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## DIGEST

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HB 753 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for the licensing and qualifications of a residential plumber and discontinues the tradesman plumber limited license.

Present law (R.S. 37:1361(B)) creates the State Plumbing Board (board) and provides for nominations and appointments of members, including one engineer, one plumbing inspector, three masters plumbers, three journeyman plumbers, and one tradesman plumber.

Proposed law retains present law in part and provides that the board should be comprised of the following:

- (1) One registered mechanical engineer from a list submitted by LDH.
- (2) One plumbing inspector from a list submitted by LDH.
- (3) Three master plumber from a list submitted by LAPHCC
- (4) Three journeymen plumbers from a list submitted by the La. Pipe Trades Association or its successor.
- (5) One residential plumber by the governor.
- (6) One member of the public shall a list submitted by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (7) One member of the public from a list submitted by the president of the Senate.

Proposed law (R.S. 37:1361(E)) changes the quorum of the board from five to six.

Present law (R.S. 37:1366(A)(1) and (L)) provides that any person engaged in the duties of a tradesman plumber shall possess a tradesman plumber limited license. Present law further requires the board to assist the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges in developing training for the tradesman plumber limited license.

Proposed law retains present law and changes tradesman plumber limited license to residential plumber limited license.

Present law (R.S. 37:1367(A)(1)) prohibits a natural person from engaging in the work of a tradesman plumber without a license. Present law further provides that a tradesman plumber may independently repair existing plumbing of one- and two-family dwellings without supervision.

Proposed law retains present law and changes tradesman plumber limited license to residential plumber limited license. Proposed law further provides that a residential plumber may independently install, alter, repair, and maintain plumbing in one- and two-family dwellings without supervision.

Present law (R.S. 37:1368(A)(1)) requires the board to issue a tradesman plumber limited license to any person who meets the certain qualifications.

Proposed law retains present law and changes tradesman plumber limited license to residential plumber limited license.

Present law (R.S. 37:1371(A)(1)) allows the board to fix and charge reasonable examination, licensing, and renewal fees for tradesman plumbers.

Proposed law retains present law and changes tradesman plumbers to residential plumbers.

Present law (R.S. 37:1373(A)) allows the board to enjoin any person from engaging in doing the work of a tradesman plumber.

Proposed law retains present law and changes tradesman plumber to residential plumber.

Present law (R.S. 37:1377(B)(1)) defines "journeyman plumber" as a person who possesses the necessary qualifications and knowledge to install, alter, or repair plumbing systems.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that a journeyman plumber possesses the necessary qualifications to maintain plumbing systems.

Present law (R.S. 37:1377(B)(2)) defines "tradesman plumber" as a natural person who possesses the necessary qualifications and knowledge to repair existing plumbing systems.

Proposed law changes "tradesman plumber" to "residential plumber" and provides that a residential plumber is a natural person who possesses the necessary qualifications and knowledge to install, alter, repair, and maintain plumbing systems.

Present law (R.S. 37:1378(A)(3), (6), and (8)) provides for certain disciplinary actions of tradesman plumbers.

Proposed law retains present law and changes tradesman plumbers to residential plumbers.

(Amends R.S. 37:1361(B) and (E), 1366(A)(1) and (L), 1367(A)(1), 1368(A)(1)(intro. para.), 1371(A)(1), 1373(A), 1377(B), and 1378(A)(3), (6), and (8))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Change engineer board member to mechanical engineer board member.
2. Change board appointee from one tradesman plumber appointed by the board to one residential plumber appointment by governor.
3. Add two board members of the public, one nominated by the speaker of the House of Representatives and one nominated by the president of the Senate.
4. Change board membership to eleven and quorum to six.
5. Make technical changes.