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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 153

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5 By: Senator Hester  
6 By: Representative Dotson

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TRAINING AND  
10 LICENSURE OF PLUMBERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TRAINING  
15 AND LICENSURE OF PLUMBERS.

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

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 38, Subchapter 4, is  
21 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 17-38-409. Supervision of apprentice plumbers.

23 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that an apprentice  
24 plumber should be trained in a manner that:

25 (1) Develops the skills of the apprentice plumber;

26 (2) Ensures the safety of plumbers and the public; and

27 (3) Guarantees that the work of the apprentice plumber complies  
28 with legal requirements and meets industry standards.

29 (b)(1) An apprentice plumber shall not engage in plumbing unless he or  
30 she is supervised by a master plumber or a journeyman plumber.

31 (2) The work done and the tools and methods utilized by the  
32 master plumber, journeyman plumber, and apprentice plumber in the course of  
33 supervision shall comply with legal requirements and meet industry standards.

34 (3)(A) The master plumber or journeyman plumber shall observe  
35 the work of an apprentice plumber in person at regular and reasonable  
36 intervals.



1                   (B) The State Board of Career Education shall promulgate  
2 rules which determine the regular and reasonable intervals under subdivision  
3 (3)(A) of this section in consideration of the:

4                               (i) Nature of the work; and

5                               (ii) Skill and experience of the apprentice plumber.

6                   (4)(A) The supervising master plumber or journeyman plumber  
7 shall remain within reasonable proximity of the apprentice plumber while work  
8 is being performed.

9                   (B) The proximity of the supervising plumber to the  
10 apprentice plumber is reasonable if:

11                               (i) The job site is a single family residence or a  
12 project that does not require a contractor's license, and the supervising  
13 plumber is:

14                                       (a) Within the line of sight of the apprentice  
15 plumber;

16                                       (b) At the same street address at which  
17 apprentice plumber is working;

18                                       (c) At a street address adjacent to or  
19 adjoining the street address at which the apprentice plumber is working; or

20                                       (d) Within the same geographical subdivision  
21 in which the apprentice is located; or

22                               (ii) The job site is not a single family residence,  
23 requires a contractor's license, and:

24                                       (a) The supervising plumber is within the line  
25 of sight of the apprentice plumber; or

26                                       (b) The supervising plumber is within two  
27 hundred fifty (250) yards of the apprentice plumber and the supervising  
28 plumber and the apprentice plumber are within the property boundaries of the  
29 job site.

30                   (c) One (1) master plumber or journeyman plumber may supervise up to  
31 three (3) apprentice plumbers on a single plumbing job.

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