

SENATE BILL NO. 175

BY SENATOR WOMACK

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1361(B), 1361(B)(3) and (4) and (D), 1362, 1363, 1366(A)(1), and 1379, relative to the State Plumbing Board; to provide for membership of the board; to provide for terms of office; to provide for the election of officers of the board; to provide for duties of the board; to provide relative to an advisory committee; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1361(B), R.S. 37:1361(B)(3) and (4) and (D), 1362, 1363, 1366(A)(1), and 1379 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1361. State Plumbing Board; appointments; qualifications; legislative intent; authority

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B. The State Plumbing Board is created. The board, which shall be appointed by the governor, shall consist of one registered mechanical engineer who is also licensed by the State Plumbing Board, one plumbing inspector who is also licensed by the State Plumbing Board, ~~three~~ **five** master plumbers, ~~three journeyman plumbers~~ **one journeyman plumber**, one residential plumber limited, and two members of the public. Each appointment shall be made in the following manner:

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(3)~~(a)~~ ~~Master~~ **Three active master** plumbers shall be from a list of nine names submitted by the ~~Louisiana Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors~~ **Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of Louisiana** or its successors **successor**.

(b) Two master plumbers shall be from a list of six names submitted by the Louisiana Pipe Trades Association or its successor.

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§1379. Advisory committee

There shall be an advisory committee appointed by the Louisiana Pipe Trades Association and the ~~Louisiana Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors, Inc.~~ **Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of Louisiana**, with each organization appointing five members to the committee. The committee shall have access to all meetings and records of the board and shall have the privilege of discussing board business at any and all meetings, and advise the board upon the board's activities. They shall receive no pay or expenses and shall not be qualified to vote.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____