

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Original House Bill No. 953
by Representative Fontenot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 5, after "plumbers;" and before "and" insert "to allow the Louisiana State Board of Contractors to provide an alternative pathway for plumbing licensure; to provide for definitions; to provide for license equivalency; to provide for insurance requirements;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 7, after "or" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof "an equivalent license, as defined in R.S. 37:1377, issued pursuant"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 13, delete the entire line and insert in lieu thereof "an equivalent license, as defined in R.S. 37:1377, issued pursuant to R.S. 37:2167. A journeyman"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 26, after "board" delete "or a"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 27, delete the entire line and insert in lieu thereof "or an equivalent license, as defined in R.S. 37:1377, issued pursuant to R.S. 37:2167. A master plumber shall"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, line 9, change "license" to "license, as defined in R.S. 37:1377,"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 7, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

"L.(1) "Equivalent license" means a license issued pursuant to R.S. 37:2167 that has all of the following characteristics:

(a) Requires successful passage of a standardized examination demonstrating competency in plumbing codes, safety, and installation practices.

(b) Requires completion of a minimum number of supervised work hours or experience sufficient to demonstrate practical competency, as established by rule of the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors.

(c) Establishes a defined scope of work authorized in accordance with such license.

(d) Requires compliance with all applicable building codes and permitting requirements.

(e) Requires maintenance of insurance policies for workers' compensation and for general liability in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars for each policy.

(f) May include supervision or project limitations as established by rule.

(2) No license issued pursuant to R.S. 37:2167 shall be considered equivalent unless it meets the requirements of this Subsection."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 8

2 On page 8, delete lines 23 through 27 in their entirety and insert the following:

3 "A.(1) The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors may establish
4 an alternative pathway for licensure of individuals performing plumbing work based
5 on demonstrated competency through examination and practical experience
6 requirements.

7 (2) The required experience shall be sufficient to ensure basic competency
8 and shall be established by rule.

9 (3) A licensee pursuant to this Section is required to maintain insurance
10 policies for general liability and workers' compensation in the amounts of three
11 hundred thousand dollars each.

12 (4) Any license issued pursuant to this Section shall meet the definition of
13 "equivalent license" as provided in R.S. 37:1377.

14 (5) Any license issued pursuant to this Section shall be designated as a
15 "Certified Plumbing Technician" or similar title and shall not be titled "master
16 plumber", "journeyman plumber", or "residential plumber".
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