

HOUSE BILL No. 2211

By Committee on Local Government

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AN ACT concerning the licensure of plumbers, electricians and certain contractors; amending K.S.A. 12-1508, 12-1509, 12-1525, 12-1526, 12-1541, 12-1542, 12-1556 and 12-1557 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 12-1508 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-1508. Standard examinations for the determination of competency of ~~plumbing contractors and~~ master and journeyman plumbers, based upon codes and standards effective on July 1, ~~1992, prepared and published and available upon such date from Block and Associates, Florida Farm Bureau Building, 5700 S.W. 34th St., #1303, Gainesville, Florida 32608~~ 2003, *prepared, published and available upon such date from International Code Council, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 708, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3401 or from Experior Assessments, LLC, 1360 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108-5252*, are hereby designated as the standard examinations for determining the qualification of persons seeking licensure as ~~plumbing contractors and~~ master and journeyman plumbers for the purposes of this act.

Sec. 2. 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.

(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

1 county or city shall issue the appropriate license to any applicant therefor
2 who presents such a certificate of competency. The county or city shall
3 fix a uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

4 (c) All licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful
5 passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and amend-
6 ments thereto, shall bear a distinctive notation of such fact. ~~All such li-~~
7 ~~enses shall be valid~~ *The successful passage of such examination shall*
8 *constitute successful passage* in any other county or city which requires
9 examination and licensure of plumbers for practice in such county or city.

10 (d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989,
11 upon the basis of passage of a standard examination designated as such
12 under the provisions of article 15 of chapter 12 of Kansas Statutes An-
13 notated, and whose certificate or license was issued by a political subdivi-
14 sion which prescribed a minimum score of not less than 70% for passage
15 of such examination, shall be required to be reexamined for renewal of
16 certification or licensure.

17 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 12-1525 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-
18 1525. Standard examinations for the determination of competency of
19 ~~electrical contractors~~, master and journeyman electricians and residential
20 electricians, based upon codes and standards effective on July 1, 1993,
21 ~~prepared and published and available upon such date from Block and~~
22 ~~Associates, Florida Farm Bureau Building, 5700 S.W. 34th St. #1303,~~
23 ~~Gainesville, Florida 32608~~ 2003, *prepared, published and available upon*
24 *such date from International Code Council, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite*
25 *708, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3401 or from Experior Assessments,*
26 *LLC, 1360 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108-5252,* are
27 hereby designated as the standard examinations for determining the qual-
28 ification of persons seeking licensure as ~~electrical contractors~~, master and
29 journeyman electricians and residential electricians for the purposes of
30 this act.

31 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 12-1526 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-
32 1526. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of electricians prac-
33 ticing within the county or city may conduct examinations designated by
34 K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of determining
35 the competency of applicants for such licensure and shall not be allowed
36 to ask further questions not designated on such examination. The board
37 of county commissioners of such county or the governing body of such
38 city shall adopt rules and regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and
39 grading of such examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75%
40 for passage of examinations; and (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged
41 all applicants taking each such examination.

42 (b) The certificate of competency received by any person who suc-
43 cessfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and

1 amendments thereto, shall be valid proof of competency for licensure,
2 without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which
3 requires licensure of electricians practicing within such county or city.
4 The county or city shall issue the appropriate license to any applicant
5 therefor who presents such a certificate of competency. The county or
6 city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

7 (c) All licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful
8 passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amend-
9 ments thereto, shall bear a distinctive notation of such fact. ~~All such li-~~
10 ~~enses shall be valid~~ *the successful passage of such examination shall con-*
11 *stitute successful passage* in any other county or city which requires
12 examination and licensure of electricians for practice in such county or
13 city.

14 (d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989,
15 upon the basis of passage of a standard examination designated as such
16 under the provisions of article 15 of chapter 12 of Kansas Statutes An-
17 notated, and whose certificate or license was issued by a political subdivi-
18 sion which prescribed a minimum score of not less than 70% for passage
19 of such examination, shall be required to be reexamined for renewal of
20 certification or licensure.

21 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 12-1541 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-
22 1541. Standard examinations for the determination of competency of ~~me-~~
23 ~~chanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors and~~ master
24 and journeyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics,
25 based upon codes and standards effective on July 1, 1992, prepared and
26 published and available upon such date from Block and Associates, Flori-
27 ~~da Farm Bureau Building, 5700 S.W. 34th St., #1303, Gainesville, Florida~~
28 ~~32608~~ 2003, prepared, published and available upon such date from In-
29 *ternational Code Council, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 708, Falls Church,*
30 *Virginia 22041-3401 or from Experior Assessments, LLC, 1360 Energy*
31 *Park Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108-5252, are hereby designated as*
32 the standard examinations for determining the qualification of persons
33 seeking licensure as mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning
34 contractors and master and journeyman heating, ventilation and air con-
35 ditioning mechanics, for the purposes of this act.

36 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 12-1542 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-
37 1542. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of ~~mechanical heating,~~
38 ~~ventilation and air conditioning contractors and~~ master and journeyman
39 heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics practicing within the
40 county or city may conduct examinations designated by K.S.A. 12-1541,
41 *and amendments thereto*, for the purpose of determining the competency
42 of applicants for such licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further
43 questions not designated on such examination. The board of county com-

1 missioners of such county or the governing body of such city shall adopt
2 rules and regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such
3 examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75% for passage of
4 examinations; and (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants
5 taking each such examination.

6 (b) The certificate of competency received by any person who suc-
7 cessfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1541 shall be
8 valid proof of competency for licensure, without additional examination,
9 in any county or city of the state which requires licensure of ~~mechanical~~
10 ~~heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors and~~ master and jour-
11 neyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics practicing
12 within such county or city. The county or city shall issue the appropriate
13 license to any applicant therefor who presents such a certificate of com-
14 petency. The county or city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such
15 applicants for licensure.

16 (c) All licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful
17 passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1541 shall bear a dis-
18 tinctive notation of such fact. ~~All such licenses shall be valid~~ *The successful*
19 *passage of such examination shall constitute successful passage* in any
20 other county or city which requires examination and licensure of ~~me-~~
21 ~~chanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors and~~ master
22 and journeyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics for
23 practice in such county or city.

24 (d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989,
25 upon the basis of passage of a standard examination designated by the
26 political subdivision and whose certificate or license was issued by such
27 political subdivision which prescribed a minimum score of not less than
28 70% for passage of such examination, shall be required to be reexamined
29 for renewal of certification or licensure.

30 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 12-1556 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-
31 1556. Standard examinations for the determination of competency of gen-
32 eral contractors, building contractors and residential contractors, based
33 upon codes and standards effective on July 1, 1992, prepared and pub-
34 lished and available upon such date from the International Conference
35 of Building Officials, 6738 N.W. Tower Drive, Kansas City, Missouri
36 64151 or from Block and Associates, Florida Farm Bureau Building, 5700
37 S.W. 34th St., #1303, Gainesville, Florida 32608 2003, prepared, pub-
38 lished and available upon such date from International Code Council,
39 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 708, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3401 or from
40 Experior Assessments, LLC, 1360 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota
41 55108-5252, are hereby designated as the standard examinations for de-
42 termining the qualification of persons seeking licensure as general con-
43 tractors, building contractors and residential contractors for the purposes

1 of this act.

2 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 12-1557 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-
3 1557. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of general contractors,
4 building contractors and residential contractors practicing within the
5 county or city may conduct examinations designated by K.S.A. 12-1556,
6 *and amendments thereto*, for the purpose of determining the competency
7 of applicants for such licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further
8 questions not designated on such examination. The board of county com-
9 missioners of such county or the governing body of such city shall adopt
10 rules and regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such
11 examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75% for passage of
12 examinations; and (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants
13 taking each such examination.

14 (b) The certificate of competency received by any person who suc-
15 cessfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1556, *and*
16 *amendments thereto*, shall be valid proof of competency for licensure,
17 without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which
18 requires licensure of such contractors practicing within such county or
19 city. The county or city shall issue the appropriate license to any applicant
20 therefor who presents such a certificate of competency. The county or
21 city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

22 (c) All licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful
23 passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1556, *and amend-*
24 *ments thereto*, shall bear a distinctive notation of such fact. ~~All such li-~~
25 ~~enses shall be valid~~ *The successful passage of such examination shall*
26 *constitute successful passage* in any other county or city which requires
27 examination and licensure of such contractors for practice in such county
28 or city.

29 (d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989,
30 upon the basis of passage of a standard examination designated by the
31 political subdivision and whose certificate or license was issued by such
32 political subdivision which prescribed a minimum score of not less than
33 70% for passage of such examination, shall be required to be reexamined
34 for renewal of certification or licensure.

35 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 12-1508, 12-1509, 12-1525, 12-1526, 12-1541, 12-
36 1542, 12-1556 and 12-1557 are hereby repealed.

37 Sec. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
38 publication in the statute book.

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