

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 953

2026 Regular Session

Fontenot

June 1, 2026

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 953 by Representative Fontenot, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs (#3299) be rejected.
- 2. That the set of amendments by the Legislative Bureau (#3484) be rejected.
- 3. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 through 14 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2150, 2150.1, 2151(A)(2), 2156(D), (E), and (K)(1), 2156.1(A)(7), (B)(1), and (I), 2158(A)(introductory paragraph), and 2164(A), (B), and (H), to enact R.S. 37:2151(B)(10) and (11), 2155.1, 2156.1.1, and 2158(A)(24) and to repeal Chapter 16 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:1361 through 1380, relative to licensing of plumbers; to provide the State Licensing Board for Contractors the power to license and regulate licensure of plumbers and plumbing contractors; to provide for definitions; to provide for a Plumbing Contractors Subcommittee of the State Licensing Board for Contractors; to provide relative to the membership of the State Licensing Board for Contractors; to provide relative to the membership of the Plumbing Contractors Subcommittee; to provide for licensing requirements; to provide relative to minority outreach and recruitment; to abolish the State Plumbing Board; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, assets, and obligations from the State Plumbing Board to the State Licensing Board for Contractors; to provide for an effective date; to provide for the grandfathering of existing plumbing licenses; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 16 through 19 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 37:2150, 2150.1, 2151(A)(2), 2156(D), (E), and (K)(1), 2156.1(A)(7), (B)(1), and (I), 2158(A)(introductory paragraph), and 2164(A), (B), and (H) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:2151(B)(10) and (11), 2155.1, 2156.1.1 and 2158(A)(24) are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 10 through 29 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

§2150.1. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Apprentice gas fitter" means a natural person engaged in learning the gas fitting trade by working under the direct, on-the-job supervision of a gas fitter and in the employ of an employing entity. Apprentice gas fitters shall be indentured in an

apprenticeship program approved by Louisiana Works or may be unindentured and in the employ of an employing entity.

(2) "Apprentice plumber license" means the license that may be granted to a natural person engaged in learning the plumbing trade by working under the direct, on-the-job supervision of a journeyman plumber or master plumber, and in the employ of an employing entity. Apprentice plumbers shall be placed in an apprenticeship approved by the board.

(3) "Board" means the State Licensing Board for Contractors.

(2) (4) "Commercial" means any construction project except residential structures intended to be primarily occupied as a residence with no more than two separate dwelling units incorporated into one structure.

(3) (5) "Contract" means an agreement to perform a scope of work that is regulated by this Chapter. The project value includes the entire cost of the labor, materials, rentals, and all direct and indirect project expenses. The cost of materials, rentals, and direct and indirect expenses shall be included regardless of who pays the costs or if they are donated. The "principal contract" is the agreement to perform the entire scope of work for a construction project.

(4) (6)(a) "Contractor" means any person who undertakes to, attempts to, or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, furnishing labor, or furnishing labor together with material or equipment, or installing material or equipment for any of the following:

(i) Any building, highway, road, railroad, sewer, grading, excavation, pipeline, public utility structure, project development, housing, or housing development, improvement, or any other construction undertaking for which the project value is fifty thousand dollars or more when the property is to be used for commercial purposes.

(ii) Any new residential structure for which the project value is fifty thousand dollars or more when the property is used for residential purposes.

(iii) Any improvements or repairs to an existing residential structure for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more.

(iv) Any mold remediation for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more.

(b) The term "contractor" includes persons who receive an additional fee for the employment or direction of labor, or any other work beyond the normal architectural or engineering services.

(c) A contractor holding a license in the major classification of hazardous materials, or any subclassifications thereunder, is defined in terms of work performed for which the project value is one dollar or more.

(d) "Contractor" does not mean any person, supplier, manufacturer, or employee of such person who assembles, repairs, maintains, moves, puts up, tears down, or disassembles any patented or proprietary equipment supplied by such person to a contractor to be used solely by the contractor for a construction undertaking. "Proprietary" means specific and specialized equipment installation, manufacturing processes, used, or components that are protected from disclosure to third parties by the owner or manufacturer of the equipment.

(5) (7) "Controlled access" means the complete building or facility area under direct physical control within which an unauthorized person is denied access.

(6) (8) "Electrical contractor" means any person who undertakes to, attempts to, or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, or furnishing labor together with material and equipment, or installing the same for the wiring, fixtures, or appliances for the supply of electricity to any residential, commercial, or other project, for which the project value is ten thousand dollars or more. This Paragraph is not deemed or construed to limit the authority of a contractor, general contractor, or residential contractor, as those terms are defined in this Section, nor to require such individuals to become an electrical contractor.

~~(7)~~ (9) "Employee" means a worker whose employer deducts taxes from his wages and reports his annual earnings to the Internal Revenue Service using a W-2 form.

~~(8)~~ (10) "Executive director" means the person appointed by the board to serve as the chief operating officer in connection with the day-to-day operation of the board's business. The executive director is the appointing authority for all employees of the board.

(11) "Gas fitter" means any natural person who possesses the necessary qualifications and knowledge to install, alter, repair, improve, remove, or test natural gas piping, tanks, and appliances annexed to real property but does not include any person who is licensed by the Louisiana Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission or any services or work performed pursuant to such a license.

(12) "Gas fitting" means the work or business of installing, repairing, improving, altering, or removing natural gas piping, fittings, valves, or tanks used for conveying fuel gas for appliances on or in premises or in buildings annexed to immovable property. For purposes of this Chapter, gas fitting does not include the following:

(a) The installation or maintenance of piping by any entity of a municipal or gas district system that is subject to the regulatory authority of the Public Service Commission, the New Orleans City Council, or the office of pipeline safety in the Department of Conservation and Energy.

(b) Any work done by a person who is licensed by the Louisiana Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission or any other services performed pursuant to such a license.

(c)(i) Piping connection, disconnection, or reconnection from the outlet side of the appliance shutoff valve to the appliance inlet.

(d) The following persons or entities shall not be construed as a gas fitter or master gas fitter for any purposes of this Chapter solely due to the performance of services described in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph:

(i) Any person or business entity licensed by the State Licensing Board for Contractors as a mechanical contractor.

(ii) Any person or business entity classified under the heating, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors pursuant to R.S. 37:2156.2.

~~(9)~~ (13)(a) "General contractor" means a person who contracts directly with the owner. The term "general contractor" includes the term "primary contractor" and wherever used in this Chapter or in regulations promulgated thereunder "primary contractor" means "general contractor".

(b) "General contractor" does not mean any person, supplier, manufacturer, or employee of such person who assembles, repairs, maintains, moves, puts up, tears down, or disassembles any patented or proprietary equipment supplied by such person to a contractor to be used solely by the contractor for a construction undertaking.

~~(10)~~ (14) "Home improvement" means the reconstruction, alteration, renovation, repair, modernization, conversion, improvement, removal, or demolition, or the construction of an addition to any preexisting residential structure which building is used or designed to be used as a residence or dwelling unit, or to structures which are adjacent to such residence or building for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more. "Home improvement" does not include services rendered gratuitously.

~~(11)~~ (15) "Home improvement contractor" means any person who undertakes or attempts to undertake or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of a home improvement project for which the project value is at least seven thousand five hundred dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars. A home improvement contractor shall not perform any structural work that is integral to the structural integrity of any new or existing structure, including but not limited to footings, foundations, outside walls, skeleton, bearing columns and interior load bearing walls, floor slabs, or roofing systems to any type.

(16) "Journeyman plumber license" means the license that may be granted to a natural person who possesses the necessary qualifications and knowledge to

install, alter, repair, and maintain plumbing systems; is supervised by a master plumber; and is in the employ of an employing entity.

~~(12)~~ (17) "License" means any form of license or registration the board is authorized to issue in accordance with this Chapter.

(18) "Master gas fitter" means any natural person who possesses the necessary skills, abilities, proficiency, and qualifications to plan and lay out the details for installing and supervising the work of installing, repairing, and maintaining types of materials and equipment used for the construction, repair, removal, or improvement to natural gas piping systems and tanks annexed to real property but does not include any person who is licensed by the Louisiana Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission or any services or work performed pursuant to such a license.

(19) "Master plumber license" means the license that may be granted to a natural person who possesses the necessary qualifications and knowledge to plan and lay out plumbing systems; and who supervises journeyman plumbers in the installation, alteration, or repair of plumbing systems.

(20) "Master plumbing contractor" means any person who undertakes to, attempts to, or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, furnishing labor, or furnishing labor together with material or equipment, or installing material or equipment regarding plumbing in any structure or setting, and is licensed by the board to do the same.

~~(13)~~ (21) "Mechanical contractor" means any person who undertakes to, attempts to, or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, or furnishing labor, or furnishing labor together with material and equipment, or installing the same for the construction, installation, maintenance, testing, and repair of air conditioning, refrigeration, heating systems, and plumbing for all residential, commercial, and industrial applications as well as ventilation systems, mechanical work controls, boilers and other pressure vessels, steam and hot water systems and piping, gas piping and fuel storage, and chilled water and condensing water systems and piping, including but not limited to any type of industrial process piping and related valves, fittings, and components, for which the project value is ten thousand dollars or more. This Paragraph is not deemed or construed to limit the authority of a contractor, general contractor, or residential contractor, as those terms are defined in this Section, nor to require such individuals to become a mechanical contractor.

~~(14)~~ (22) "Mold remediation contractor" means any person who engages in removal, cleaning, sanitizing, demolition, or other treatment, including preventative activities, of mold or mold-contaminated matter that was not purposely grown at that location for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more. Mold remediation applies only to the regulation of mold-related activities that affect indoor air quality and does not apply to routine cleaning when not conducted for the purpose of mold-related activities intended to affect indoor air quality.

~~(15)~~ (23) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, association, cooperative, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or any other entity recognized by Louisiana law; and whether or not acting as a principal, trustee, fiduciary, receiver, or as any other kind of legal or personal representative, or as a successor in interest, assignee, agent, factor, servant, employee, director, officer, or any other representative of such person; or any state or local governing authority or political subdivision.

(24) "Plumber" means a natural person who performs the work or business of installing in buildings and on premises the pipes, fixtures, and other apparatus for supplying water, or removing liquid waste or water-borne waste, and fixtures, vessels and process piping that is in direct contact with products for human consumption.

~~(16)~~ (25) "Plumbing contractor" means any person who ~~installs, maintains, and repairs potable and nonpotable tap water or sewer systems within a building structure or residential structure for which the project value is ten thousand dollars or more~~ undertakes to, attempts to, or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of

the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, furnishing labor, or furnishing labor together with material or equipment, or installing material or equipment regarding plumbing.

~~(17)~~ (26) "Principal" means an owner, shareholder, or an officer or director of a corporation; a member or manager of a limited liability company; a general partner of a partnership; a sole proprietor; a trustee; or a full-time employee with similar operational control or significant influence with respect to any person as determined by the board.

~~(18)~~ (27) "Qualifying party" means a natural person designated by the contractor to represent the contractor for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this Chapter including but not limited to meeting the requirements for the initial license and any continuation thereof.

~~(19)~~ (28)(a) "Residential contractor" means any person who constructs a fixed building or structure for sale or use by another as a residence or who, for a price, commission, fee, wage, or other compensation, undertakes or offers to undertake the construction or superintending of the construction of any residential structure which is not more than three floors in height, to be used by another as a residence, for which the project value is fifty thousand dollars or more. The term "residential contractor" includes all persons who receive an additional fee for the employment or direction of labor, or any other work beyond the normal architectural or engineering services.

(b) "Residential contractor" includes both of the following:

(i) Any person bidding or performing home improvement for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more.

(ii) Any person performing the installation of a modular home with a value equal to or greater than fifty thousand dollars for which the total project value shall not include the cost of the component parts of the modular home in the condition each part leaves the factory pursuant to R.S. 40:1730.71.

(c) "Residential contractor" does not include any person engaged in building residential structures that are built to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's construction standards for manufactured housing as outlined at 42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq., or mounted on a metal chassis and wheels.

(29) "Residential plumbing contractor" means any person who undertakes to, attempts to, or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, furnishing labor, or furnishing labor together with material or equipment, or installing material or equipment regarding plumbing in any residential structure that is not more than three floors in height, to be used by another as a residence.

~~(20)~~ (30) "Residential roofing" means the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, furnishing labor, or furnishing labor together with materials or equipment, or the installation of materials or equipment for any phase of roofing specific to a residential structure for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more.

~~(21)~~ (31) "Residential roofing contractor" means any person who undertakes to, attempts to, or submits a price or bid, or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of a residential roofing project for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more.

~~(22)~~ (32) "Residential structure" means a building or structure that is used primarily for occupancy by a person as a residence. Such structures or buildings include but are not limited to single family dwellings and duplexes which are not more than three floors in height and structures that are part of or adjacent to the building or structures to be used as a residence. A residential structure more than three floors in height may be built by a person holding a building construction and residential construction license.

~~(23)~~ (33) "Subcontract" means an agreement to perform a portion of the scope of work contained in the principal contract including the entire cost of labor and materials of that part of the principal contract which is performed by the subcontractor.

(24) (34)(a) "Subcontractor" means a person who contracts to perform a scope of work that is a part of the scope of work contained in the principal contract.

(b) "Subcontractor" does not include any person, supplier, or manufacturer who assembles, repairs, maintains, moves, puts up, tears down, or disassembles any patented or proprietary equipment supplied by such person to a contractor to be used solely by the contractor for a construction undertaking.

§2151. State licensing board for contractors; membership; qualifications; tenure; vacancies; term limits

A. There is hereby created the State Licensing Board for Contractors within the office of the governor. The members shall serve without compensation.

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(2) Each member shall have been actively engaged as a responsible contractor in the construction classification that he represents for the five-year period prior to his appointment as a board member, except for any member appointed pursuant to Paragraph (B)(7) of this Section if he represents the public at large, or any member appointed pursuant to Paragraphs (B)(10) and (11) of this Section.

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B. The members shall be selected and appointed as follows:

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(10) There shall be one member who is an active licensed plumber, and shall be appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Pipe Trades Association.

(11) There shall be one member who is an active licensed plumber, and shall be appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association of Louisiana.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

Delete pages 3 through 8 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 9, delete lines 1 through 23 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 10, delete lines 4 and 5 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof "of the Louisiana Pipe Trades Association."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 10, delete lines 12 and 13 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(f) Two members to serve as members at-large, one of whom is in the business of plumbing or plumbing contracting, and one of whom is not associated with the business of plumbing or plumbing contracting."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 12, delete lines 23 and 24 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof "board, and incur necessary expenses therein."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 12, after line 27, add the following:

"H.(1) The legislature hereby recognizes the importance of the occupational field of plumbing and the necessity of expanding recruitment, especially in the population of minority students, as the pool of licensed plumbing professionals has not grown at the same pace of need for the occupation. It is the intent of the

legislature that the plumbing subcommittee increase outreach to minority students for recruitment into the occupational field of plumbing.

(2) The plumbing subcommittee, in consultation and collaboration with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Louisiana Community and Technology College System, and any other vocational programs identified by the board, shall survey all efforts in effect to encourage minority participation in the occupational field of plumbing. No later than April 12, 2027, the plumbing subcommittee shall submit a report of the survey to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs. The report shall include but not be limited to all of the following:

(a) The total number of licensed plumbers as of August 1, 2026.

(b) The number of licenses issued from August 1, 2026, through April 1, 2027, delineating the demographic information of all licensees.

(c) Methods to increase minority participation in the occupational field of plumbing, including recruitment and educational grant opportunities."

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 13, delete lines 22 through 28 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 14, delete lines 1 through 20 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 15, line 22, delete "or supervise"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 15, line 25, delete "or supervise"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 16, line 15, after "thousand" and before "hours" insert "five hundred"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 17, at the end of line 2, insert "A journeyman plumber shall not supervise more than three apprentice plumbers."

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 18, delete lines 26 through 28 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 19, delete lines 1 through 8 in their entirety

Respectfully submitted,

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

PLUMBERS: Provides relative to plumbing licenses

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Removed provisions of proposed law creating the Plumbing Contractors Subcommittee within the State Licensing Board for Contractors, abolishing the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana, and transferring all powers, duties, property, and obligations of the plumbing board to the contractors board.
2. Increased State Plumbing Board membership from 11 members to 12 members by removing one residential plumber limited board member and adding two licensed contractors selected by the governor, one selected from a list of three names submitted by the Associated Builders and Contractors of Louisiana, and one selected from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Home Builders Association or its successor, and increases the number of members that constitute a quorum from six to seven.
3. Exempted the two licensed contractor board members from the requirement that members be licensed by the State Plumbing Board.
4. Removed references to residential plumber limited licensure in proposed law and provides that any residential plumber limited licensees holding a valid license on August 1, 2026, shall become journeyman plumber licensees on that date by operation of law.
5. Amended journeyman licensure apprenticeship work hour requirements to 2,000 indentured apprenticeship hours, or 2,500 unindentured apprenticeship hours, or 1,000 unindentured apprenticeship hours plus approved LCTCS training.
6. Amended requirements for master plumber licensure to 1,500 work hours as a journeyman, completion of a 24-hour responsibility course, passage of exams, a criminal background check, and payment of fees.
7. Authorized administrative fines of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5000 for violations of proposed law, after notice and hearing. Further provided that administrative fines imposed shall not require the filing of a consumer complaint and shall be independent of any criminal prosecution.
8. Removed the definition of "residential limited plumber", and amended the definition of "apprentice plumber" and "apprentice gas fitter".

Report amends the bill to:

1. Add definitions of "apprentice gas fitter", "gas fitter", "gas fitting", and "master gas fitter".
2. Remove from definition of "residential plumbing contractor" a provision that would have restricted that definition to persons performing plumbing work on residences for which the project value is \$50,000 or more, and licensed by the board to do the same.
3. Add to the membership of the State Licensing Board for Contractors one member who is an active licensed plumber, and shall be appointed by the governor from a list

of three names submitted by the Louisiana Pipe Trades Association; and one member who is an active licensed plumber, and shall be appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted by the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association of Louisiana.

4. Amend provision providing for appointment to the Plumbing Subcommittee three members from providing those members shall be appointed from the membership of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada to providing that those members be appointed from the membership of the Louisiana Pipe Trades Association.
5. Amend provision relative to the two at-large members of the Plumbing Subcommittee to provide that one at-large member shall be in the business of plumbing or plumbing contracting, and one member shall not be associated with the business of plumbing or plumbing contracting.
6. Provide that no journeyman plumber shall supervise more than three apprentice plumbers.
7. Remove provisions allowing a master plumbing contractor or a residential plumbing contractor to contract to supervise certain plumbing work.
8. Remove provision that would assess a \$100 fee on each plumbing contractor license renewal to be used for plumbing training programs administered by the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.
9. Remove provision that would have directed monies collected from fines or penalties related to plumbing or plumbing contracting to Louisiana Community and Technical College System plumbing training programs.
10. Increase work hour requirement for journeyman plumber licensure from 2,000 verified hours to 2,500 verified hours.
11. State legislative intent to expand plumbing recruitment, particularly of minority students, and required a report on minority workforce data, license issuance, demographics, and recruitment efforts by April 12, 2027, to the House and Senate commerce committees.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides for the legislative purpose relative to the State Licensing Bd. for Contractors.

Proposed law amends present law to provide for legislative intent of that board regarding plumbers.

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law amends definitions of "contractor" and "plumbing contractor" and adds definitions of "apprentice gas fitter", "apprentice plumber license", "gas fitter", "gas fitting", "journeyman plumber license", "master gas fitter", "master plumber license", "master plumbing contractor", "plumber", and "residential plumbing contractor".

Present law provides for the State Licensing Bd. for Contractors and provides for its membership.

Proposed law adds to the membership of the State Licensing Bd. for Contractors one member to be selected by the governor from a list of three names selected by the Louisiana Pipe Trades Association.

Present law creates the State Plumbing Bd., provides for its domicile and its membership, provides for the term limits, compensation, and voting of members, and provides for officers of that board.

Proposed law abolishes the State Plumbing Bd. and creates the Plumbing Contractors Subcommittee of the State Licensing Bd. for Contractors, provides for the membership, terms, voting, and reimbursement of its members, and provides for the officers of that subcommittee.

Present law provides for the powers and duties of the State Plumbing Bd., and provides that the State Plumbing Bd. is the sole and exclusive agency with the power to license plumbers and plumbing businesses and the power to enjoin any person from engaging in plumbing work when it appears that the person is violating provisions of present law.

Proposed law abolishes the State Plumbing Bd. and transfers its powers to license plumbers and plumbing businesses to the Plumbing Contractors Subcommittee of the State Licensing Bd. for Contractors, including all of the following:

- (1) To adopt rules and regulations to govern all plumbing contractors and plumbers in this state, including all specialty classifications and sub-classifications.
- (2) To issue, suspend, or revoke licenses to do plumbing or plumbing business in this state pursuant to proposed law.
- (3) To prescribe and adopt regulations and policies for continuing education for plumbers.
- (4) To enforce against, prosecute, or enjoin all persons violating plumbing or plumbing contracting provisions of proposed law.

Present law provides for licensing requirements of plumbers relative to certain kinds of work and business, provides relative to the grades of apprentice plumber, journeyman plumber, master plumber, residential plumber limited, medical gas and vacuum systems verifier, medical gas piping installer, and water protection supply specialists, with enforcement power by the State Plumbing Bd.

Proposed law repeals the licensing requirements in present law and provides for licensing of individual plumbers in apprentice, journeyman, and master plumber license grades, and for plumbing contractors who may offer or contract to undertake plumbing work. Proposed law provides for any specialty classifications or sub-classifications to be promulgated by rule issued by the Plumbing Contractors Subcommittee.

Present law provides for temporary working permits for certain plumbers from other states.

Proposed law repeals present law and provides for the Plumbing Contractors Subcommittee to create temporary working permits by rulemaking.

Present law provides for the State Plumbing Bd. to perform inspections, assess violations, issue injunctions, or fine any person performing plumbing work without a license issued by that board.

Proposed law repeals the State Plumbing Bd. and provides the Plumbing Contractors Subcommittee of the State Licensing Bd. for Contractors with power to perform inspections, assess violations, or issue injunctions and fines.

Proposed law provides for legislative intent relative to minority outreach and recruitment in the plumbing trade. Further provides that the Plumbing Contractors Subcommittee shall survey and report to the House and Senate committees on commerce regarding minority outreach and recruitment.

Proposed law provides for the transfer of all powers, duties, functions, references in law or documents, obligations, property, titles, revenues, and employees from State Plumbing Bd. to State Licensing Bd. for Contractors on effective date of proposed law.

Provides for multiple effective dates for provisions of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 37:2150, 2150.1, 2151(A)(2), 2156(D), (E), and (K)(1), 2156.1(A)(7), (B)(1), and (I), 2158(A)(intro. para.), and 2164(A), (B), and (H); Adds R.S. 37:2151(B)(10) and (11), 2155.1, 2156(O), 2156.1.1, and 2158(A)(24); Repeals R.S. 37:1361-1380)