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**An Act To Provide a Career and Technical Education Training
Option for Plumbers**

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARPENTER of Aroostook, CHENETTE of York,
DESCHAMBAULT of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin,
Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, PIERCE of Falmouth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3501, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 520, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 B. A minimum of 2,000 hours of work in the field of plumbing installations as a
5 journeyman-in-training under the supervision of a licensed master plumber, as long
6 as the work experience is obtained within 4 years of the date upon which the
7 applicant was issued a journeyman-in-training license. A journeyman-in-training
8 license must be issued upon sworn application to any person who has satisfactorily
9 completed one academic year of instruction in plumbing at a board-approved
10 technical college or community college or in a career and technical education
11 program approved pursuant to Title 20-A, section 8306-B as a secondary student or
12 in a registered Department of Labor joint apprenticeship program and who has
13 obtained a passing grade, as determined by the board on the journeyman's
14 examination.

15 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3501, sub-§2-B,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 688, Pt. A, §38,
16 is further amended to read:

17 **2-B. Journeyman-in-training.** The board may issue a journeyman-in-training
18 license to a person who provides satisfactory evidence of completion of a plumbing
19 course consisting of one year or 2 semesters at a board-approved technical college or
20 community college or in a career and technical education program approved pursuant to
21 Title 20-A, section 8306-B as a secondary student and who submits the required fee set
22 under section 3501-B. A journeyman-in-training license is valid for a single
23 nonrenewable period of 4 years and may be issued only once to any individual.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill allows the Plumbers' Examining Board to issue a journeyman-in-training
26 license to a person who provides the board with satisfactory evidence of completion of a
27 plumbing course at a career and technical education program as a secondary student.