



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 921

February 21, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives VRAKAS, REYNOLDS, WALKER, PORTER, GROTHMAN, KLUSMAN, SERATTI, KRUSICK, KRUG, CULLEN and NOTESTEIN, cosponsored by Senators FARROW, ZIEN, COWLES and BURKE. Referred to Committee on Labor and Employment.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 145.03 of the statutes; **relating to:** plumbing apprenticeships.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the term for a plumbing apprenticeship is 4 years. The department of industry, labor and human relations (DILHR) may extend the term by one year upon application of the apprentice, the apprentice's employer or both. DILHR may prescribe the character of plumbing work that the apprentice may do during the 3rd and 4th year of the apprenticeship for the apprentice to qualify at the end of the apprenticeship as a skilled mechanic in the art of installing plumbing work.

This bill extends the term of the plumbing apprenticeship to 5 years, or up to 6 years if DILHR extends the term. Under the bill, DILHR may prescribe the character of plumbing work that the apprentice may do during the 3rd, 4th and 5th years of the apprenticeship in order for the apprentice to qualify at the end of the apprenticeship as a skilled mechanic in the art of installing plumbing work.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 145.03 of the statutes is amended to read:

3 **145.03 Apprenticeship.** The department may prescribe the conditions under
4 which any person may serve a plumbing apprenticeship, as to preliminary and
5 technical college attendance requirements, and the credit for school attendance in
6 serving the apprenticeship. Every person commencing a plumbing apprenticeship
7 shall be indentured under ch. 106. The term of a plumbing apprentice is ~~4~~ 5 years,

1 but the department may upon application of the apprentice, the apprentice's
2 employer or both extend the term for up to one additional year. After the expiration
3 of an apprenticeship term, no apprentice may engage in the business of plumbing
4 either as an apprentice or as a journeyman plumber unless the apprentice secures
5 a journeyman plumber's license. In case of failure to pass the examination for the
6 license, he or she may continue to serve as an apprentice but not beyond the time for
7 reexamination for a journeyman plumber's license, as prescribed by the rules of the
8 department. In order that the apprentice may qualify at the end of apprenticeship
9 as a skilled mechanic in the art of installing plumbing work, the department may
10 prescribe the character of plumbing work that the apprentice may do during the 3rd
11 ~~and year, 4th and 5th years~~ under the direction or supervision of a master or
12 journeyman plumber without either the master or journeyman being physically
13 present, provided that the master plumber in charge shall be responsible for the
14 work.

15 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

16 (1) PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIPS. This act first applies to a person serving a
17 plumbing apprenticeship on the effective date of this subsection.

18 (END)