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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 86

5 By: Senator J. Hutchinson  
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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 must be continual throughout the career of a HVACR  
32 professional.

33 (b) It is the intent of this act to establish and require continuing  
34 education for HVACR licensees.  
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 33, Subchapter 3, is



1 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

2 17-33-309. Continuing education – Definition.

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

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

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

10 (B) Equipment and supply distributors and manufacturers;

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

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

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

17 (b)(1) Annual completion of the continuing education program under  
18 this section shall be required for HVACR licensees renewing a class “A”, “B”,  
19 “C”, “D”, and “E” license.

20 (2)(A) A continuing education program shall consist of training  
21 made up of not more than three (3) hours of code training and three (3) hours  
22 of technical or business training.

23 (B) An additional three (3) hours of code training may be  
24 substituted for the three (3) hours of technical or business training.

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

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

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32 /s/J. Hutchinson  
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