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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1060

5 By: Representative Lynch
6 By: Senator Hill
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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16 EDUCATION FOR HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR
17 CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION
18 LICENSEES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

24 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

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

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

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

34 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to establish and require
35 continuing education for heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and
36 refrigeration licensees.



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2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 33, Subchapter 3, is
3 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

4 17-33-309. Continuing education – Definition.

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

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

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

12 (B) Equipment and supply distributors and manufacturers;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (c)(1) This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

33 (2) The board shall promulgate rules and guidelines for
34 administering the continuing education program by December 31, 2019.

35 (3) Beginning July 1, 2021, all applications for renewal shall
36 be accompanied by proof of completion of the continuing education program

1 required under this section.

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