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S.P. 615

In Senate, May 30, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

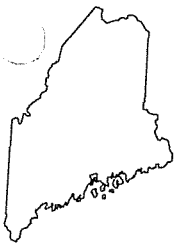
Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator WHITMORE of Androscoggin, Representative GURNEY of Portland and Representative STEVENS of Sabattus.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act Amending the Licensure Requirements for Plumbers.



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

3 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3301, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:**

5 1-C. Apprentice. "Apprentice" means any person who is
6 engaged in learning and assisting in the installation of plumbing
7 and drainage under an apprenticeship program acceptable to the
8 board.

9 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3501, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 1987, c.**
11 **597, §10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:**

13 A. A minimum of 3 years with 6,000 hours of work in the
14 field of plumbing installations as a trainee plumber under
15 the employment and direct supervision of a master plumber,
16 completion of a 45-hour board approved code course in the
17 current code and obtaining a passing grade as determined by
18 the board on the journeyman's examination;

19 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §3501, sub-§2, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by**
21 **PL 1983, c. 468, §17, is repealed and the following enacted in**
22 **its place:**

23 B. A minimum of 4,000 hours of work in the field of
24 plumbing installations as a journeyman-in-training under the
25 employment and direct supervision of a master plumber,
26 provided that the work experience is obtained within 4 years
27 of the date upon which the applicant was issued a
28 journeyman-in-training license. A journeyman-in-training
29 license shall be issued upon sworn application for that
30 license to any person who has satisfactorily completed one
31 academic year of instruction and who has obtained a passing
32 grade, determined by the board on the journeyman's
33 examination; or

34 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §3501, sub-§2, ¶C is enacted to read:**

35 C. A minimum of 8,000 hours in an approved program
36 registered with the State Apprenticeship and Training
37 Council and completion of 576 hours of related instruction.
38 Persons qualifying under this paragraph may take the
39 journeyman's examination after completion of the 576 hours
40 of instruction.

41 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §3501, sub-§2-A, ¶A, as amended by PL 1987, c.**
42 **597, §11, is further amended to read:**

43 A. A minimum of at least one year with 2,000 hours of work
44 in the field of plumbing installations as a journeyman
45 plumber ~~or a minimum of at least 4 years with 8,000 hours of~~
46 ~~work in the field of plumbing installations as a trainee~~
47 plumber under the employment and direct supervision of a
48 master plumber, ~~or the equivalent;~~ and

1 **Sec. 6. Effective date.** Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Act shall
3 take effect July 1, 1990.

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7 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

9 Section 1 of this bill defines the word "apprentice" in the
11 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 3801, subsection 1-C.

13 Sections 2, 3 and 4 will increase by one year the experience
15 requirement to sit for a journeyman examination. The requirement
will go into effect on July 1, 1990.

17 Section 5 describes the employment and supervision
requirements of journeyman plumbers.