

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 482

BY SENATOR RISER

CONTRACTORS. Provides relative to licensed mechanical contractors. (6/10/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1361(F)(1)(b)(i), 1377(I) and (J) and to enact R.S.
3 37:1361(F)(3), 1367(J)(3) and 1377(K)(3), relative to mechanical contractors; to
4 provide relative to scope of practice; to provide for exceptions; to provide for certain
5 terms and conditions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:1361(F)(1)(b)(i), 1377(I) and (J) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted and R.S. 37:1361(F)(3), 1367(J)(3), and 1377(K)(3) are hereby enacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §1361. State Plumbing Board, appointments; qualifications; legislative intent;
12 authority

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14 F.(1) * * *

15 (b) Nothing in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall be construed to
16 supersede any of the following:

17 (i) The authority of the State Licensing Board for Contractors to regulate

1 mechanical contractors as defined in R.S. 37:2150.1, **including mechanical**
2 **contractors classified under the heating, air conditioning, ventilation, duct**
3 **work, and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors pursuant**
4 **to R.S. 37:2156.2.**

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6 **(3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the provisions**
7 **of this Subsection shall not apply to any service or work performed by a person**
8 **who is licensed by the State Licensing Board for Contractors as a mechanical**
9 **contractor or any service or work performed pursuant to such license. The**
10 **provisions of this Paragraph shall apply to a licensed mechanical contractor**
11 **who is either:**

12 **(a) Engaged or who seeks to engage in the business of heating, air**
13 **conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration.**

14 **(b) Classified under the heating, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work,**
15 **and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors pursuant to R.S.**
16 **37:2156.2.**

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18 §1367. License required; tradesman, journeyman, and master plumber; medical gas
19 piping installer; medical gas and vacuum systems verifier; water
20 supply protection specialist endorsement; gas fitter and master gas
21 fitter; local examination preempted

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23 J. * * *

24 **(3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the provisions**
25 **of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to any service or the work**
26 **performed by a mechanical contractor licensed by the State Licensing Board for**
27 **Contractors or any service or work performed pursuant to such license. The**
28 **provisions of this Paragraph shall apply to a licensed mechanical contractor**
29 **who is either:**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Ridge.

DIGEST

SB 482 Engrossed

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Present law authorizes the State Plumbing Board to license any person or regulated business entity who is engaged or who seeks to engage in the business of gas fitting for the general public that includes installation, repair, improvement, alterations, or removal of natural gas piping, tanks, and appliances annexed to real property.

Present law shall not be construed to supersede the authority of the State Licensing Board for Contractors to regulate mechanical contractors.

Proposed law specifies that the present law exemption shall include mechanical contractors classified under the heating, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors.

Proposed law provides that present law shall not apply to any service or work performed by a person who is licensed by the State Licensing Board for Contractors as a mechanical contractor or any service or work performed pursuant to such license. Proposed law shall apply to a licenced mechanical contractor who is: (1) engaged or seeks to engage in the business of heating, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration; or (2) classified under the heating, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors.

Present law defines "gas fitter", "master gas fitter", and "gas fitting."

Proposed law exempts from present law definitions any person or business entity that is licensed by the State Licensing Board for Contractors as a mechanical contractor or any service or work performed pursuant to such a license. Proposed law shall apply to a licenced mechanical contractor who is: (1) engaged or seeks to engage in the business of heating, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration; or (2) classified under the heating, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors.

Effective June 10, 2018.

(Amends 37:1361(F)(1)(b)(i), 1377(I) and (J); adds R.S. 37:1361(F)(3), 1367(J)(3) and 1377(K)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Makes Act effective June 10, 2018.
2. Makes technical changes.