

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law (R.S. 37:1361(B)) created the State Plumbing Bd. (board) and provided for nominations and appointments of members, including one engineer, one plumbing inspector, three master plumbers, three journeyman plumbers, and one tradesman plumber.

New law provides that the board shall be comprised of the following members appointed by the governor:

- (1) One registered mechanical engineer from a list submitted by La. Dept. of Health.
- (2) One plumbing inspector from a list submitted by La. State Uniform Construction Code Council.
- (3) Three master plumbers from a list submitted by La. Assoc. of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors.
- (4) Three journeymen plumbers from a list submitted by the La. Pipe Trades Assoc. or its successor.
- (5) One residential plumber limited.
- (6) One member of the public from 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.

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

Prior law included all of the following with respect to tradesman plumbers and the tradesman plumber limited license:

- (1) Required any person engaged in the duties of a tradesman plumber to possess a tradesman plumber limited license. (R.S. 37:1366(A)(1))
- (2) Required the board to assist the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges in developing training for the tradesman plumber limited license. (R.S. 37:1366(L))
- (3) Prohibited a natural person from engaging in the work of a tradesman plumber without a license. (R.S. 37:1367(A)(1))
- (4) Required the board to issue a tradesman plumber limited license to any person who met certain qualifications. (R.S. 37:1368(A)(1))
- (5) Permitted the board to fix and charge reasonable examination, licensing, and renewal fees for tradesman plumbers. (R.S. 37:1371(A)(1))
- (6) Permitted the board to enjoin any person from engaging in doing the work of a tradesman plumber. (R.S. 37:1373(A))
- (7) Provided for certain disciplinary actions of tradesman plumbers. (R.S. 37:1378(A)(3), (6), and (8))

New law changes the tradesman plumber limited license to the residential plumber limited license. New law additionally changes "tradesman plumber" to "residential plumber limited".

Prior law (R.S. 37:1367(A)(1)) provided that a tradesman plumber may independently repair existing plumbing of one- and two-family dwellings without supervision.

New law provides that a residential plumber limited may independently install, alter, repair, and maintain plumbing in one- and two-family dwellings without supervision.

Existing 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.

New law adds that a journeyman plumber possesses the necessary qualifications to maintain plumbing systems.

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

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

Effective August 1, 2024.

(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))