

Senate Bill 675

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP, Representative SMITH DB (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Permits Electrical and Elevator Board to determine fitness of person who holds journeyman electrician license or equivalent license issued by governmental authority that regulates electrical trades in another state. Permits Department of Consumer and Business Services to issue license to applicant that board determines is fit.

Provides that State Plumbing Board may issue journeyman plumber license to applicant who holds journeyman plumber license or equivalent license issued by governmental authority that regulates plumbing trade in another state.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to licensing for certain skilled trades; creating new provisions; amending ORS 479.632,
3 693.010, 693.030 and 693.060; and prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 479.632 is amended to read:

6 479.632. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 479.510 to 479.945 or any rule adopted
7 by the Electrical and Elevator Board under ORS 455.117, the board may not administer an exam-
8 ination to, and the Department of Consumer and Business Services may not issue any license to, a
9 person whose practical experience qualification for the license is based upon training or experience
10 in another state if the board determines that the training or experience is not equivalent to the
11 standards for electrical training programs prescribed in this state.

12 **(2)(a) The department may issue a journeyman electrician license to an applicant if the**
13 **applicant holds a valid journeyman electrician license, or an equivalent license, issued by a**
14 **governmental authority that regulates the electrical trades in another state if the board**
15 **determines that the training and experience required for the out-of-state license are equiv-**
16 **alent to the standards for electrical training programs that are prescribed in this state.**

17 **(b) The board may administer an examination or otherwise make a determination con-**
18 **cerning a person's fitness for a journeyman electrician license and whether the person's ex-**
19 **perience and training meet the standards described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

20 **SECTION 2.** ORS 693.010 is amended to read:

21 693.010. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

22 (1) "Apprentice plumber" means any person who is an apprentice under ORS 660.002 to 660.210
23 and who is employed by a licensed plumbing contractor for the purpose of assisting the journeyman
24 plumber and learning the plumbing trade.

25 (2) "Board" means the State Plumbing Board.

26 (3) "Journeyman plumber" means any person [*holding*] **who holds** a valid journeyman plumber
27 license issued under this chapter **or who holds an equivalent license issued by a board or other**
28 **governmental authority that regulates the trade of plumbing in another state.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (4) “Licensed plumbing contractor” means a person licensed as required under ORS 447.010 to
 2 447.156 to engage in the business of furnishing labor and material, or labor only, to install, alter and
 3 repair plumbing.

4 (5) “Plumbing” has the meaning given that term in ORS 447.010.

5 **SECTION 3.** ORS 693.030 is amended to read:

6 693.030. (1) A person may not engage in the trade of journeyman plumber without a journeyman
 7 plumber license issued [*under this chapter*] **as provided in ORS 693.060.**

8 (2) A licensed plumbing contractor or a person required under ORS 447.010 to 447.156 to be li-
 9 censed as a plumbing contractor may not:

10 (a) Permit or suffer any person to work as a journeyman plumber who does not hold a valid
 11 journeyman plumber license.

12 (b) Permit or suffer any person to work as an apprentice plumber who does not meet the re-
 13 quirements of ORS 660.002 to 660.210.

14 (c) Employ an apprentice plumber on any plumbing work, representing the apprentice plumber
 15 to be a journeyman plumber.

16 (d) Charge a journeyman plumber’s wage for services performed by an apprentice plumber.

17 **SECTION 4.** ORS 693.060 is amended to read:

18 693.060. The State Plumbing Board shall issue a license to a person who:

19 (1) [*By the examination provided for by this chapter is shown to be*] **Is fit, competent and qualified**
 20 **to engage in the trade of journeyman plumber[;], evidence of which the person may demonstrate**
 21 **by:**

22 (a) **Passing an examination the board administers as provided in this chapter; or**

23 (b) **Holding a valid journeyman plumber license, or an equivalent license, issued by a**
 24 **board or other governmental authority that regulates the trade of plumbing in another state;**

25 (2) **Complies with board rules adopted under ORS 455.117; and**

26 (3) **Pays the applicable application fee established by the board under ORS 693.135.**

27 **SECTION 5.** (1) **The amendments to ORS 479.632, 693.010, 693.030 and 693.060 by sections**
 28 **1 to 4 of this 2023 Act become operative on January 1, 2024.**

29 (2) **The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Electrical**
 30 **and Elevator Board and the State Plumbing Board may adopt rules and take any other action**
 31 **before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable**
 32 **the director or the board to undertake and exercise, on and after the operative date specified**
 33 **in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the di-**
 34 **rector or the board by the amendments to ORS 479.632, 693.010, 693.030 and 693.060 by**
 35 **sections 1 to 4 of this 2023 Act.**

36 **SECTION 6.** **This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
 37 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**