

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5583

A bill to amend 2002 PA 733, entitled  
"State plumbing act,"  
by amending section 25 (MCL 338.3535).

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

1       Sec. 25. (1) The department shall issue a journey plumber's  
2   license to ~~a person not less than~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST** 18  
3   years of age **AND** who does all of the following:

4       (a) Files a completed application on a form provided by the  
5   department.

6       (b) Pays the examination fee ~~prescribed in~~ **REQUIRED UNDER**  
7   section 31 and passes an examination provided for by the board and  
8   the department.

9       (c) Pays the license fee ~~prescribed in~~ **REQUIRED UNDER** section  
10  31.

(d) MEETS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

(i) Has at least 6,000 hours' experience gained over a period of ~~not less than~~ **AT LEAST** 3 years as an apprentice plumber in the practical installation of plumbing under the supervision of a master plumber.

(ii) WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES, SERVED AS A PLUMBER OR IN AN EQUIVALENT JOB CLASSIFICATION; WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THAT MILITARY SERVICE IN THE 1-YEAR PERIOD PRECEDING THE DATE THE LICENSE APPLICATION IS FILED; AND HAS, AND PROVIDES WITH HIS OR HER APPLICATION AN AFFIDAVIT SIGNED BY A COMMANDING OFFICER, SUPERVISOR, OR MILITARY SUPERIOR WITH DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPLICANT'S SERVICE THAT STATES THAT HE OR SHE HAS, AT LEAST 6,000 HOURS OF ENTRY-LEVEL EXPERIENCE IN AND BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THE TERMINOLOGY OF THE PLUMBING TRADE AND THE ABILITY TO MAKE PRACTICAL CALCULATIONS.

(B) KNOWLEDGE RELATED TO DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.

(C) KNOWLEDGE RELATED TO PLUMBING FIXTURES.

(D) KNOWLEDGE RELATED TO WATER AND BACKFLOW PROTECTION.

(E) KNOWLEDGE RELATED TO STORM AND SPECIAL WASTEWATER DISPOSAL.

(F) KNOWLEDGE RELATED TO TESTING AND INSPECTIONS OF PLUMBING.

(G) KNOWLEDGE RELATED TO VENTING.

(2) IF AN APPLICANT WHO OTHERWISE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) (D) (ii) HAS NOT ATTAINED 6,000 HOURS OF ENTRY-LEVEL EXPERIENCE OR DOES NOT HAVE BASIC KNOWLEDGE IN EACH OF THE AREAS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) (D) (ii) (A) TO (G), HE OR SHE MAY PROVIDE

1 WITH HIS OR HER APPLICATION AN AFFIDAVIT SIGNED BY A COMMANDING  
2 OFFICER, SUPERVISOR, OR MILITARY SUPERIOR WITH DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF  
3 THE APPLICANT'S SERVICE THAT STATES THE AMOUNT OF EXPERIENCE THE  
4 APPLICANT HAS ATTAINED AND OF WHICH OF THE AREAS DESCRIBED IN  
5 SUBSECTION (1) (D) (ii) (A) TO (G) THE APPLICANT HAS BASIC KNOWLEDGE,  
6 AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY IN ITS DISCRETION GRANT THE APPLICANT CREDIT  
7 TOWARD THE 6,000-HOUR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION (1) (D) (i)  
8 BASED ON THE APPLICANT'S EXPERIENCE.

9 (3) ~~(2)~~—As a condition of renewal of a journey plumber's  
10 license, the journey plumber shall demonstrate the successful  
11 completion of a course, approved by the board, concerning any  
12 update or change in the code within 12 months after the update or  
13 change in that code. This requirement applies only during or after  
14 those years that the code is updated or changed.

15 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ARMED FORCES" MEANS THAT TERM AS  
16 DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF THE VETERAN RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
17 ACT, 1994 PA 39, MCL 35.1092.