons licensed under ch. 162.

(c) Installation of sewer and water service piping from the main to the property lot line, when installed by authorized municipal utility employes or sewer and water utility installers under a contract with a municipality.

(d) Making minor repairs to faucets, valves, pipes or appliances, repair or replacement of electrical or gas energy or other automatic valves or control devices or removing of stoppages in waste or drainage pipes.

(e) Installation of sewer and water mains, as defined in ch. 144, when installed by sewer and water utility contractors and their employes.

SECTION 11. 145.07 (3) to (9) of the statutes are created to read:

145.07 (3) An applicant for examination for licensure as a master plumber shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board as follows:

(a) A specific record of not less than 1,000 hours per year experience for 3 or more consecutive years as a licensed journeyman plumber in this state; or

(b) Graduation in engineering from a school or college approved by the board and a specific record of 3 or more consecutive years as an owner or co-owner of a firm or corporation in this state engaged in the installation of plumbing. Related experience of not less than 1,000 hours per year shall have been acquired under the supervision of a master plumber licensed in this state. Persons meeting the qualifications of this paragraph who submit an application to the board prior to July 31, 1966, may be licensed without examination.

(4) An applicant for examination for licensure as a journeyman plumber shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board as follows:

(a) Completion of a 5-year apprenticeship consisting of not less than 1,900 hours per year and completion of all requirements as to shop training and related instruction as the board by rule prescribes.

(b) A certificate of graduation as a registered apprentice from an accredited trade school approved by the board and completion in this state

of 2 years of shop training and related instruction as the board by rule requires.

(5) Any resident who has been actively engaged in this state in a limited type of plumbing installation work for a period of not less than 1,000 hours per year for 2 or more consecutive years as a licensed journeyman plumber (restricted) may be examined for licensure as a master plumber (restricted).

(6) Applicants for examination for licensure as a journeyman plumber (restricted) shall have completed one continuous year of work experience consisting of not less than 1,000 hours per year and give evidence of completion of shop training and related instruction as the board by rule requires.

(7) (a) A person shall be registered as a registered learner with the board without examination or training prequalifications and shall not be required to be indentured under ch. 106.

(b) To establish a record of beginning, each learner shall within 30 days after employment register with the board. A fee of \$5 shall be paid at the time of registration and for each subsequent calendar year during which he is employed as a learner.

(8) If any person licensed without examination under sub. (1) or who submits an application to the board prior to July 31, 1966, acquired his experience in the practical installation of a limited type of plumbing such as septic tank installations, water softener installations or other limited types of installation, the board shall, in renewing or issuing a license to such person, issue to him, without examination, a master plumber's license (restricted) or a journeyman plumber's license (restricted), whichever is appropriate, and such license, on its face, shall restrict the holder thereof to the specific types of plumbing installation in which such licensee, prior to January 1, 1964, acquired his experience in the practical installation of plumbing.

(9) Master plumbers, journeyman plumbers and apprentices are not subject to the restrictions under s. 145.14.

SECTION 12. 145.08 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

145.08 (1) (b) For master plumber's license, \$50 ~~which shall be paid immediately upon notice from the board that the applicant has passed an examination. Upon failure to pay the license fee within 30 days after receiving such notice, no license shall be issued and the applicant shall again appear for examination and pay the examination fee, and \$50 for each renewal of license, \$50, if application is made prior to January 1, annually; after that date an additional fee of \$10.~~

SECTION 13. 145.08 (1) (f) to (j) of the statutes are created to read:

145.08 (1) (f) For master plumber's (restricted) examination, \$25. For each subsequent examination, \$15.

(g) For master plumber's license (restricted), \$25 and \$25 for each renewal of license if application is made prior to January 1, annually; after that date an additional fee of \$5.

(h) For journeyman plumber's (restricted) examination, \$15. For each subsequent examination, \$10.

(i) For journeyman plumber's license (restricted), \$15, and \$15 for each renewal of license if application is made prior to January 1, annually; after that date an additional fee of \$5.

(j) The initial license fee under this subsection shall be paid immediately upon notice from the board that the applicant has passed an examination. Upon failure to pay the license fee within 30 days after receiving such notice, no license shall be issued and the applicant shall again appear for examination and pay the examination fee.

SECTION 14. 145.09 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

145.09 STATE COMITY. (1) Persons holding a current license under the laws of any other state having license provisions governing plumbers which in the board's opinion are equivalent to the requirements of this chapter may be accepted in their license classification for examination for a like license in this state without submitting evidence required under s. 145.07.

(2) Any person whose experience in another state meets the requirements of this chapter in the opinion of the board may be accepted for examination as a restricted plumber licensee in such classifications as the board deems appropriate.

SECTION 15. 145.13 (1) (intro. par.) and (a) of the statutes are renumbered 145.06 (4) (intro. par.) and (a) and amended to read:

145.06 (4) (intro. par.) ~~The provisions of This section 145.06 shall not apply to:~~

(a) ~~The~~ Plumbing work done by a property owner in a *one-family* building owned and occupied by him as his home or farm building, except where such license is required by local ordinance.

SECTION 16. 145.13 (1) (d) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 16m. 145.13 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 145.13.

SECTION 17. 145.14 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

145.14 PLUMBERS LICENSE (RESTRICTED). (1) LIMITATIONS. (a) Persons licensed as master plumbers (restricted), journeyman plumbers (restricted) or registered learners shall be classified by the board under sub. (2) and shall be restricted to the type of work for which they have been classified and to the requirements indicated in this section.

(b) Persons licensed as journeyman plumbers (restricted) or registered learners shall work under the supervision of a master plumber or a master plumber (restricted). A master plumber (restricted) may also work as a journeyman plumber (restricted). No journeyman plumber (restricted) or registered learner shall contract for work, advertise or do anything which would lead others to believe him to be qualified as a master plumber (restricted) in his classification.

(c) All persons licensed as master plumbers (restricted), journeyman plumbers (restricted) or registered learners shall be subject to all laws and rules governing plumbers. If qualified, persons may be licensed under any number of classifications under sub. (2). Separate licenses shall be issued under sub. (2) (a) and (b), but licenses issued under sub. (2) (b) may extend to any number of items under that paragraph.

(2) CLASSIFICATIONS. The classifications which the board shall use are a sewer services classification and an "appliances, equipment and devices" classification. Persons so classified may engage in the following types of work:

(a) *Sewer services.* Persons classified under this paragraph may install septic tanks for private sewage disposal systems, drain fields designed to serve such septic tanks, and the sewer service from the septic tank or sewer extensions from mains to the immediate inside or proposed inside foundation wall of the building.

(b) *Appliances, equipment or devices.* Under this paragraph persons installing water softeners, water heaters or other items in connection with the water supply or water distribution systems which do not require a direct connection to the waste or drain piping systems are limited to making connection to existing installations. There shall be no drilling, tap-

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ping or direct connection made to any waste or drain pipe to serve items installed under this section. The maximum length of water piping permitted to be installed under this section shall be the minimum required to connect the item to the system.

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