

SENATE, No. 1862

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 3, 1997

By Senators CARDINALE and CIESLA

1 AN ACT concerning apprentice and journeymen plumbers and
2 amending and supplementing P.L.1968, c.362.

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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. Section 15 of P.L.1968, c.362 (C.45:14C-15) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 15. Not less than 30 days and no more than 60 days prior to the
10 date set for the examination for a master plumber's State license, every
11 person, except as herein provided, desiring to apply for a State license,
12 who shall meet the qualifications as set forth herein, shall deliver to the
13 State board, personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested,
14 postage prepaid, a certified check or money order payable to the
15 Treasurer of the State of New Jersey in the required amount as set
16 forth herein, together with such written application as shall be required
17 by the State board, completed as therein described, and together with
18 proof of qualifications as described hereunder.

19 The qualifications which shall be met and satisfied shall be as
20 follows:

21 a. The person shall be 21 or more years of age and a citizen or
22 legal resident of the United States; and

23 b. (1) The person shall have been engaged or employed in the
24 plumbing [industry] trade for a period of five years [next] preceding
25 the date of his application for a State license. [Three or more] One
26 of the five years shall have been spent while engaged or employed as a
27 journeyman plumber. [In lieu of the above requirements a] Four years
28 of the five years shall have been spent in a plumbing apprenticeship
29 program accredited and approved by the United States Department of
30 Labor, with proof of passage and successful completion of this
31 program while actively engaged or employed as a plumbing apprentice.
32 For a period of four years following the effective date of P.L. , c.
33 (now before the Legislature as this bill), each year of employment in
34 the plumbing trade or enrollment in a formal plumbing apprenticeship

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 program completed prior to the effective date of this amendatory and
2 supplementary act shall be accepted by the State board in lieu of one
3 year's enrollment in a plumbing apprenticeship program accredited and
4 approved by the United States Department of Labor, up to a maximum
5 total credit of four years; or

6 (2) The person shall have been awarded a bachelor's degree in
7 mechanical, plumbing or sanitary engineering from an accredited
8 college or university in the United States which the board finds
9 acceptable and in addition shall have been engaged or employed in the
10 practical work of installing plumbing systems for one year as an
11 apprentice or journeyman plumber.

12 Proof of compliance with such qualifications or those in lieu thereof
13 shall be submitted to the State board in writing, sworn to by the
14 applicant, and such written proof shall be accompanied by two recent
15 photographs of the applicant.

16 (cf: P.L.1987, c.442, s.3)

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18 2. (New section) The State board shall keep a register of all
19 applications by individuals registering as journeymen plumbers, and
20 apprentice plumbers enrolled in a plumbing apprenticeship program
21 accredited and approved by the United States Department of Labor,
22 which register shall include the following information: (1) name,
23 address, telephone number, age and social security number of the
24 apprentice or journeyman plumber; (2) date and type of registration
25 application; (3) name, address and telephone number of the plumbing
26 contractor employing the apprentice or journeyman plumber; (4)
27 whether the applicant was accepted or rejected, and in the case of a
28 rejection, the reasons for that action; (5) the registration number, if
29 issued; (6) the date of the action by the State board; and (7) any other
30 information the State board deems necessary.

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32 3. (New section) On and after the effective date of P.L. , c.
33 (now before the Legislature as this bill), any person desiring to register
34 as an apprentice or journeyman plumber shall make application to the
35 State board to be so registered and shall pay all the fees required in
36 connection therewith, which fees shall be established, prescribed or
37 changed by the State board to the extent necessary to defray all proper
38 expenses incurred by the State board to administer the provisions of
39 this act. However, fees shall not be fixed at a level that will raise
40 amounts in excess of the amount estimated to be so required.

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42 4. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

STATEMENT

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3 This bill revises the qualifications that a person needs to meet and
4 satisfy in order to apply for a master plumber's State license. In order
5 to qualify, a person must be a citizen or a legal resident of the United
6 States and have been engaged or employed in the plumbing trade for
7 a period of five years. Four of those five years must be spent in a
8 plumbing apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the
9 United States Department of Labor and one of those years must be
10 spent engaged or employed as a journeyman plumber. Currently, the
11 law requires a person to have been engaged or employed in the
12 plumbing industry for a period of five years and does not require a
13 person to spend four years in a plumbing apprenticeship program
14 accredited and approved by the United States Department of Labor or
15 to be a citizen or legal resident of the United States.

16 The bill also provides that for four years following the effective
17 date of this bill, under certain circumstances, a person may qualify to
18 apply for a license as a master plumber without having to participate
19 in a plumbing apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the
20 United States Department of Labor. Those circumstances apply if a
21 person presents evidence satisfactory to the State Board of Examiners
22 of Master Plumbers that the person had been employed in the
23 plumbing trade or enrolled in a formal plumbing apprenticeship
24 program on or before the effective date of this bill. Such employment
25 or enrollment shall be credited up to a maximum total credit of four
26 years.

27 In addition, the bill stipulates that the State Board of Examiners of
28 Master Plumbers shall keep a register of all applications by individuals
29 registering as journeymen plumbers and apprentice plumbers enrolled
30 in a plumbing apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the
31 United States Department of Labor.

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36 Establishes requirements for apprentice and journeymen plumbers.