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**Introduced by Reps. Ouimet, Wayne Schmidt, Tyler, Foster, Crawford, Huuki, Franz, Agema, Kowall,
Somerville, McMillin, MacGregor, Rendon, Liss and Hobbs**

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5583

AN ACT to amend 2002 PA 733, entitled "An act to regulate the installation, alteration, maintenance, improvement, and inspection of plumbing; to provide certain powers and duties for certain state agencies and departments; to create a plumbing board; to define plumbing, plumbing contractors, and the classification of plumbers and to set standards for those classifications; to provide for the licensing and regulation of classes of plumbers and plumbing contractors; to prescribe fees and the disposition of money derived from those fees; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 25 (MCL 338.3535).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 25. (1) The department shall issue a journey plumber's license to an individual who is at least 18 years of age and who does all of the following:

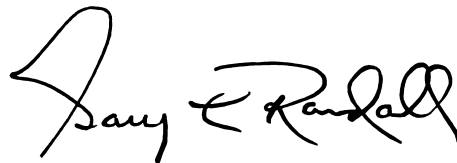
- (a) Files a completed application on a form provided by the department.
- (b) Pays the examination fee required under section 31 and passes an examination provided for by the board and the department.
- (c) Pays the license fee required under section 31.
- (d) Meets either of the following:
 - (i) Has at least 6,000 hours' experience gained over a period of 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 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 the amount of experience the applicant has attained and of which of the areas described in subsection (1)(d)(ii)(A) to (G) the applicant has basic knowledge, and the department may in its discretion grant the applicant credit toward the 6,000-hour experience requirement of subsection (1)(d)(i) based on the applicant's experience.

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

(4) As used in this section, "armed forces" means that term as defined in section 2 of the veteran right to employment services act, 1994 PA 39, MCL 35.1092.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



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Clerk of the House of Representatives



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Secretary of the Senate

Approved

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Governor