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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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REGULAR SESSION OF 1989**

Introduced by Reps. Watkins, DeMars, Joe Young, Sr., Wallace, Joe Young, Jr. and Profit

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4749

AN ACT to amend section 8 of Act No. 266 of the Public Acts of 1929, entitled as amended "An act to protect the health, and promote the safety and welfare of the people, by regulating the installation, alteration, maintenance, improvement and inspection of plumbing; to define plumbing and the classification of plumbers; to provide for the issuing of licenses and permits pertaining thereto and the disposition of moneys derived therefrom; to create a plumbing board, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to authorize cities, villages and townships to adopt and enforce certain standards; to establish remedies and fix penalties for violation of the provisions of this act," as amended by Act No. 429 of the Public Acts of 1982, being section 338.908 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Section 8 of Act No. 266 of the Public Acts of 1929, as amended by Act No. 429 of the Public Acts of 1982, being section 338.908 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8. (1) Application for a plumber's license shall be made to the plumbing board accompanied by the fee prescribed in this act. A person applying for an authorized master plumber's license shall also pay any amount required to be paid under the construction lien act, Act No. 497 of the Public Acts of 1980, as amended, being sections 570.1101 to 570.1305 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, which amount shall be paid to the department of licensing and regulation for deposit in the homeowner construction lien recovery fund. An applicant shall be licensed only after passing a satisfactory examination. Each examination for a license as a master plumber or journeyman plumber shall be conducted by the plumbing board and shall consist of oral, written, and practical tests. The master plumber's examination shall cover the science and practice of plumbing, knowledge of the state plumbing code, laws, rules and regulations, interpretation of charts and blueprints, and plans of plumbing installations. The journeyman plumber's examination shall cover the theory and practice of plumbing, and knowledge of the state plumbing code, rules, and regulations.

(2) The character, experience, and fitness of an applicant shall also be taken into consideration. Each applicant shall be of good moral character, as defined and determined under Act No. 381 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended, being sections 338.41 to 338.47 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(3) The application fee for the examination for a master plumber's license shall be \$50.00, and for a journeyman plumber's license, \$25.00. Upon passing the examination, a license shall be issued after the payment of a fee for initial licensure of \$75.00 for a master plumber and a fee of \$20.00 for a journeyman plumber. A master plumber shall pay a fee of \$75.00, and each journeyman plumber shall pay a fee of \$20.00 for renewal of a license. Licenses shall expire December 31 of each year, and may be renewed upon application made during the following January or February. After March 1 of each year, a license not renewed shall be considered void and may be reinstated only upon application for reinstatement and the payment of the license fee for the appropriate class.

(4) Upon payment of the required fee, the plumbing board may license without examination applicants licensed under the laws of other states having requirements for licensing plumbers and for regulating plumbing which the plumbing board determines are equivalent to the requirements of this state. Each holder of a license granted under this act shall promptly notify the plumbing board of a change in his or her business or residence address.

(5) A plumber's apprentice required to be registered under this act shall be of good moral character as defined and determined under Act No. 381 of the Public Acts of 1974.

(6) As used in this section, "authorized master plumber" means a licensed master plumber who is authorized to secure plumbing installation permits.

(7) Not later than January 1, 1991, the department shall report to the appropriate house and senate committees on the increase in the number of inspectors employed as a result of the 1989 amendatory act that increased the fees contained in this section.

(8) The department shall annually submit to the members of the legislature a comprehensive report detailing the expenditure of the additional money resulting from the 1989 amendatory act that increased the fees contained in this section.

Section 2. This amendatory act shall take effect October 1, 1989.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Secretary of the Senate.

Approved.....

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Governor.