

" AN ACT TO CREATE THE AIR-CONDITIONING AND HEATING CONTRACTORS BOARD TO WORK WITH THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS TO DETERMINE THE BEST METHOD OF REGULATING AND ASSISTING THE AIR-CONDITIONING AND HEATING CONTRACTORS OF THIS STATE: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

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

SECTION 1. (a) "Air-conditioning and heating contractor" means the occupation of designing, installing, constructing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, or modifying any heating, ventilation, or air-conditioning cooling product, system, or equipment. This term does not include the design, installation, construction, maintenance, service, repair, alteration, or modification of or to a portable or self-contained "duct less" air-conditioning and/or hearing product that has a hearing and/or cooling capacity of 36,000 BTU or less.

(b) "Air-conditioning and heating contractor" means a person licensed under this Act who designs, installs, constructs, maintains, services, repairs, alters, or modifies any heating, ventilation and/or cooling product, system or equipment.

(c) "Air-conditioning and heating maintenance work" means repair, modification, service and all other work required for the continued normal performance of a heating, ventilating, or air-conditioning system. This term does not include the installation of or total replacement of a system or the installation of boilers and/or pressure vessels that must be installed by persons licensed under Act 494 of 1961, as amended.

(d) "BTU" means "British Thermal Unit".

SECTION 2. There is hereby created the Air-Conditioning and Heating Contractors Board to be composed of five persons appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Three of the initial members of the Board shall be air-conditioning and heating contractors. One member of the Board shall be a mechanical engineer, and the other member shall be an employee of the State Health Department. The member who is an employee of the State Health Department shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and all other members shall serve four year terms except that the three air-conditioning and heating contractors and one mechanical engineer first appointed to the Board shall serve staggered terms as determined by lot so that the term of one member will expire each year. No person shall serve more than two successive terms on the Board. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 3. The Air-Conditioning and Heating Contractors Board and the State Department of Health shall work together in drafting proposed legislation to be presented to the Joint Interim Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs no later than July 1, 1988, which proposal shall include provisions for licensing Master Air-Conditioning and Heating Contractors and journeymen and apprentices; a program of inspections to be conducted by the State Health Department; and the establishment of an Air-Conditioning and Heating Code for the State. In order to provide the Board and the Department with necessary statistics, every person who performs work as an air-conditioning and heating contractor or who performs air-conditioning and

heating maintenance work shall register with the State Health Department no later than July 1, 1988. Such registration shall be at no charge to the registrant. Any person who fails to so register by July 1, 1988 will not be allowed to take advantage of the grandfather provision of any licensing law subsequently enacted.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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