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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5831** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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By Senate Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Franklin, Keiser, and Murray)

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1 AN ACT Relating to certification of heating, ventilation, air
2 conditioning, and refrigeration contractors and mechanics; creating a
3 new section; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) Whereas it is necessary for the
6 public health and safety to create statewide contractor registration
7 and mechanic certification requirements, a joint legislative task force
8 on the heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration
9 industry is established, with members as provided in this subsection.

10 (i) The chair and the ranking member of the senate labor, commerce,
11 research and development committee;

12 (ii) The chair and the ranking member of the house commerce and
13 labor committee;

14 (iii) The majority leader of the senate shall appoint one member
15 from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate;

16 (iv) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one
17 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
18 representatives;

1 (v) Four members representing business, selected from nominations
2 submitted by business organizations representing heating, ventilating,
3 air conditioning, and refrigeration contractors and appointed jointly
4 by the majority leader of the senate and the speaker of the house of
5 representatives. At least one business representative shall be from a
6 county that has a contiguous border with another state;

7 (vi) Four members representing labor, selected from nominations
8 submitted by statewide labor organizations representing heating,
9 ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration trades and appointed
10 jointly by the majority leader of the senate and the speaker of the
11 house of representatives. At least one labor representative shall be
12 from a county that has a contiguous border with another state; and

13 (vii) One member representing the department of labor and
14 industries.

15 (b) The cochairs of the task force shall be the chair of the senate
16 labor, commerce, research and development committee and the chair of
17 the house commerce and labor committee.

18 (2) The joint legislative task force shall review the following
19 issues in the context of the framework set forth in Senate Bill No.
20 5831 and joint legislative audit and review committee report No. 05-12
21 on HVAC/R licensing and testing requirements:

22 (a) Requirements for certifying heating, ventilating, air
23 conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics;

24 (b) Methods of registering heating, ventilating, air conditioning,
25 and refrigeration contractors who qualify for two or more registrations
26 or licenses;

27 (c) Establishing at least three levels of heating, ventilating, air
28 conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics, with the ability to be
29 certified in several specialities including: (i) Heating, ventilating,
30 and air conditioning; (ii) refrigeration; and (iii) gas piping;

31 (d) The experience requirements for each mechanic level;

32 (e) The methods by which apprentices and other persons learning to
33 perform heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration work
34 obtain training certificates;

35 (f) Exemptions to the registration or certification requirements;
36 and

37 (g) Such other factors the joint legislative task force deems
38 necessary.

1 (3) Legislative members of the joint legislative task force shall
2 be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.
3 Nonlegislative members, except those representing an employer or
4 organization, are entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in
5 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

6 (4) The expenses of the joint legislative task force shall be paid
7 jointly by the senate and the house of representatives.

8 (5) The joint legislative task force shall report its findings and
9 recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2008.

10 (6) This section expires January 1, 2009.

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