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H.P. 546

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

**An Act to Create an Apprentice Registration Category and to Exempt
Certain Persons from Licensure under the Propane and Natural Gas Act.**

Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: SHANNON of Lewiston, WRIGHT of Berwick.

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

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Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §14802, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Highway transport driver. "Highway transport driver" means a driver of a tractor-trailer commercial motor vehicle that has a cargo tank with a water capacity of 9,000 gallons or more.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §14807, sub-§§6 and 7 are enacted to read:

6. Propane and natural gas apprentice. A person may not assist a licensed person unless that person first registers with the board as a propane and natural gas apprentice. An apprentice may work only under the direct and continuous supervision of a licensed person. A licensed person may supervise no more than 2 apprentices at any time.

The board may set a fee for the propane and natural gas apprentice registration, not to exceed \$40 biennially.

A licensed propane and natural gas technician who does not have the appropriate endorsement specified under this chapter or a person holding a temporary registration as a plant operator or delivery technician, is not required to register as a propane and natural gas apprentice when assisting a licensed propane and natural gas technician who has the appropriate endorsement to perform a function.

7. Exceptions. The licensing provisions of this section do not apply to a highway transport driver who delivers propane to bulk plants or industrial customers.

SUMMARY

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This bill will establish a propane and natural gas apprentice registration program under the Propane and Natural Gas Act to allow a technician to hire a helper to assist in installations and maintenance of propane and natural gas equipment. This bill also exempts from licensure highway transport drivers who deliver propane to bulk plants or industrial customers.