

## HOUSE BILL No. 2251

By Representative Patton

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9 AN ACT concerning licensure and continuing education of certain trades  
10 and crafts; amending K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 12-1509, 12-1526 and 12-1542  
11 and repealing the existing sections.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 12-1509 is hereby amended to read as  
15 follows: 12-1509. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of plumb-  
16 ers practicing within the county or city may conduct examinations des-  
17 ignated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of  
18 determining the competency of applicants for such licensure and shall  
19 not be allowed to ask further questions not designated on such exami-  
20 nation. The board of county commissioners of such county or the gov-  
21 erning body of such city shall adopt rules and regulations: (1) Governing  
22 the conduct and grading of such examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum  
23 score of 75% for passage of examinations; (3) fixing a uniform fee to be  
24 charged all applicants taking each such examination; and (4) requiring all  
25 persons receiving such license annually to obtain not less than 12 hours  
26 biennially of continuing education approved by such local governing body.  
27 Continuing education may be provided by the local governing body or a  
28 nationally recognized trade association. All 12 hours of education may  
29 consist of code up-date training on the code currently adopted in the  
30 county or city where licensing is being requested.

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

39 (c) All licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful  
40 passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and amend-  
41 ments thereto, *and completed continuing education as provided by sub-*  
42 *section (a)*, shall bear a distinctive notation of such fact. All such licenses  
43 *and continuing education shall be valid in and shall be recognized by the*

1 *governing bodies of any other county or city throughout the state* which  
2 requires examination and licensure of plumbers for practice in such  
3 county or city.

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

11 (e) Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A.  
12 12-1508, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a journeyman certifi-  
13 cate shall demonstrate documented proof of a minimum of two years  
14 field experience. "Field experience" means working under the direct su-  
15 pervision of a person having a valid journeyman certificate or master  
16 certificate or attending trade related schooling. No more than one year  
17 of the requirement may be satisfied by trade related schooling. Schooling  
18 shall consist of a minimum of 240 hours classroom training.

19 (f) Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A.  
20 12-1508, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a master certificate  
21 shall demonstrate documented proof of having a valid journeyman cer-  
22 tificate for a minimum of two years or having field experience for a min-  
23 imum of four years.

24 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 12-1526 is hereby amended to read as  
25 follows: 12-1526. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of elec-  
26 tricians practicing within the county or city may conduct examinations  
27 designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, for the purpose  
28 of determining the competency of applicants for such licensure and shall  
29 not be allowed to ask further questions not designated on such exami-  
30 nation. The board of county commissioners of such county or the gov-  
31 erning body of such city shall adopt rules and regulations: (1) Governing  
32 the conduct and grading of such examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum  
33 score of 75% for passage of examinations; (3) fixing a uniform fee to be  
34 charged all applicants taking each such examination; and (4) requiring all  
35 persons receiving such license to obtain not less than 12 hours biennially  
36 of continuing education approved by such local governing body. Contin-  
37 uing education may be provided by the local governing body, a nationally  
38 recognized trade organization, community college, technical school or  
39 technical college. All 12 hours of education may consist of code up-date  
40 training on the code currently adopted in the county or city where li-  
41 censing is being requested. Neither the county commission nor the gov-  
42 erning body of such city shall impose any restriction on the number of  
43 providers of such continuing education.

1 (b) The certificate of competency received by any person who suc-  
2 cessfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and  
3 amendments thereto, shall be valid proof of competency for licensure,  
4 without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which  
5 requires licensure of electricians practicing within such county or city.  
6 The county or city shall issue the appropriate license to any applicant  
7 therefor who presents such a certificate of competency. The county or  
8 city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

9 (c) All licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful  
10 passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amend-  
11 ments thereto, *and completed continuing education as provided in sub-*  
12 *section (a)*, shall bear a distinctive notation of such fact. All such licenses  
13 *and continuing education* shall be valid ~~in~~ *and shall be recognized by the*  
14 *governing bodies of any other county or city throughout the state* which  
15 requires examination and licensure of electricians for practice in such  
16 county or city.

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

24 (e) Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A.  
25 12-1525, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a journeyman or res-  
26 idential certificate shall demonstrate documented proof of a minimum of  
27 two years field experience. "Field experience" means working under the  
28 direct supervision of a person having a valid journeyman certificate, res-  
29 idential certificate or master certificate or attending trade related school-  
30 ing. No more than one year of the requirement may be satisfied by trade  
31 related schooling. Schooling shall consist of a minimum of 240 hours  
32 classroom training.

33 (f) Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A.  
34 12-1525, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a master certificate  
35 shall demonstrate documented proof of having a valid journeyman cer-  
36 tificate for a minimum of two years.

37 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 12-1542 is hereby amended to read as  
38 follows: 12-1542. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of me-  
39 chanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors and master  
40 and journeyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics prac-  
41 ticing within the county or city may conduct examinations designated by  
42 K.S.A. 12-1541 for the purpose of determining the competency of appli-  
43 cants for such licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further questions

1 not designated on such examination. The board of county commissioners  
2 of such county or the governing body of such city shall adopt rules and  
3 regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such examinations;  
4 (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75% for passage of examinations; (3)  
5 fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants taking each such exam-  
6 ination; and (4) requiring all persons receiving such license annually to  
7 obtain not less than 12 hours biennially of continuing education approved  
8 by such local governing body. Continuing education may be provided by  
9 the local governing body or a nationally recognized trade association. All  
10 12 hours of education may consist of code up-date training on the code  
11 currently adopted in the county or city where licensing is being requested.

12 (b) The certificate of competency received by any person who suc-  
13 cessfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1541, and  
14 amendments thereto, shall be valid proof of competency for licensure,  
15 without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which  
16 requires licensure of mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning  
17 contractors and master and journeyman heating, ventilation and air con-  
18 ditioning mechanics practicing within such county or city. The county or  
19 city shall issue the appropriate license to any applicant therefor who pres-  
20 ents such a certificate of competency. The county or city shall fix a uni-  
21 form 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. 12-1541, and amend-  
24 ments thereto, *and completed continuing education as provided in sub-*  
25 *section (a)*, shall bear a distinctive notation of such fact. All such licenses  
26 *and continuing education* shall be valid ~~in~~ *and shall be recognized by the*  
27 *governing bodies of any other county or city throughout the state* which  
28 requires examination and licensure of mechanical heating, ventilation and  
29 air conditioning contractors and master and journeyman heating, venti-  
30 lation and air conditioning mechanics for practice in such county or city.

31 (d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989,  
32 upon the basis of passage of a standard examination designated by the  
33 political subdivision and whose certificate or license was issued by such  
34 political subdivision which prescribed a minimum score of not less than  
35 70% for passage of such examination, shall be required to be reexamined  
36 for renewal of certification or licensure.

37 (e) Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A.  
38 12-1541, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a journeyman heating,  
39 ventilation and air conditioning mechanic certificate shall demonstrate  
40 documented proof of a minimum of two years field experience. "Field  
41 experience" means working under the direct supervision of a person hav-  
42 ing a valid journeyman certificate or master certificate or attending trade  
43 related schooling. No more than one year of the requirement may be

1 satisfied by trade related schooling. Schooling shall consist of minimum  
2 of 240 hours classroom training.

3 (f) Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A.  
4 12-1541, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a master heating,  
5 ventilation and air conditioning mechanic certificate shall demonstrate  
6 documented proof of having a valid journeyman certificate for a minimum  
7 of two years or having field experience for a minimum of four years.

8 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 12-1509, 12-1526 and 12-1542 are hereby  
9 repealed.

10 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
11 publication in the statute book.