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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

4 **By: Representatives Holland and Willems**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE ANN. §17-31-304 TO PRESCRIBE
9 THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MASTER AND JOURNEYMAN PLUMBERS; TO
10 PROVIDE FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
11 TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS; TO
12 PROVIDE FOR A PERMANENT LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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16 SECTION 1. Ark. Code Ann. §17-31-202(a) is hereby amended to read as
17 follows:

18 "(a) The board shall appoint a committee of examiners consisting of
19 seven (7) voting members, prescribe their qualifications, and assign their
20 duties. Two (2) of the members shall be master plumbers, one (1) a journeyman
21 plumber, one (1) a professional engineer with special expertise in plumbing
22 design, two (2) shall be consumers, and one (1) a representative of the
23 department."

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25 SECTION 2. Ark. Code Ann. §17-31-205 is hereby amended by adding a new
26 subsection (d) to read as follows:

27 "(d) All monies received from the sale or trade of motor vehicles
28 purchased with funds from the Plumbers Licensing Fund shall be credited to the
29 Plumbers Licensing Fund."

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31 SECTION 3. Ark. Code Ann. §17-31-304 is hereby amended to read as
32 follows:

33 "17-31-304. Master or journeyman plumber - Application.

34 (a) Application for a master or journeyman plumber examination,
35 temporary permit, or license shall be made to the department with fees.

1 Unless the applicant is entitled to a renewal of license, a license shall be
2 issued only after the applicant passes a satisfactory examination showing
3 fitness. No license or permit shall be transferable.

4 (b)(1) An applicant for the master plumber examination shall have a
5 minimum of five (5) years of plumbing experience.

6 (2) An applicant for the journeyman plumber examination shall
7 have a minimum of four (4) years of plumbing experience.

8 (c) The Committee of Plumbing Examiners shall approve an applicant for
9 master or journeyman plumber examination provided that the applicant is
10 currently licensed as a master or journeyman plumber in another state or
11 political subdivision of that state and whose plumbing laws and codes are
12 similar to those of this state.

13 (d) The Committee of Plumbing Examiners shall approve an applicant for
14 examination who is not currently licensed in another state or its political
15 subdivision or who has no plumber licensing background provided the applicant
16 shows proof of experience as a plumber in accordance with subsection (b) of
17 this section. The proof of experience may be in the form of records,
18 affidavits or bona fide evidence from licensing agencies, former employers or
19 from persons who can attest to the applicants work background as a plumber.

20 (e) The Committee of Plumbing Examiners may consider applicants for the
21 master plumber examination who are registered professional engineers with
22 special expertise in plumbing engineering.

23 (f) Individuals applying for and obtaining a license as a journeyman
24 plumber shall be eligible for the master plumber examination after being
25 licensed as journeyman plumber for one (1) year. In cases of extreme
26 hardship, the Committee of Plumbing Examiners may waive the one (1) year
27 requirement in whole or in part.

28 (g) The Committee of Plumbing Examiners shall consider an apprentice
29 plumber for the journeyman plumber examination provided the apprentice plumber
30 has successfully completed the training as defined under the plumber
31 apprenticeship regulations."

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33 SECTION 4. Ark. Code Ann. §17-31-308 is hereby amended to read as
34 follows:

35 "17-31-308. Expiration and renewal.

1 (a) All licenses shall be renewed annually within thirty (30) days
2 after the expiration date of the license. The department may renew a license
3 after the thirty (30) day period if there is sufficient reason for not
4 renewing the license in the time specified and after payment of penalties as
5 prescribed by regulation.

6 (b) The department may set a system of staggered expiration dates for
7 all licenses issued by the department.

8 (c) The department may issue permits for less than one (1) year. The
9 cost of such permits shall be determined based upon the number of months the
10 permit is valid divided by twelve (12) months multiplied by the amount of the
11 annual permit fee."

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13 SECTION 5. Title 17, Chapter 31, Subchapter 3 is hereby amended by
14 adding a new section to read as follows:

15 "17-31-311. Permanent license.

16 (a) Upon reaching the age of sixty-five (65) or any time thereafter,
17 any person who has been a licensed master plumber licensed by the Arkansas
18 Department of Health for not less than twelve (12) years may apply for a
19 restricted lifetime master plumber license. This license shall be issued upon
20 satisfactory proof of age and upon payment of a fee prescribed by the
21 department.

22 (b) The Department of Health shall promulgate rules and regulations
23 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section."

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25 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
26 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
27 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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29 SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
30 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
31 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
32 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
33 act are declared to be severable.

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35 SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

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