
DIGEST

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HB 300 Engrossed

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Abstract: Eliminates the restricted journeyman plumber license and restricted master plumber licenses as options for licensure of plumbers.

Present law requires persons engaged in the business of plumbing to hold a valid license issued by the state plumbing board. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law allows plumbers to obtain licensure in several ways with varying degrees of education, experience, and standardized certification required for varying licenses.

Two licenses provided for in present law are the restricted journeyman plumber license and restricted master plumber license. Both of these licenses are issued based on plumbing activity the applicant engaged in prior to 1990.

Proposed law removes the restricted journeyman and restricted master plumbing licenses from the licensure options available under present law.

Proposed law removes references to the licenses being removed.

Proposed law allows a person who has held a restricted journeyman license or a restricted master plumbing license prior to Jan. 1, 2023, to be issued a journeyman license or a master plumbing license, if the person has been in compliance with certain provisions of present law (R.S. 37:1371 and 1380).

Proposed law allows a person who has held a restricted journeyman license or a restricted master plumbing license prior to Jan. 1, 2023, but who has not been in compliance with certain provisions of present law (R.S. 37:1371 and 1380), to be issued a journeyman license or a master plumbing license, if the person submits a written request to the board, pays renewal fees pursuant to present law (R.S.37:1371(A)), and provides a written showing of compliance with present law (R.S. 37:1380), relative to requisite insurance coverage.

Proposed law allows the board to refuse to grant a license to an individual based upon the applicants failure to comply with additional licensing requirements not provided for in present law (R.S. 37:1371 and 1380).

(Amends R.S. 37:1368(C) and (D), 1371(A)(1), and 1380(A); Adds R.S. 37:1368(K))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Add provisions allowing persons holding either of the two restricted licenses, which are being removed from present law, to receive an unrestricted license if certain conditions are met.
2. Add a provision specifying that the board may deny issuance of an unrestricted license for failure to comply with any additional licensing requirements not provided for in present law.
3. Make technical changes.