

Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2211

By Committee on Commerce and Labor

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AN ACT concerning the licensure of plumbers, electricians and certain contractors; amending K.S.A. 12-1508, 12-1525, 12-1541, 12-1542, 12-1544, 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 *for the plumbing trade including fuel gas piping* 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. Exuperior Assessments, LLC, 1360 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108-5252, the International Code Council, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 708, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3401 and National Inspection, Testing and Certification Corp., 501 Shatto Place, Suite 201, Los Angeles, California 90020-1713,~~ are hereby designated as the standard ~~examinations~~ *examination agencies* 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. 12-1525 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-1525. Standard examinations for the determination of competency of electrical contractors, master and journeyman electricians and residential electricians, based upon codes and standards *for the electrical trade* effective on July 1, 1993, ~~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. Exuperior Assessments, LLC, 1360 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108-5252, The International Code Council, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 708, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3401 and National Inspection, Testing and Certification Corp., 501 Shatto Place, Suite 201, Los Angeles, California 90020-1713,~~ are hereby designated as the standard ~~examinations~~ *examination agencies* for determining the qualification of persons seeking licensure as electrical contractors, master and journeyman electricians and residential electricians for the purposes of this act.

1 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 12-1541 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-
2 1541. Standard examinations for the determination of competency of me-
3 chanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors and master
4 and journeyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics,
5 based upon codes and standards *for the heating, ventilation and air con-*
6 *ditioning trade including fuel gas piping* effective on July 1, 1992, pre-
7 ~~pared and published and available upon such date from Block and As-~~
8 ~~sociates, Florida Farm Bureau Building, 5700 S.W. 34th St., #1303,~~
9 ~~Gainesville, Florida 32608~~ 2003. *Experior Assessments, LLC, 1360 En-*
10 *ergy Park Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108-5252, The International Code*
11 *Council, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 708, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-*
12 *3401 and National Inspection, Testing and Certification Corp., 501 Shatto*
13 *Place, Suite 201, Los Angeles, California 90020-1713*, are hereby desig-
14 nated as the standard ~~examinations~~ *examination agencies* for determining
15 the qualification of persons seeking licensure as mechanical heating, ven-
16 tilation and air conditioning contractors and master and journeyman heat-
17 ing, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics, for the purposes of this
18 act.

19 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 12-1542 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-
20 1542. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of mechanical heating,
21 ventilation and air conditioning contractors and master and journeyman
22 heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics practicing within the
23 county or city may conduct examinations designated by K.S.A. 12-1541,
24 *and amendments thereto*, for the purpose of determining the competency
25 of applicants for such licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further
26 questions not designated on such examination. The board of county com-
27 missioners of such county or the governing body of such city shall adopt
28 rules and regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such
29 examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75% for passage of
30 examinations; and (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants
31 taking each such examination.

32 (b) The certificate of competency received by any person who suc-
33 cessfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1541, *and*
34 *amendments thereto*, shall be valid proof of competency for licensure,
35 without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which
36 requires licensure of mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning
37 contractors and master and journeyman heating, ventilation and air con-
38 ditioning mechanics practicing within such county or city. The county or
39 city shall issue the appropriate license to any applicant therefor who pres-
40 ents such a certificate of competency. The county or city shall fix a uni-
41 form fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

42 (c) All licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful
43 passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1541, *and amend-*

1 *ments thereto*, shall bear a distinctive notation of such fact. All such li-
2 censes shall be valid in any other county or city which requires exami-
3 nation and licensure of mechanical heating, ventilation and air
4 conditioning contractors and master and journeyman heating, ventilation
5 and air conditioning mechanics for practice in such county or city.

6 (d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989,
7 upon the basis of passage of a standard examination designated by the
8 ~~political subdivision~~ *as such under the provisions of article 15 of chapter*
9 *12 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated* and whose certificate or license was
10 issued by ~~such a~~ political subdivision which prescribed a minimum score
11 of not less than 70% for passage of such examination, shall be required
12 to be reexamined for renewal of certification or licensure.

13 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 12-1556 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-
14 1556. Standard examinations for the determination of competency of gen-
15 eral contractors, building contractors and residential contractors, based
16 upon codes and standards effective on July 1, 1992, prepared and pub-
17 lished and available upon such date from the International Conference
18 of Building Officials, 6738 N.W. Tower Drive, Kansas City, Missouri
19 64151 or from Block and Associates, Florida Farm Bureau Building, 5700
20 S.W. 34th St., #1303, Gainesville, Florida 32608 2003. *Experior Assess-*
21 *ments, LLC, 1360 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108-5252,*
22 *The International Code Council, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 708, Falls*
23 *Church, Virginia 22041-3401 and National Inspection, Testing and Cer-*
24 *tification Corp., 501 Shatto Place, Suite 201, Los Angeles, California*
25 *90020-1713* are hereby designated as the standard ~~examinations~~ *exami-*
26 *nation agencies* for determining the qualification of persons seeking li-
27 censure as general contractors, building contractors and residential con-
28 tractors for the purposes of this act.

29 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 12-1557 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-
30 1557. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of general contractors,
31 building contractors and residential contractors practicing within the
32 county or city may conduct examinations designated by K.S.A. 12-1556,
33 *and amendments thereto*, for the purpose of determining the competency
34 of applicants for such licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further
35 questions not designated on such examination. The board of county com-
36 missioners of such county or the governing body of such city shall adopt
37 rules and regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such
38 examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75% for passage of
39 examinations; and (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants
40 taking each such examination.

41 (b) The certificate of competency received by any person who suc-
42 cessfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1556, *and*
43 *amendments thereto*, shall be valid proof of competency for licensure,

1 without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which
2 requires licensure of ~~such contractors~~ *electricians* practicing within such
3 county or city. The county or city shall issue the appropriate license to
4 any applicant therefor who presents such a certificate of competency. The
5 county or city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for
6 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. 12-1556, *and amend-*
9 *ments thereto*, shall bear a distinctive notation of such fact. All such li-
10 censes shall be valid in any other county or city which requires exami-
11 nation and licensure of such contractors for practice in such county or
12 city.

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

20 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 12-1544 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-
21 1544. Nothing in this act shall be construed to allow any person, firm,
22 corporation, partnership, association or combination thereof to engage in
23 the practice of ~~any of the technical professions~~ *engineering* as defined by
24 K.S.A. 74-7003 and amendments thereto without having first received a
25 license or authorization to ~~engage in such~~ practice *engineering* by the
26 Kansas state board of technical professions.

27 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 12-1508, 12-1525, 12-1541, 12-1542, 12-1544, 12-
28 1556 and 12-1557 are hereby repealed.

29 Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
30 publication in the statute book.

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