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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION
9 FOR HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND
10 REFRIGERATION LICENSEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO ESTABLISH AND REQUIRE CONTINUING
14 EDUCATION FOR HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR
15 CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION
16 LICENSEES.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

23 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

24 (1) Technical and code training is important to protecting the
25 investment and the health and safety of homeowners and occupants;

26 (2) Each heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and
27 refrigeration licensee shall keep himself or herself aware of changing
28 technology to assure a continuing level of competence and ability to design,
29 install, and service heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and
30 refrigeration equipment safely and efficiently; and

31 (3) Training shall be continual throughout the career of a
32 heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and Refrigeration licensee.

33 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to establish and require
34 continuing education for heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and
35 refrigeration licensees.
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 33, Subchapter 3, is
2 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

3 17-33-309. Continuing education – Definition.

4 (a)(1) The HVACR Licensing Board shall establish a continuing
5 education program.

6 (2) The board shall establish guidelines for assuring efficacy
7 and availability of continuing education to include without limitation
8 instruction provided by:

9 (A) State, county, or municipal inspectors or other state-
10 approved officials;

11 (B) Equipment and supply distributors and manufacturers;

12 (C) Colleges and other institutions of education including
13 state, for-profit, and nonprofit organizations; and

14 (D) Trade organizations involved in the HVACR industry.

15 (3) The board shall promulgate rules to assess a fee of five
16 dollars (\$5.00) per hour of continuing education to be used to maintain the
17 continuing education program.

18 (b)(1) Annual completion of the continuing education program under
19 this section shall be required for active heating, ventilation, air
20 conditioning, and refrigeration licensees renewing a Class A or Class B
21 license.

22 (2)(A) A continuing education program shall consist of training
23 made up of not more than two (2) hours of code training and two (2) hours
24 of technical or business training.

25 (B) An additional two (2) hours of code training may be
26 substituted for the two (2) hours of technical or business training.

27 (C) As used in this section, “training” means actual face-
28 to-face time in classroom, field, or laboratory instruction or an appropriate
29 amount of online instruction or coursework as determined by the board.

30 (3) Application for annual renewal of a license under this
31 chapter shall be accompanied by proof of completion of an approved continuing
32 education program established under this section.

33 (c)(1) This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

34 (2) The HVACR License Board shall promulgate rules and
35 guidelines for administering the continuing education program by December 31,
36 2017.

1 (3) Beginning July 1, 2018, all applications for renewal shall
2 be accompanied by proof of completion of required continuing education.

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