

ACT No. 460

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 300

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEVILLIER, BOYD, BRASS, BUTLER, WILFORD CARTER, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FISHER, FRIEMAN, GADBERRY, GOUDEAU, GREEN, HARRIS, JORDAN, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, NEWELL, CHARLES OWEN, PIERRE, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, ST. BLANC, THOMAS, THOMPSON, WILLARD, AND WRIGHT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1368(C) and (D), 1371(A)(1), and 1380(A) and to enact R.S.
3 37:1368(K), relative to licensure for plumbers; to remove references to restricted
4 licensure; to require issuance of licenses in certain circumstances; to provide criteria
5 for issuance of certain licenses; to make technical changes; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:1368(C) and (D), 1371(A)(1), and 1380(A) are hereby amended
9 and reenacted and R.S. 37:1368(K) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1368. Issuance of tradesman, journeyman, and master plumber's license; medical
11 gas piping and installation license; medical gas and vacuum systems verifier
12 license; water supply protection specialist endorsement; exemption; gas fitter

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14 C. ~~Any master plumber who has not been licensed by the board but who~~
15 ~~worked as a locally licensed master plumber prior to July 1, 1990, in a municipal or~~
16 ~~other local jurisdiction that previously licensed master plumbers shall be allowed to~~
17 ~~apply for and receive, upon payment of a reasonable fee set by the board, a restricted~~
18 ~~master plumber's license permitting him to continue working as a master plumber,~~
19 ~~but only in the jurisdiction in which he was previously locally licensed. Any person~~

1 ~~holding such a restricted master plumber's license shall not perform the work of a~~
 2 ~~journeyman plumber unless licensed by the board. The board may adopt regulations~~
 3 ~~to implement this Subsection. Any person holding a restricted master plumber's~~
 4 ~~license shall not perform the work of a journeyman plumber unless he currently~~
 5 ~~possesses or previously possessed a journeyman plumber's license issued by the~~
 6 ~~board~~ Any individual who maintained a restricted journeyman's license or restricted
 7 master plumber's license prior to January 1, 2023, and maintained compliance with
 8 the provisions of R.S. 37:1371 and 1380 through January 1, 2023, shall be issued a
 9 journeyman's license or master plumber's license upon written request to the board.

10 D. ~~Any journeyman plumber licensed by the board who operated a plumbing~~
 11 ~~business prior to July 1, 1990, in a municipal or other local jurisdiction that did not~~
 12 ~~previously license master plumbers, shall be allowed to apply for and receive, upon~~
 13 ~~payment of a reasonable fee set by the board, a restricted master plumber's license~~
 14 ~~permitting him to continue working as a master plumber, but only in the applicable~~
 15 ~~jurisdiction. The board may adopt regulations to implement this Subsection~~ Any
 16 individual who was issued a restricted journeyman's license or restricted master
 17 plumber's license prior to January 1, 2023, but did not maintain such license due to
 18 a lack of compliance with R.S. 37:1371 and 1380, shall be treated as if he was
 19 inactive upon his last day of compliance with such provisions. Upon submission of
 20 a written request to the board, payment of renewal fees in accordance with R.S.
 21 37:1371(A), and submission of a written showing of compliance with R.S. 37:1380,
 22 the board shall issue the individual a journeyman's license, if the individual
 23 previously held a restricted journeyman's license or a master plumber's license, if the
 24 individual previously held a restricted master plumber's license.

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26 K. The board may refuse to grant a journeyman or master plumber's license
 27 to an individual who previously maintained a restricted journeyman or restricted
 28 master plumber's license, if the individual failed to comply with additional licensing
 29 requirements not provided for in R.S. 37:1371 and 1380.

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1 §1371. Fees

2 A.(1) The board may fix and charge reasonable examination, licensing, and

3 renewal fees for tradesman, journeyman, and master plumbers, temporary permit

4 fees for journeyman plumbers, ~~restricted license fees for journeyman and master~~

5 ~~plumbers~~, and renewal fees for inactive master plumbers. The board may fix and

6 charge reasonable examination, licensing, and renewal fees for persons engaged in

7 the work or business of medical gas piping installation and for persons engaged in

8 the work or business of a medical gas and vacuum system verifier. The board may

9 fix and charge reasonable examination, licensing, and renewal fees associated with

10 endorsements issued to journeyman or master plumbers relative to the work of a

11 water supply protection specialist. The board may also fix and charge a reasonable

12 registration fee for apprentice plumbers. These fees shall not exceed the amount

13 required to maintain the board and pay the expenses of operating the board and

14 enforcing the provisions of this Chapter.

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16 §1380. Insurance requirements for master plumbers

17 A. No master plumber ~~or restricted master plumber~~ license shall be issued,

18 renewed, or revived until the applicant has provided proof acceptable to the board

19 that insurance has been issued to the employing entity which is designated in

20 accordance with R.S. 37:1367 by an insurer authorized to do business in this state.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____