

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4843**

A bill to amend 2002 PA 733, entitled
"State plumbing act,"
by amending sections 31 and 35 (MCL 338.3541 and 338.3545),
section 31 as amended by 2004 PA 268.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 31. (1) A license or apprentice registration issued
2 under this act must be renewed not more than 60 days after the
3 renewal date. It is the responsibility of a licensee or
4 registrant to renew a license or registration. The department
5 shall send a renewal application to the last known address of a
6 licensee or registrant on file with the department. Every holder
7 of a license or registration issued under this act shall promptly
8 notify the department of a change in his or her business or
9 residence address. The failure of a licensee or registrant to
10 notify the department of a change of address does not extend the

expiration date of a license or registration. The department may issue licenses for up to 3 years in duration.

(2) The annual fees for initial licensure, apprentice plumber registration, or renewal of a license and registration issued under this act are as follows:

(A) IF PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

- (i) ~~(a)~~** Journey plumber..... \$ 20.00.
- (ii) ~~(b)~~** Apprentice plumber..... \$ 5.00.

(B) IF PAID ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

- (i)** JOURNEY PLUMBER..... \$ 40.00.
- (ii)** APPRENTICE PLUMBER..... \$ 15.00.

(3) All licenses and apprentice registrations not renewed within 60 days of expiration may be reinstated only upon application to the board for reinstatement and the payment of the annual renewal fee and the following reinstatement fee:

(A) IF PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

- (i) ~~(a)~~** Journey plumber..... \$ 25.00.
- (ii) ~~(b)~~** Apprentice plumber..... \$ 10.00.

(B) IF PAID ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

- (i)** JOURNEY PLUMBER..... \$ 50.00.
- (ii)** APPRENTICE PLUMBER..... \$ 20.00.

(4) A person requesting renewal of a license within 3 years after the license is expired under subsection (3) is not subject to reexamination for the license but is required to pay the reinstatement fee and the annual renewal fee for each year not

renewed. A person who fails to renew a license for more than 3 consecutive years is required to meet the experience and other requirements and take an examination for the class of license requested.

(5) Examination fees are as follows:

(A) IF PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

- (i) ~~(a)~~** Plumbing contractor..... \$ 50.00.
- (ii) ~~(b)~~** Master plumber..... \$ 50.00.
- (iii) ~~(c)~~** Journey plumber..... \$ 50.00.

(B) IF PAID ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

- (i)** PLUMBING CONTRACTOR..... \$ 100.00.
- (ii)** MASTER PLUMBER..... \$ 100.00.
- (iii)** JOURNEY PLUMBER..... \$ 100.00.

(6) The department shall issue an initial master plumber and plumbing contractor license for a period of up to 3 years. The master plumber and plumbing contractor licenses are renewable for periods of 3 years. For a person applying for initial or reinstatement license at a time other than between April 30 and June 30 of the year in which the department issues renewal licenses, the department shall compute and charge the license fee on a yearly prorated basis beginning the year of application until the last year of the 3-year license period.

(7) The initial and renewal fee for a master plumber and plumbing contractor license issued under this act are as follows:

(A) IF PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

- (i) ~~(a)~~** Plumbing contractor..... \$ 200.00.

1 (ii) ~~(b)~~ Master plumber..... \$ 200.00.
 2 (B) **IF PAID ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:**
 3 (i) **PLUMBING CONTRACTOR..... \$ 300.00.**
 4 (ii) **MASTER PLUMBER..... \$ 300.00.**

5 (8) All plumbing contractor and master plumber licenses not
 6 renewed within 60 days of expiration may be reinstated only upon
 7 application submitted to the board and payment of the renewal fee
 8 and, **IF PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2012**, an \$85.00 reinstatement
 9 fee, **AND \$100.00 IF PAID ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.**

10 (9) Beginning ~~on the effective date of the amendatory act~~
 11 ~~that added this subsection~~ **JULY 23, 2004**, the department shall
 12 issue an initial or renewal license for a master plumber or a
 13 plumbing contractor not later than 90 days after the applicant
 14 files a completed application. Receipt of the application is
 15 considered the date the application is received by any agency or
 16 department of the state of Michigan. If the application is
 17 considered incomplete by the department, the department shall
 18 notify the applicant in writing, or make the information
 19 electronically available, within 30 days after receipt of the
 20 incomplete application, describing the deficiency and requesting
 21 the additional information. The 90-day period is tolled upon
 22 notification by the department of a deficiency until the date the
 23 requested information is received by the department. The
 24 determination of the completeness of an application does not
 25 operate as an approval of the application for the license and
 26 does not confer eligibility of an applicant determined otherwise
 27 ineligible for issuance of a license.

1 (10) If the department fails to issue or deny a license
2 within the time required by this section, the department shall
3 return the license fee and shall reduce the license fee for the
4 applicant's next renewal application, if any, by 15%. The failure
5 to issue a license within the time required under this section
6 does not allow the department to otherwise delay the processing
7 of the application, and that application, upon completion, shall
8 be placed in sequence with other completed applications received
9 at that same time. The department shall not discriminate against
10 an applicant in the processing of the application based upon the
11 fact that the license fee was refunded or discounted under this
12 subsection.

13 (11) Beginning October 1, 2005, the director ~~of the~~
14 ~~department~~ shall submit a report by December 1 of each year to
15 the standing committees and appropriations subcommittees of the
16 senate and house of representatives concerned with occupational
17 issues. The director shall include all of the following
18 information in the report concerning the preceding fiscal year:

19 (a) The number of initial and renewal applications the
20 department received and completed within the 90-day time period
21 described in subsection (9).

22 (b) The number of applications denied.

23 (c) The number of applicants not issued a license within the
24 90-day time period and the amount of money returned to licensees
25 under subsection (10).

26 (12) As used in this section, "completed application" means
27 an application complete on its face and submitted with any

1 applicable licensing fees as well as any other information,
2 records, approval, security, or similar item required by law or
3 rule from a local unit of government, a federal agency, or a
4 private entity but not from another department or agency of the
5 state of Michigan.

6 Sec. 35. If a license or registration is lost or destroyed,
7 a new license or registration shall be issued without
8 examination, upon payment of a \$20.00 fee ~~and~~ **IF PAID AFTER**
9 **SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, AND \$30.00 IF PAID ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30,**
10 **2012. AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENSE OR REGISTRATION SHALL BE**
11 **ACCOMPANIED BY** a written statement made by the licensee or
12 registrant that the license or registration has been lost or
13 destroyed.