

Legislative Analysis



PLUMBING LICENSING FEES

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House Bill 4843

Sponsor: Rep. Kathleen Law

Committee: Appropriations

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4843 AS INTRODUCED 5-24-07

The bill would amend the State Plumbing Act, 2002 PA 733 (MCL 338.3541 and 338.3545), to increase license and registration fees under the act as shown in the chart below.

License	Current Law	HB 4843	Last Fee Revision
Journey Plumber License			
- Initial License Fee	\$20.00	\$40.00	New with 1989 PA 206
- Renewal License Fee (annually)	\$20.00	\$40.00	Increased from \$15 with 1989 PA 206
- Reinstatement Fee	\$25.00	\$50.00	New with 2002 PA 733
- Examination Fee	\$50.00	\$100.00	Increased from \$25 with 2002 PA 733
Apprentice Plumber Registration			
- Initial Registration Fee	\$5.00	\$15.00	New with 2002 PA 733
- Renewal Registration Fee (annually)	\$5.00	\$15.00	New with 2002 PA 733
- Reinstatement Fee	\$10.00	\$20.00	New with 2002 PA 733
Master Plumber License			
- Initial License Fee	\$200.00	\$300.00	Decreased from \$75/yr with 1997 PA 120.
- Renewal License Fee (triennially)	\$200.00	\$300.00	Decreased from \$75/yr with 1997 PA 120.
- Reinstatement Fee	\$85.00	\$100.00	New with 2002 PA 733
- Examination Fee	\$50.00	\$100.00	Increased from \$35 with 1982 PA 429
Plumbing Contractor			
- Initial License Fee	\$200.00	\$300.00	New with 2002 PA 733
- Renewal License Fee (triennially)	\$200.00	\$300.00	New with 2002 PA 733
- Reinstatement Fee	\$85.00	\$100.00	New with 2002 PA 733
- Examination Fee	\$50.00	\$100.00	New with 2002 PA 733
Duplicate License/Registration	\$20.00	\$30.00	

Note: Under Section 23 of the State Plumbing Act, MCL 338.3533, a master plumber who is also a plumbing contractor is only required to pay the plumbing contractor fees.

The bill further provides the department with the authority to change the fee schedule by administrative rule.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would increase Construction Code Fund revenue by approximately \$1.2 million over the course of the next three fiscal years, barring any further changes to the fee schedule by the department through the promulgation of administrative rules.

Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue		
	Current Law	HB 4844	Difference
FY 2008-09	\$242,600	\$473,400	\$230,800
FY 2009-10	\$1,186,600	\$1,889,400	\$702,800
FY 2010-11	\$251,600	\$486,900	\$235,300
	\$1,680,800	\$2,849,700	\$1,168,900

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