

1977 Assembly Bill 355

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## CHAPTER 314, Laws of 1977

AN ACT to amend 145.02 (4), 145.06 (1) (a) and 145.10 (1) (intro.); and to create 145.01 (12) and (13), 145.07 (10) and (11) and 145.08 (1) (o) and (q) of the statutes, relating to licensing utility contractors and registering pipe layers installing sewer or water lines from mains to buildings and granting rule-making authority.

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

SECTION 1. 145.01 (12) and (13) of the statutes are created to read:

145.01 (12) UTILITY CONTRACTOR. "Utility contractor" means a person licensed under s. 145.07 (10).

(13) PIPE LAYER. "Pipe layer" means a person registered under s. 145.07 (11).

SECTION 2. 145.02 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

145.02 (4) The department shall prescribe rules as to the qualifications, examination and licensing of master and journeyman plumbers and restricted plumber licensees, for the licensing of utility contractors, for the registration of plumbing apprentices and pipe layers and for the registration and training of registered learners.

SECTION 3. 145.06 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

145.06 (1) (a) No person ~~shall~~ may engage in or work at plumbing in the state unless licensed to do so by the department. A master plumber may work as a journeyman. No person ~~shall~~ may act as a plumber's apprentice or pipe layer unless registered with the department.

SECTION 4. 145.07 (10) and (11) of the statutes are created to read:

145.07 (10) An application for a utility contractor's license shall be made to the department with fees required by the department under s. 145.08 (1) (o). The department shall issue a utility contractor's license to any person who is skilled in the planning, superintending and practical installation, within public or private premises, of piping which conveys sewage, rain water or other liquid wastes to a legal point of disposal and who is skilled in the design, planning, superintending and practical installation of water service piping from the street main to the immediate inside building perimeter.

(11) An application for registration as a pipe layer shall be made to the department with the fees required by the department under s. 145.08 (1) (q). The department shall approve the registration of any person as a pipe layer if the person is employed by a utility contractor and if the person is engaged in the practical installation, within public or private premises, of piping which conveys sewage, rain water or other liquid wastes to a legal point of disposal or engages in the practical installation of water service piping from the street main to the immediate inside building perimeter.

SECTION 5. 145.08 (1) (o) and (q) of the statutes are created to read:

145.08 (1) (o) For utility contractor's license, \$125, and \$125 for each renewal of license if application is made prior to January 1, annually; after that date an additional fee of \$10.

(q) For a pipe layer's registration, \$45 at the time of registration and \$45 for each subsequent calendar year of registration.

SECTION 6. 145.10 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

145.10 (1) (intro.) The department may make investigations and conduct hearings and may, on its own or upon complaint in writing duly signed and verified by the complainant, and not less than 10 days' notice to the licensee, suspend any plumber's license, utility contractor's license or temporary permit if it has reason to believe, and may revoke such license or permit in the manner ~~hereinafter~~ provided under this section, if it finds that the holder of such license or permit has:

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