

HOUSE BILL No. 4749

May 1, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Watkins, DeMars, Joe Young, Sr., Wallace, Joe Young, Jr. and Profit and referred to the Committee on Labor.

A bill 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:

1 Section 1. Section 8 of Act No. 266 of the Public Acts of
2 1929, as amended by Act No. 429 of the Public Acts of 1982, being
3 section 338.908 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

1 Sec. 8. (1) Application for a plumber's license shall be
2 made to the plumbing board ~~with~~ ACCOMPANIED BY the fee pre-
3 scribed in this act. A person applying for an authorized master
4 plumber's license shall also pay any amount required to be paid
5 under THE CONSTRUCTION LIEN ACT, Act No. 497 of the Public Acts
6 of 1980, as amended, being sections 570.1101 to 570.1305 of the
7 Michigan Compiled Laws, which amount shall be paid to the depart-
8 ment of licensing and regulation for deposit in the homeowner
9 construction lien recovery fund. An applicant shall be licensed
10 only after passing a satisfactory examination. Each examination
11 for a license as a master plumber or journeyman plumber shall be
12 conducted by the plumbing board ~~and~~ and shall consist of oral,
13 written, and practical tests. The master plumber's examination
14 shall cover the science and practice of plumbing, knowledge of
15 the state plumbing code, laws, rules and regulations, interpreta-
16 tion of charts and blueprints, and plans of plumbing
17 installations. The journeyman plumber's examination shall cover
18 the theory and practice of plumbing, and knowledge of the state
19 plumbing code, rules, and regulations.

20 (2) The character, experience, and fitness of an applicant
21 shall also be taken into consideration. Each applicant shall be
22 of good moral character, as defined and determined under Act
23 No. 381 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended, being sections
24 338.41 to 338.47 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

25 (3) The application fee for the examination for a master
26 plumber's license shall be \$50.00, and for a journeyman plumber's
27 license, ~~\$15.00~~ \$25.00. Upon passing the examination, a

1 license shall be issued ~~, which shall expire the following~~
2 ~~December 31. Each~~ AFTER THE PAYMENT OF A FEE FOR INITIAL LICEN-
3 SURE OF \$75.00 FOR A MASTER PLUMBER AND A FEE OF \$20.00 FOR A
4 JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER. A master plumber shall pay a fee of ~~-\$50.00-~~
5 \$75.00, and each journeyman plumber shall pay a fee of ~~-\$15.00-~~
6 \$20.00 for renewal of a license. Licenses shall expire December
7 31 of each year, and may be renewed upon application made during
8 the following January or February. After March 1 of each year,
9 ~~licenses~~ A LICENSE not renewed shall be considered void and may
10 be reinstated only upon application for reinstatement and the
11 payment of the REINSTATEMENT application FEE of ~~-\$60.00-~~ \$75.00
12 for A master ~~plumbers~~ PLUMBER and ~~-\$20.00-~~ \$25.00 for A jour-
13 neyman ~~plumbers~~ PLUMBER.

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

21 (5) A plumber's apprentice required to be registered under
22 this act shall be of good moral character as ~~prescribed in sub-~~
23 ~~section (2)~~ DEFINED AND DETERMINED UNDER ACT NO. 381 OF THE
24 PUBLIC ACTS OF 1974.

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