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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for on-the-job supervision requirements and restrictions and journeyman plumber licensing requirements and qualifications.

Present law allows for on-the-job supervision of apprentices by journeyman plumbers pursuant to guidelines set forth by the La. Workforce Commission (LWC).

Proposed law retains present law authorizing journeyman plumbers to provide on-the-job supervision to apprentices but repeals present law which provides that LWC will regulate such supervision.

Proposed law provides that journeyman plumbers are authorized to provide on-the-job supervision to plumber helpers.

Proposed law specifies that on-the-job supervision means the journeyman plumber is physically present and in direct communication at the property or job site when the job site is a residential construction or a single-story or single building commercial construction. Further, for a multi-level or multi-story commercial construction, such supervision means the journeyman plumber is physically present in the same building on the same floor level where the apprentice or plumber helper is engaged in plumbing.

Proposed law authorizes a journeyman plumber to supervise up to two apprentices or plumber helpers engaged in plumbing at one time, and proposed law excludes apprentices or plumber helpers doing work other than plumbing from being considered an apprentice or plumber helper for the purposes of on-the-job supervision and applicable restrictions on the number of apprentices or plumber helpers that can be supervised by a journeyman plumber at one time.

Present law provides that a journeyman plumber license is issued by the State Plumbing Board and requires the board to issue a license to any person who meets the board's regulations, passes a written and manual journeyman plumber's exam administered by the board, and pays the required fees as established by the board.

Proposed law repeals present law and requires the board to issue a journeyman plumber license to any person who qualifies under the state board's regulations, pays the required fees as established by the board, passes the board's written and manual journeyman plumber's exam administered by the board, and has done either of the following:

- (1) Completed at least 8,000 hours of on-the-job training.

- (2) Completed at least 6,000 hours of on-the-job training and apprenticeship or technical training that consists of at least a two-year program approved by LWC.

Proposed law defines "plumber helper" as a person engaged in learning plumbing by working with on-the-job supervision under a journeyman plumber and being employed by an employing entity.

(Amends R.S. 37:1367(A)(2) and 1368(A)(2); Adds R.S. 37:1367(A)(3) and 1377(L))