

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 469

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PLUMBERS: Provides relative to licensure for plumbers

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1367(A)(2) and 1368(A)(2) and to enact R.S. 37:1367(A)(3)
3 and 1377(L), relative to licensure for plumbers; to provide for on-the-job supervision
4 requirements; to provide for apprentices and helpers engaging in work other than
5 plumbing; to provide for journeyman plumber licensing qualifications; to provide for
6 the definition of "plumber helper"; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:1367(A)(2) and 1368(A)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted and
9 R.S. 37:1367(A)(3) and 1377(L) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1367. License required; tradesman, journeyman, and master plumber; medical gas
11 piping installer; medical gas and vacuum systems verifier; water supply
12 protection specialist endorsement; gas fitter and master gas fitter; local
13 examination preempted

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16 (2) No natural person shall engage in doing the work of a journeyman
17 plumber unless he possesses a license or renewal thereof issued by the board. A
18 journeyman plumber may engage in the art of plumbing only when he is under the
19 supervision of a master plumber licensed by this board. Notwithstanding any other

1 provision to the contrary, a journeyman plumber may repair existing plumbing
2 independently and without the supervision of a master plumber.

3 (3) Apprentices or plumber helpers may engage in the art of plumbing only
4 when they are under the direct, constant, on-the-job supervision of a licensed
5 journeyman plumber. Direct, constant on-the-job supervision means that a licensed
6 journeyman plumber will supervise apprentices as governed by the Louisiana
7 Workforce Commission: is physically present and in direct communication at the
8 property or jobsite for residential construction and single-story or single building
9 commercial construction, and in the same building on the same floor level for multi-
10 level or multi-story commercial construction, where the apprentice or plumber helper
11 is engaged in plumbing. A licensed journeyman plumber may supervise up to two
12 apprentices or plumber helpers who are engaged in plumbing at a time. An
13 apprentice or plumber helper doing work other than plumbing shall not be considered
14 an apprentice or plumber helper for purposes of supervision.

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16 §1368. Issuance of tradesman, journeyman, and master plumber's license; medical
17 gas piping and installation license; medical gas and vacuum systems verifier
18 license; water supply protection specialist endorsement; exemption; gas fitter
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21 ~~(2) The board shall issue a license to any person who qualifies under the~~
22 ~~state board's regulations and who desires to engage in doing the work of a~~
23 ~~journeyman plumber if he passes a written and manual journeyman plumber's~~
24 ~~examination given by the board and pays the fees established by the board. The~~
25 board shall issue a journeyman plumber license to any person who qualifies in
26 accordance with the state board's regulations, has paid the fees established by the
27 board, has passed a written and manual journeyman plumber's examination given by
28 the board, and meets either of the following qualifications:

29 (a) Has completed at least eight thousand hours of on-the-job training.

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.

Proposed law defines "plumber helper" as a person engaged in learning plumbing by working with on-the-job supervision under a journeyman plumber and being employed by an employing entity.

(Amends R.S. 37:1367(A)(2) and 1368(A)(2); Adds R.S. 37:1367(A)(3) and 1377(L))