

# SENATE BILL NO. 231

April 22, 2025, Introduced by Senator MCBROOM and referred to Committee on Regulatory Affairs.

A bill to amend 2016 PA 407, entitled  
"Skilled trades regulation act,"  
by amending section 805 (MCL 339.5805).

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 805. (1) The board of mechanical rules created in section  
2       3 of former 1984 PA 192 ~~shall continue~~ **continues** in existence and  
3       is designated as the board for purposes of this article.

4       (2) The board shall consist of ~~the state fire marshal or the~~  
5       ~~state fire marshal's designee, who is a permanent member, and 14~~ **12**

1 residents of ~~the~~**this** state, appointed by the governor. All of the  
 2 following apply to the appointed members of the board:

3 (a) An appointed member ~~shall~~**must** be ~~at least~~**not less than**  
 4 18 years ~~old~~**of age**.

5 (b) Except for the representative of the general public, an  
 6 appointed member ~~shall~~**must** be qualified in ~~his or her~~**the**  
 7 **appointed member's** respective field.

8 (c) The appointed members of the board ~~shall~~**must** include all  
 9 of the following:

10 (i) An individual representing the general public.

11 ~~(ii) A member of organized labor who represents the mechanical~~  
 12 ~~trades.~~

13 **(ii) A mechanical contractor with an HVAC classification who is**  
 14 **licensed under this article.**

15 **(iii) A mechanical contractor with a fire suppression**  
 16 **classification who is licensed under this article.**

17 **(iv) A mechanical contractor with a refrigeration**  
 18 **classification who is licensed under this article.**

19 **(v) ~~(iii)~~ A professional mechanical engineer who is licensed**  
 20 **under article 20 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL**  
 21 **339.2001 to 339.2014, as a professional engineer.**

22 ~~(iv) A representative of an energy producing public utility of~~  
 23 ~~the state.~~

24 ~~(v) A representative from each of the work classifications~~  
 25 ~~described in section 807(2).~~

26 **(vi) ~~(vi) Two chief~~ **One** mechanical ~~inspectors~~ **inspector** of a**  
 27 **governmental subdivisions, 1 of whom enforces the building**  
 28 **officials and code administrators building code, and 1 of whom**  
 29 **enforces the international conference of building officials**

1 ~~building code subdivision.~~

2 (vii) A water tube or fire tube boiler manufacturer.

3 (viii) A member of organized labor who represents the mechanical  
4 trades.

5 (ix) A member of organized labor who represents a relevant  
6 trade in this state.

7 (x) A member of organized labor in this state that engages in  
8 the design, erection, fabrication, installation, operation, repair,  
9 or inspection of boilers.

10 (xi) A mechanical contractor with experience in boiler  
11 installation, piping, operations, and repair, or a member who  
12 represents owners and users of power boilers that operate at least  
13 1,000 pounds-force per square inch.

14 (xii) A member who has experience with antique steam boilers as  
15 that term is defined in section 901.

16 (3) At the first meeting of each year, the board shall elect  
17 from ~~its~~ **the board's** membership a vice-chairperson and secretary.  
18 The vice-chairperson and secretary ~~shall be~~ **are** elected from ~~those~~  
19 **the** members appointed to the board by the governor, except that the  
20 board members who are ~~chief~~ mechanical inspectors are not eligible  
21 for election as vice-chairperson of the board. The governor shall  
22 designate 1 member of the board to serve as chairperson at the  
23 pleasure of the governor.

24 (4) ~~Eight~~ **A majority of the** members of the board ~~shall~~  
25 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. An approval,  
26 decision, or ruling of the board ~~does not become~~ **is not** effective  
27 unless approved by 2/3 of the board members attending a meeting.

28 (5) The board may recommend to the state construction code  
29 commission the promulgation of rules the board considers necessary

1 for the safe design, construction, installation, alteration,  
2 servicing, and inspection of systems used in compliance with the  
3 Michigan mechanical code, and may recommend modifications,  
4 additions, or deletions to this act to update and maintain this act  
5 as an effective and enforceable instrument. The board may also  
6 recommend to the state construction code commission, after testing  
7 and evaluating a material, product, method of manufacture, or  
8 method of construction or installation for acceptability under the  
9 state construction code, that the commission issue a certificate of  
10 acceptability for that material, product, or method.