

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 318

H. P. 240

House of Representatives, January 22, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Apprentices and Journeymen Plumbers and
Establishing the Classification of Trainee Plumber.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA, § 3301, sub-§ 1, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 363, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

1. **Apprentice.** "Apprentice" shall mean any person other than a journeyman plumber or master plumber who is an apprentice as defined in Title 26, chapter 11 and who is engaged in learning and assisting in the installation of plumbing and drainage under the direct supervision of a journeyman plumber or master plumber.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA, § 3301, sub-§ 6, is enacted to read:

6. **Trainee plumber.** "Trainee plumber" shall mean any person who is engaged in assisting in making plumbing installations under the direct supervision of a journeyman plumber or master plumber but does not qualify under subsection 1.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA, § 3505, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 363, § 3, is further amended to read:

Any person who has been registered with the board for at least ~~one year~~ 3 years as an apprentice or trainee plumber, or who has ~~attended a school of plumbing for at least 6 months~~ satisfactorily completed one academic year in a recognized full time school of plumbing or who has served as a registered or licensed apprentice or trainee plumber in another state for at least ~~one year~~ 3 years 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.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA, § 3505-A, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 234, § 7, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 3505-A. Apprentice

Each apprentice and trainee plumber, on the payment of a registration fee of \$1, shall be registered with the board within 10 days after entering the employ of a licensed plumber to assist him as an apprentice or trainee, and after serving as an apprentice or a trainee plumber for not less than 3 years from the date of registration by the board, shall be eligible for examination as a journeyman plumber at the next examination held by the board.

STATEMENT OF FACT

A survey by the Plumbers' Examining Board shows that the majority of states require considerably more time in training than currently required by the State. This legislation would upgrade the training in Maine and provide for a classification of "apprentice" in addition to the "trainee plumbers". It is approved by the Maine State Apprenticeship Council and the Plumbers' Examining Board.