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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Genest of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Defining a Trainee Plumber.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 3301, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 3301 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

1. **Trainee plumber.** "~~Apprentice~~" "**Trainee plumber**" shall mean any person other than a journeyman plumber or master plumber who is engaged in learning and assisting in the installation of plumbing and drainage.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 3304, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 3304 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Any person who installs any plumbing or drainage without having first obtained a license either as a master plumber or as a journeyman plumber or employing a person to do plumbing who has not such a license, unless he be ~~an apprentice~~ **a trainee plumber** within the meaning of this subchapter and subchapters III and V or procures any license wrongfully or by fraud, or violates any of the provisions of this subchapter and subchapters III and V shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and if convicted thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months, or by both.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 32, § 3505, amended. The first sentence of section 3505 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 6 of chapter 234 of the public laws of 1965, and the 2nd sentence of section 3505 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 6 of chapter 234 of the public laws of 1965, are further amended to read as follows:

Any person who has been registered with the board for at least ~~one year as an apprentice~~ **2 years as a trainee plumber**, or who has attended a school of plumbing for at least 6 months, or who has served as a registered or licensed ~~apprentice~~ **trainee plumber** in another state for at least one year shall, upon payment of a fee of \$3, be entitled to examination and, if found qualified by a majority of the members of the board, shall be licensed as a journeyman plumber and shall receive a certificate thereof under the seal of the board and with the signature of the executive officer, which shall state the facts, and which shall be carried on the person and displayed at any time upon request. Time served out of the State or in the armed services for less than one year as ~~herein~~ provided shall be creditable in completing the one-year requirement ~~herein~~ provided.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 32, § 3505-A, amended. Section 3505-A of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 7 of chapter 234 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3505-A. Trainee plumber

Each ~~apprentice trainee plumber~~ shall be registered with the board within 10 days after starting ~~an apprenticeship training~~ **training** on the payment of a registration fee of \$1, and after ~~servng an apprenticeship of being in training for~~ not less than one year from date of registration shall be eligible for examination as a journeyman plumber at the next examination held by the board.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The present use of the word apprenticeship in the laws relating to plumbing is in conflict with the Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 11 and clarification should be to the benefit of apprentices, employers and others involved in the program.