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## 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 508

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 106.02 and 106.025 (4); *to amend* 106.01 (1), 106.01 (9), 106.01  
2           (11) (intro.), 106.025 (1) and 106.025 (2); and *to create* 106.015 of the statutes;  
3           **relating to:** apprentice-to-journeyworker ratios in apprenticeships and the  
4           minimum duration of carpentry and plumbing apprenticeships.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

5           **SECTION 1.** 106.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:  
6           106.01 (1) **FORMATION OF APPRENTICE CONTRACT.** Any person 16 years of age or  
7           over may enter into an apprentice contract binding himself or herself to serve as an  
8           apprentice as provided in this section. ~~Except as provided in ss. 106.02 and 106.025,~~  
9           the The term of service of an apprenticeship shall be for not less than one year. Every  
10          apprentice contract shall be in writing and shall be signed by the apprentice, the

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1 department, and the sponsor or an apprenticeship committee acting as the agent of  
2 the sponsor. If the apprentice has not reached 18 years of age, the apprentice contract  
3 shall also be signed by one of the apprentice's parents or, if both parents are deceased  
4 or legally incapable of giving consent, by the guardian of the apprentice or, if there  
5 is no guardian, by a deputy of the department. The department shall specify the  
6 provisions that are required to be included in an apprentice contract by rule  
7 promulgated under sub. (11).

8 **SECTION 2.** 106.01 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 106.01 (9) AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT. The department, subject to s. 106.015,  
10 may investigate, fix reasonable classifications, issue rules and general or special  
11 orders, and hold hearings, make findings, and render orders upon its findings as  
12 necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this section. The investigations,  
13 classifications, hearings, findings, and orders shall be made as provided in s.  
14 103.005. Except as provided in sub. (8), the penalties specified in s. 103.005 (12)  
15 apply to violations of this section. Orders issued under this subsection are subject  
16 to review under ch. 227.

17 **SECTION 3.** 106.01 (11) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 106.01 (11) RULES. (intro.) The department, subject to s. 106.015, shall  
19 promulgate rules to implement this section, including rules providing for all of the  
20 following:

21 **SECTION 4.** 106.015 of the statutes is created to read:

22 **106.015 Apprentice-to-journeyworker ratios. (1)** Except as provided in  
23 sub. (2), the department may not prescribe, enforce, or authorize, whether through  
24 the promulgation of a rule, the issuance of a general or special order, the approval  
25 of an apprenticeship program or apprentice contract, or otherwise, a ratio of

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1 apprentices to journeyworkers for apprenticeship programs or apprentice contracts  
2 that requires more than one journeyworker for each apprentice.

3 (2) The prohibition under sub. (1) does not apply with respect to apprentices  
4 whose employment is governed by a collective bargaining agreement.

5 **SECTION 5.** 106.02 of the statutes is repealed.

6 **SECTION 6.** 106.025 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 106.025 (1) The department may prescribe the conditions under which a  
8 person may serve a plumbing apprenticeship, as to preliminary and technical college  
9 attendance requirements, level of supervision of an apprentice, the character of  
10 plumbing work in accordance with ch. 145, and the credit for school attendance in  
11 serving the apprenticeship.

12 **SECTION 7.** 106.025 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 106.025 (2) Every person commencing a plumbing apprenticeship shall enter  
14 into an apprentice contract under s. 106.01. ~~The term of a plumbing apprentice is~~  
15 ~~5 years, but the department may upon application of the apprentice, the apprentice's~~  
16 ~~employer, or both, extend the term for up to one additional year.~~

17 **SECTION 8.** 106.025 (4) of the statutes is repealed.

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