

HOUSE BILL NO. 5578

March 14, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Alexander, Borton, Roth, Neyer, Thompson, Markkanen, Carra, Bruck, DeBoyer, Aragona, Kunse, Hoadley, BeGole, Harris, Beson, Martin, Wozniak, Fox, DeBoer, Posthumus, Friske, Bierlein, Schuette, St. Germaine, Prestin, Paquette, Bezotte, DeSana, Mueller, Phil Green and VanderWall and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 2016 PA 407, entitled
"Skilled trades regulation act,"
by amending sections 1111 and 1123 (MCL 339.6111 and 339.6123).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1111. (1) To qualify for a plumbing contractor license,
2 ~~the~~**an** applicant must ~~either~~ hold a master plumber license or
3 employ the holder of a master plumber license as ~~his or her~~**the**
4 **applicant's** representative.

5 (2) Only an individual who is a sole proprietor, a partner in

1 a partnership, an officer of a corporation, or a member of a
2 limited liability company may apply for licensure as a plumbing
3 contractor.

4 (3) The department shall issue a plumbing contractor's license
5 to an individual who does all of the following:

6 (a) Files a completed application on a form provided by the
7 department that includes the following information:

8 (i) A statement ~~listing~~ **that lists** the complete address of each
9 place where the applicant has resided and has been engaged in
10 business during the last 5 years including the length of time at
11 each residence and types of businesses engaged in or employments.

12 **If the applicant is registered as a plumbing inspector under**
13 **article 10 and engaged in business as a plumbing contractor under**
14 **this article, the statement must include the address where the**
15 **applicant has engaged in business as a plumbing inspector.**

16 (ii) The name of the individual who is applying for the
17 license, the name of the business, and the location of the place
18 for which the license is desired.

19 (iii) The name of the business owner, president of the
20 corporation, or a member or manager of the limited liability
21 company and the name of the individual who is applying, if
22 different from the name of the business owner, president, or member
23 or manager and ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** title.

24 (iv) The name, residence address, and license number of the
25 licensed master plumber who represents the person.

26 (b) Pays the applicable examination fee established under
27 section 207 and passes an examination provided ~~for~~ by the board and
28 the department.

29 (c) Pays the license fee described in article 4.

1 (4) A licensed plumbing contractor may operate 1 or more
2 branch offices in this state under the same business if a licensed
3 master plumber is in charge and has the responsibility of
4 supervision at each branch.

5 (5) If a license is issued to a plumbing contractor
6 represented by a master plumber, the plumbing contractor and the
7 master plumber are jointly and severally responsible for exercising
8 the supervision or control of the plumbing operations necessary to
9 secure full compliance with this article, the rules promulgated
10 under this article, and all other laws and rules related to the
11 installation of plumbing.

12 (6) Both a person, unless the person is a plumbing contractor,
13 and the master plumber are jointly and severally responsible for
14 exercising the supervision or control of the plumbing operations
15 necessary to secure full compliance with this article, the rules
16 promulgated under this article, and all other laws and rules
17 related to the installation of plumbing.

18 (7) If a plumbing contractor is represented by a licensed
19 master plumber who ceases to represent the plumbing contractor, the
20 plumbing contractor has 30 days after the date the master plumber
21 no longer represents the plumbing contractor in which to designate
22 another licensed master plumber as the representative of the
23 plumbing contractor. The plumbing contractor shall notify the
24 department in writing of the change.

25 (8) A licensed plumbing contractor shall display in a
26 conspicuous place at the entrance of the place of business a sign
27 that states the name of the business and the name of the licensed
28 master plumber and license number in letters that are at least 3
29 inches high.

1 Sec. 1123. An individual who is licensed under this article
2 and ~~employed or acting~~**is registered under article 10** as a plumbing
3 inspector ~~shall not engage in, or be directly or indirectly~~
4 ~~connected with, the plumbing business, including, but not limited~~
5 ~~to, the furnishing of labor, materials, or appliances for the~~
6 ~~construction, alteration, or maintenance of a building or the~~
7 ~~preparation of plans or specifications for the construction,~~
8 ~~alteration, or maintenance of a building, and shall not engage in~~
9 ~~any work that conflicts with his or her official duties.~~**is not**
10 **prohibited from engaging in the business of plumbing.**