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## DIGEST

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HB 469 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for on-the-job supervision requirements and restrictions and 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.

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

Present law provides that in order to obtain a tradesman plumber limited license, a person must work at least 4,000 hours at the manual labor of plumbing under the direct, constant on-the-job supervision of a licensed journeyman or master plumber.

Proposed law retains present law and further clarifies that the 4,000-hour requirement applies to unindentured apprentices. Proposed law also adds that indentured apprentices must complete at least 3,000 hours at the manual labor of plumbing under the direct, constant on-the-job supervision of a licensed journeyman or master plumber to obtain a tradesman plumber limited license.

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.

Present law provides for the applicability of present and proposed law.

Proposed law adds that the regulations pursuant to present law shall incorporate existing procedures and enforcement in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act.

Present law defines "apprentice plumber".

Proposed law adds to the definition of "apprentice plumber". Proposed law also defines "apprentice gas fitter".

(Amends R.S. 37:1367(A)(2), 1368(A)(1)(b) and (2), 1375, and 1377(C); Adds R.S. 37:1367(A)(3))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Delete the term "plumber helper".
3. Change the term "apprentice" to "apprentice plumber" in proposed law.
4. Revise proposed law that defines "direct, constant, on-the-job supervision".
5. Add hour-requirements for a tradesman plumbers limited license to proposed law.
6. Add that the regulations issued pursuant to present law shall incorporate existing procedures, remedies, and enforcement processes in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act.
7. Add the definition of an unindentured apprentice and apprentice gas fitter.