

# SENATE BILL No. 1227

May 13, 2004, Introduced by Senator HARDIMAN and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 2002 PA 733, entitled  
"State plumbing act,"  
by amending section 31 (MCL 338.3541).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 31. (1) A license or apprentice registration issued  
2 under this act must be renewed not more than 60 days after the  
3 renewal date. It is the responsibility of a licensee or  
4 registrant to renew a license or registration. The department  
5 shall send a renewal application to the last known address of a  
6 licensee or registrant on file with the department. Every holder  
7 of a license or registration issued under this act shall promptly  
8 notify the department of a change in his or her business or  
9 residence address. The failure of a licensee or registrant to  
10 notify the department of a change of address does not extend the  
11 expiration date of a license or registration. The department may

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1 issue licenses for up to 3 years in duration.

2 (2) The annual fees for initial licensure, apprentice plumber  
3 registration, or renewal of a license and registration issued  
4 under this act are as follows:

5 (a) Journey plumber..... \$20.00.

6 (b) Apprentice plumber..... \$ 5.00.

7 (3) All licenses and apprentice registrations not renewed  
8 within 60 days of expiration may be reinstated only upon  
9 application to the board for reinstatement and the payment of the  
10 annual renewal fee and the following reinstatement fee:

11 (a) Journey plumber..... \$25.00.

12 (b) Apprentice plumber..... \$10.00.

13 (4) A person requesting renewal of a license within 3 years  
14 after the license is expired under subsection (3) ~~shall~~ **is** not  
15 ~~be~~ subject to reexamination for the license but is required to  
16 pay the reinstatement fee and the annual renewal fee for each  
17 year not renewed. A person who fails to renew a license for more  
18 than 3 consecutive years is required to meet the experience and  
19 other requirements and take an examination for the class of  
20 license ~~sought~~ **requested**.

21 (5) Examination fees are as follows:

22 (a) Plumbing contractor..... \$50.00.

23 (b) Master plumber..... \$50.00.

24 (c) Journey plumber..... \$50.00.

25 (6) The department shall issue an initial master plumber and  
26 plumbing contractor license for a period of up to 3 years. The  
27 master plumber and plumbing contractor licenses are renewable for

1 periods of 3 years. ~~In the case of~~ **For** a person applying for  
2 initial or reinstatement license at a time other than between  
3 April 30 and June 30 of the year in which the department issues  
4 renewal licenses, the department shall compute and charge the  
5 license fee on a yearly prorated basis beginning the year of  
6 application until the last year of the 3-year license period.

7 (7) The initial and renewal fee for a master plumber and  
8 plumbing contractor license issued under this act are as  
9 follows:

10 (a) Plumbing contractor..... \$200.00.

11 (b) Master plumber..... \$200.00.

12 (8) All plumbing contractor and master plumber licenses not  
13 renewed within 60 days of expiration may be reinstated only upon  
14 application **submitted** to the board and payment of the renewal fee  
15 and an \$85.00 reinstatement fee.

16 (9) **Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act**  
17 **that added this subsection, the department shall issue an initial**  
18 **or renewal license for a master plumber or a plumbing contractor**  
19 **not later than 6 months after the applicant files a completed**  
20 **application. If the application is considered incomplete by the**  
21 **department, the department shall notify the applicant in writing**  
22 **within 10 days after receipt of the incomplete application,**  
23 **describing the deficiency and requesting the additional**  
24 **information. The 6-month period is tolled upon notification by**  
25 **the department of a deficiency until the date the requested**  
26 **information is received by the department.**

27 (10) **If the department fails to issue or deny a license**

1 within the time required by this section, the department shall  
2 return the license fee and shall reduce the license fee for the  
3 applicant's next renewal application, if any, by 15%. The  
4 department shall not discriminate against an applicant in the  
5 processing of the application based upon the fact that the  
6 application fee was refunded or discounted under this  
7 subsection.

8 (11) Beginning January 31, 2005, the director of the  
9 department shall submit a report by January 31 of each year to  
10 the standing committees and appropriations subcommittees of the  
11 senate and house of representatives concerned with occupational  
12 issues. The director shall include all of the following  
13 information in the report concerning the preceding calendar  
14 year:

15 (a) The number of initial and renewal applications the  
16 department received and completed within the 6-month time period  
17 described in subsection (9).

18 (b) The number of applications requiring a request for  
19 additional information.

20 (c) The average time for an applicant to respond to a request  
21 for additional information.

22 (d) The number of applications rejected, categorized by  
23 reason for rejection.

24 (e) The amount of money returned to licensees under  
25 subsection (10).

26 (f) The number of applications not issued within the 6-month  
27 period.

1           (g) The average processing time for initial and renewal  
2 applications granted after the 6-month period.