

## HOUSE BILL No. 2993

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT relating to plumbers and certain contractors; relating to the examination and certification or licensure thereof; amending K.S.A. 12-1509 and 12-1542 and repealing the existing sections.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. K.S.A. 12-1509 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-1509. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of plumbers practicing within the county or city may conduct examinations designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of determining the competency of applicants for such licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further questions not designated on such examination. The board of county commissioners of such county or the governing body of such city shall adopt rules and regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75% for passage of examinations; ~~and~~ (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants taking each such examination; *and (4) require all persons receiving such certificate or license to annually obtain six hours of continuing education by local governing bodies or nationally recognized trade associations, or both.*

(b) The certificate of competency received by any person who successfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and amendments thereto, shall be valid proof of competency for licensure, without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which requires licensure of plumbers practicing within such county or city. The county or city shall issue the appropriate license to any applicant therefor who presents such a certificate of competency. The county or city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

(c) All licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and amendments thereto, shall bear a distinctive notation of such fact. All such licenses shall be valid in any other county or city which requires examination and licensure of plumbers for practice in such county or city.

(d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989, upon the basis of passage of a standard examination designated as such under the provisions of article 15 of chapter 12 of Kansas Statutes An-

1 notated, and whose certificate or license was issued by a political subdivi-  
2 sion which prescribed a minimum score of not less than 70% for passage  
3 of such examination, shall be required to be reexamined for renewal of  
4 certification or licensure.

5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 12-1542 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-  
6 1542. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of mechanical heating,  
7 ventilation and air conditioning contractors and master and journeyman  
8 heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics practicing within the  
9 county or city may conduct examinations designated by K.S.A. 12-1541  
10 for the purpose of determining the competency of applicants for such  
11 licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further questions not designated  
12 on such examination. The board of county commissioners of such county  
13 or the governing body of such city shall adopt rules and regulations: (1)  
14 Governing the conduct and grading of such examinations; (2) prescribing  
15 a minimum score of 75% for passage of examinations; ~~and~~ (3) fixing a  
16 uniform fee to be charged all applicants taking each such examination;  
17 *and (4) require all persons receiving such certificate or license to annually*  
18 *obtain six hours of continuing education by local governing bodies or*  
19 *nationally recognized trade associations, or both.*

20 (b) The certificate of competency received by any person who suc-  
21 cessfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1541 shall be  
22 valid proof of competency for licensure, without additional examination,  
23 in any county or city of the state which requires licensure of mechanical  
24 heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors and master and jour-  
25 neyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics practicing  
26 within such county or city. The county or city shall issue the appropriate  
27 license to any applicant therefor who presents such a certificate of com-  
28 petency. The county or city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such  
29 applicants for licensure.

30 (c) All licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful  
31 passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1541 shall bear a dis-  
32 tinctive notation of such fact. All such licenses shall be valid in any other  
33 county or city which requires examination and licensure of mechanical  
34 heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors and master and jour-  
35 neyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics for practice  
36 in such county or city.

37 (d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989,  
38 upon the basis of passage of a standard examination designated by the  
39 political subdivision and whose certificate or license was issued by such  
40 political subdivision which prescribed a minimum score of not less than  
41 70% for passage of such examination, shall be required to be reexamined  
42 for renewal of certification or licensure.

43 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 12-1509 and 12-1542 are hereby repealed.

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