

have been a part of the Constitution of this State from the time of such proclamation.

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CHAPTER 66.

(H. Sub. B. No. 115)

AN ACT TO REGULATE PLUMBING AND CREATING A BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS.

AN ACT to regulate plumbing in cities having a population of ten thousand inhabitants or over, providing for the licensing of persons to carry on the business and work of plumbing, creating a Board of Plumbing Examiners, fixing the compensation of plumbing examiners, providing a penalty for the violation hereof and repealing all acts in conflict herewith.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That any person, firm or corporation that is now or hereafter may be engaged in the business of plumbing in any city having a population of ten thousand inhabitants or more, either as master plumber or as a journeyman plumber, shall secure and hold a license therefor in accordance with the provisions of this act, and it shall be unlawful for any person to work at the trade of plumbing or to carry on the business of plumbing in any such city without complying with the provisions of this act.

License.

SEC. 2. Within thirty days after this act shall take effect the Governor shall appoint a board of plumbing examiners consisting of three members. The members of said board shall be practical plumbers well versed in modern sanitary plumbing, sanitation and sewerage. The board shall consist of two master plumbers and one journeyman plumber, and the members of said board shall serve for a period of three years each from the date of their appointment: *Provided however*, The first board shall serve as follows: One member for one year, one member for two years, and one member for three years, and the Governor in making the

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appointment shall designate the time that each member constituting the first board shall serve. Thereafter upon the expiration of the term of office of each member of the board, or when a vacancy occurs, the Governor shall make a new appointment for the full period of three years. The members of the said board shall be entitled to a compensation of five dollars per diem each, for each and every day while actually engaged in the work of the board, together with their traveling expenses from city to city on business connected with their office; the compensation, however, to be paid from the revenues realized under the provisions of this act, but not otherwise. The time and method of payment of such compensation shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations established by said board of plumbing examiners. Said board of plumbing examiners shall meet once each year in each of said cities, and notice of such meeting shall be given by publishing in each of said cities, in a daily newspaper published therein, a statement of the time and place of holding such meeting, at least ten days prior to the holding of such meeting. Said board may call special meetings in any of said cities for the purpose of holding examinations or for other business purposes as hereinafter provided whenever in its judgment it is deemed advisable. At all regular and special meetings of the said board as herein provided, it shall be the duty of said board to examine each applicant for a license as provided for by this act, to determine his qualifications and fitness for carrying on the business of a master plumber or journeyman plumber, and if the applicant successfully pass the examination as prescribed by the said board, then a license shall be issued to such applicant for such license, authorizing him to engage in the business and occupation of a master plumber or journeyman plumber, as the case may be, which license, when issued, shall authorize the holder thereof to carry on the business of master plumber or journeyman plumber in any of said cities.

SEC. 3. Any person, firm or corporation desiring to engage in or work at the business of plumbing either as a master plumber or as a journeyman plumber in any of said cities, shall apply to the said board of plumbing examiners by filing a written application with the secretary of the board, stating his place of residence, age, experience and the place where he has acquired his experience, and shall at such time and place as may be designated by said board, as herein

Vacancies filled by appointment.

Compensation of board.

Special board meetings—duties of board.

Applications for license.

provided for, be examined as to his qualifications for a license. In the case of a firm or corporation, the examination and issuing of a license to any one member of the firm or to the manager of the corporation shall satisfy the requirements of this act as to master plumbers, but not as to journeyman plumbers: *Provided however*, That no person shall do the work of a master plumber unless licensed as provided in this act: *Provided further*, That any duly licensed journeyman plumber may engage in the business of a master plumber without further examination, upon payment of the fee for a master plumber's license and complying with the other provisions of this act with respect to master plumbers.

Organization
of board—
officers.

SEC. 4. Said board of plumbing examiners shall within thirty days after the appointment of the members thereof meet and organize and elect a president, secretary and treasurer, and make rules and regulations that are just and reasonable and fair in the matter of time, place and method of examining applicants desiring to engage in or to work at the business or trade of plumbing in any of said cities, and for the issuing of licenses and granting of temporary permits from the time of the filing of the application until the applicant has an opportunity to submit to the examination to be prescribed by the said board. Said board shall examine all applicants as to their knowledge of and experience in plumbing, house draining and ventilation, and all other subjects that in its judgment are deemed necessary and requisite to test the fitness, knowledge and experience of the applicant, and if the applicant has sufficient knowledge and experience in the matters inquired about and in the opinion of said board is competent to engage in such work or business or trade, said board shall thereupon issue a license to the applicant which shall authorize and permit him to engage in the business or trade specified in said license in any of the said cities, for the time specified in said license.

Examinations
of applicants.

Examination
fee.

SEC. 5. No applicant for a master plumber's license shall be entitled to submit to the examination prescribed by the said board of plumbing examiners until he shall have deposited with the treasurer of said board the sum of ten dollars, and no applicant for a journeyman plumber's license shall be entitled to submit to the examination to be prescribed by said board until he shall have deposited with the treasurer of said board the sum of two dollars and fifty cents; each license when issued shall expire one year after the date of

its issuance and shall have no force or effect after the expiration of one year from the date of its issuance. Any license, however, issued to a master plumber or journeyman plumber, may be renewed annually without examination at any time prior to its expiration, by a written request for its renewal directed to the secretary of said board and the payment of the sum of ten dollars for a renewal of a master plumber's license or the sum of two dollars and fifty cents for the renewal of a journeyman plumber's license, and any such renewal shall also be for the period of one year.

Renewal of licenses.

Renewal fee.

SEC. 6. Nothing in this act shall prohibit any person from working as an apprentice in said trade of plumbing with a plumber duly licensed by said board as herein provided for, and under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed from time to time by said Board of Plumbing Examiners: *Provided*, The name and residence of each apprentice and the name and residence of their employers shall be duly filed with said board, and a record in a suitable book to be provided by said board shall be kept by said board, showing the names and residences of such apprentices.

Apprentices.

SEC. 7. Sufficient of the moneys derived from license fees, examination fees and the renewal of licenses, under the provisions of this act, shall be used by said board to defray the expenses of holding examinations in connection with the carrying out of the provisions of this act, including their own compensation and traveling expenses, and any surplus remaining shall be turned over to the state treasurer on the first day of July, 1907, and annually thereafter.

Expense of examinations, how defrayed.

SEC. 8. The license and permit granted as herein provided may be at any time revoked for incompetency, dereliction of duty or other sufficient cause, after a full and fair hearing by said board.

Revocation of license.

SEC. 9. A majority of said Board of Plumbing Examiners shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may come before the board.

Quorum of board.

SEC. 10. All competent master plumbers and competent journeyman plumbers now engaged in the business or actually and regularly working at the trade of plumbing shall be entitled to a license to be issued by said Board of Plumbing Examiners immediately after its organization as provided for by this act, without submitting or being required to submit to any examination whatsoever, upon the payment by each of the applicants for such license of the sum of ten dollars in

License to existing plumbers—fee therefor.

the case of a master plumber and two dollars and fifty cents in the case of a journeyman plumber, and such license when issued shall be renewed from time to time annually as hereinbefore provided.

Legislative
intent of act.

SEC. 11. If any section or provisions of this act be held by the Courts of this State to be unconstitutional, it is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that the remaining sections or provisions of this act shall remain in full force and effect, to the same extent as though such unconstitutional portion had not been enacted, and the declaring of one section or provision void shall in no way affect the validity of the sections or provisions remaining.

Violation and
penalty.

SEC. 12. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars or less than ten dollars for each and every violation thereof.

Appeal.

SEC. 13. Any person making an application for a license as herein provided for who deems himself aggrieved by reason of the refusal of said board of plumbing examiners to grant a license to him shall have the right to appeal from the decision of said board to the superior court of the county in which he shall submit to his examination for a license.

Repeal.

SEC. 14. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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