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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1171

DIGEST OF HB 1171 (Updated March 20, 2019 12:42 pm - DI 132)

Citations Affected: IC 25-28.5; noncode.

Synopsis: Apprentice plumbers. Allows an individual to register as a registered apprentice plumber and to work under a licensed plumbing contractor or journeyman plumber for nine months, rather than one year, so long as the registered apprentice plumber has applied for acceptance into an apprenticeship program and is awaiting acceptance or has been placed on the program's waiting list. Provides that a registered apprentice plumber must discontinue working under a licensed plumbing contractor or journeyman plumber if certain events occur.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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Judy**

(SENATE SPONSORS — BROWN L, BUSCH)

January 8, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions.

January 29, 2019, amended, reported — Do Pass.

January 31, 2019, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

February 4, 2019, read third time, passed. Yeas 82, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 27, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor.

March 21, 2019, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-28.5-1-18.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 18.1. (a) An individual
3 age seventeen (17) years or older wanting to be registered by the
4 commission as an apprentice plumber shall, on a form provided by the
5 commission, make application for registration. The applicant shall also
6 provide to the commission a statement signed by a licensed plumbing
7 contractor or journeyman plumber who is the employer of the applicant
8 that the prospective apprentice is the employer's employee and will
9 work under the direct and immediate personal supervision of a licensed
10 contractor or journeyman plumber.

11 (b) If the commission approves the application for registration, it
12 shall issue a certificate of registration as an apprentice plumber to the
13 applicant.

14 (c) **Except as provided in subsection (d), an individual may**
15 **apply to be a registered apprentice plumber under this section and**
16 **may work under the direct and immediate personal supervision of**
17 **a licensed plumbing contractor or journeyman plumber for nine**

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1 (9) months, so long as the individual has applied for acceptance in
 2 a commission approved apprenticeship program. The
 3 requirements of this subsection are met even if the individual:

- 4 (1) is awaiting a response from the apprenticeship program;
 5 or
 6 (2) has been placed on the apprenticeship program's waiting
 7 list;

8 at the time that the individual is working under the supervision of
 9 the licensed plumbing contractor or journeyman plumber.

10 (d) A registered apprentice plumber under subsection (c) shall
 11 discontinue working under the direct and immediate personal
 12 supervision of a licensed plumbing contractor or journeyman if
 13 any of the following events occurs:

- 14 (1) The registered apprentice plumber is not accepted into an
 15 apprenticeship program.
 16 (2) The registered apprentice plumber is removed from the
 17 apprenticeship program's waiting list and does not begin the
 18 apprenticeship program.
 19 (3) The registered apprentice plumber does not begin the
 20 apprenticeship program and remains on the apprenticeship
 21 program's waiting list for a period longer than nine (9)
 22 months.
 23 (4) The registered apprentice plumber withdraws the
 24 application submitted to the apprenticeship program.

25 (e) A licensed plumbing contractor or journeyman supervising
 26 a registered apprentice plumber under subsection (c) must notify
 27 the commission of the occurrence of an event described under
 28 subsection (d).

29 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019] (a) Before September
 30 1, 2019, the Indiana plumbing commission shall amend 860
 31 IAC 2-1 to conform with the requirements of IC 25-28.5-1-18.1, as
 32 amended by this act. The plumbing commission may adopt
 33 emergency rules in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1 to
 34 implement this SECTION and IC 25-28.5-1-18.1, as amended by
 35 this act. An emergency rule adopted under this SECTION expires
 36 on the earliest of the following:

- 37 (1) The date specified in the emergency rule.
 38 (2) The date another emergency rule or a permanent rule
 39 repeals or supersedes the previously adopted emergency rule.
 40 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2022.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions, to which was referred House Bill 1171, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 16, delete "if" and insert "**for one (1) year, so long as**".
and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1171 as introduced.)

VANNATTER

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor, to which was referred House Bill No. 1171, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 14, delete "A" and insert "**Except as provided in subsection (d), an individual may apply to be a**".

Page 1, line 14, after "plumber" insert "**under this section and**".

Page 1, line 16, delete "one (1) year," and insert "**nine (9) months**".

Page 1, line 17, delete "registered apprentice plumber" and insert "**individual**".

Page 2, line 2, delete "registered apprentice" and insert "**individual**".

Page 2, delete line 3.

Page 2, line 8, delete "registered apprentice plumber" and insert "**individual**".

Page 2, line 11, delete "Subsection (c) expires June 30, 2022." and insert "**A registered apprentice plumber under subsection (c) shall discontinue working under the direct and immediate personal supervision of a licensed plumbing contractor or journeyman if any of the following events occurs:**

(1) **The registered apprentice plumber is not accepted into an apprenticeship program.**

(2) **The registered apprentice plumber is removed from the apprenticeship program's waiting list and does not begin the**

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apprenticeship program.

(3) The registered apprentice plumber does not begin the apprenticeship program and remains on the apprenticeship program's waiting list for a period longer than nine (9) months.

(4) The registered apprentice plumber withdraws the application submitted to the apprenticeship program.

(e) A licensed plumbing contractor or journeyman supervising a registered apprentice plumber under subsection (c) must notify the commission of the occurrence of an event described under subsection (d)."

Page 2, delete line 23.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1171 as printed January 29, 2019.)

BOOTS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

