

Legislative Analysis



PLUMBING LICENSING FEES

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House Bill 4843 (Substitute H-4)

Sponsor: Rep. Kathleen Law

Committee: Appropriations

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A REVISED SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4843 (SUBSTITUTE H-4)

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. The increased fees would remain in place through September 30, 2012. After that date, the fees would revert to the current fee schedule. (The same sunset date is also in place for many of the occupational licenses/registrations under the State License Fee Act, 1979 PA 152, MCL 338.2201 et seq.)

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.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would increase Construction Code Fund revenue by approximately \$180,700 in Fiscal Year 2008-09 and by \$726,400 in Fiscal Year 2009-10.

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