

SENATE, No. 641

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 5, 1996

By Senator CIESLA

1 AN ACT concerning continuing education requirements for plumbers
2 and supplementing P.L.1968, c.362 (C.45:14C-1 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers shall require
8 each master plumber, as a condition for biennial license renewal
9 pursuant to section 18 of P.L.1968, c.362 (C.45:14C-18), to complete
10 any continuing education requirements imposed by the board pursuant
11 to section 2 of this act.

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13 2. a. The board shall:

14 (1) Establish standards for continuing plumbing education,
15 including the subject matter and content of courses of study, the
16 selection of instructors, and the number and type of continuing
17 education credits required of a licensed master plumber as a condition
18 for biennial license renewal, except that the number of credits required
19 shall not exceed five in any biennial license period.

20 (2) Approve educational programs offering credit towards the
21 continuing plumbing education requirements; and

22 (3) Approve other equivalent educational programs, and shall
23 establish procedures for the issuance of credit upon satisfactory proof
24 of the completion of these programs.

25 b. In the case of education courses and programs, each hour of
26 instruction shall be equivalent to one credit.

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28 3. The board may, in its discretion, waive requirements for
29 continuing plumbing education on an individual basis for reasons of
30 hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of the license or other
31 good cause.

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33 4. The board shall not require completion of continuing plumbing
34 education credits for an initial renewal of license.

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36 5. In the event a master plumber completes a number of continuing
37 education credit hours in excess of the number required by the board

1 pursuant to section 2 of this act, the board may allow that those
2 credits be carried over to satisfy the master plumber's continuing
3 education requirement for the next biennial licensure period, but shall
4 not be applicable thereafter.

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6 6. This act shall take effect on the 90th day following enactment,
7 except that the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers may,
8 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
9 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), promulgate regulations to effectuate the
10 provisions of this act immediately.

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13 STATEMENT
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15 This bill provides that the State Board of Examiners of Master
16 Plumbers shall establish standards for continuing plumbing education,
17 including subject matter and courses of study and selection of
18 instructors; approve educational programs offering credit towards the
19 continuing plumbing education requirements; approve other equivalent
20 educational programs; and establish the number and type of continuing
21 education credits required for the biennial renewal of licenses of
22 master plumbers in this State, but is prohibited from requiring more
23 than five credits in any biennial period.

24 Waivers of these continuing education requirements may be granted
25 by the board on an individual basis due to hardship or other good
26 cause. In addition, the board shall not require completion of
27 continuing plumbing education credits for an initial renewal of license.

28 The board may allow a master plumber to carry over excess
29 continuing education credits beyond what is required for a particular
30 biennial licensure period to satisfy the continuing education
31 requirements for the next biennial license period, but these credits shall
32 not be applicable thereafter.

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37 Establishes continuing education requirements for master plumbers.