

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 482

BY SENATOR RISER

CONTRACTORS. Provides relative to licensed mechanical contractors. (6/10/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1361(F)(1)(b)(i), 1377 (I),(J), and the introductory paragraph
3 of (K) and to enact R.S. 37:1361(F)(3), 1367(J)(3) and 1377(K)(3), relative to
4 mechanical contractors; to provide relative to scope of practice; to provide for
5 exceptions; to provide for certain terms and conditions; to provide for an effective
6 date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:1361(F)(1)(b)(i), 1377 (I),(J), and the introductory paragraph of
9 (K) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:1361(F)(3), 1367(J)(3), and 1377(K)(3)
10 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §1361. State Plumbing Board, appointments; qualifications; legislative intent;
12 authority

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14 F.(1) * * *

15 (b) Nothing in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall be construed to
16 supersede any of the following:

17 (i) The authority of the State Licensing Board for Contractors to regulate

1 mechanical contractors as defined in R.S. 37:2150.1, including mechanical
 2 contractors classified under the heat, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work,
 3 and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors pursuant to R.S.
 4 37:2156.2.

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6 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the provisions
 7 of this Subsection shall not apply to any service or work performed by a person
 8 who is licensed by the State Licensing Board for Contractors as a mechanical
 9 contractor or any service or work performed pursuant to such license. The
 10 provisions of this Paragraph shall apply to a licensed mechanical contractor
 11 who is either:

12 (a) Engaged or who seeks to engage in the business of heat, air
 13 conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration.

14 (b) Classified under the heat, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work,
 15 and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors pursuant to R.S.
 16 37:2156.2.

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18 §1367. License required; tradesman, journeyman, and master plumber; medical gas
 19 piping installer; medical gas and vacuum systems verifier; water
 20 supply protection specialist endorsement; gas fitter and master gas
 21 fitter; local examination preempted

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J. * * *

24 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the provisions
 25 of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to any service or the work
 26 performed by a mechanical contractor licensed by the State Licensing Board for
 27 Contractors or any service or work performed pursuant to such license. The
 28 provisions of this Paragraph shall apply to a licensed mechanical contractor
 29 who is either:

The original instrument was prepared by Michelle D. Ridge. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Cathy Wells.

DIGEST

SB 482 Reengrossed

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Riser

Present law authorizes the State Plumbing Board to license any person or regulated business entity who is engaged or who seeks to engage in the business of gas fitting for the general public that includes installation, repair, improvement, alterations, or removal of natural gas piping, tanks, and appliances annexed to real property.

Present law shall not be construed to supersede the authority of the State Licensing Board for Contractors to regulate mechanical contractors.

Proposed law specifies that the present law exemption shall include mechanical contractors classified under the heat, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors.

Proposed law provides that present law shall not apply to any service or work performed by a person who is licensed by the State Licensing Board for Contractors as a mechanical contractor or any service or work performed pursuant to such license. Proposed law shall apply to a licenced mechanical contractor who is: (1) engaged or seeks to engage in the business of heat, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration; or (2) classified under the heat, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors.

Present law defines "gas fitter", "master gas fitter", and "gas fitting."

Proposed law exempts from present law definitions any person or business entity that is licensed by the State Licensing Board for Contractors as a mechanical contractor or any service or work performed pursuant to such a license. Proposed law shall apply to a licenced mechanical contractor who is: (1) engaged or seeks to engage in the business of heat, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration; or (2) classified under the heat, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors.

Effective June 10, 2018.

(Amends 37:1361(F)(1)(b)(i), 1377(I), (J), and (K)(intro para); adds R.S. 37:1361(F)(3), 1367(J)(3) and 1377(K)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Makes Act effective June 10, 2018.
2. Makes technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Legislative bureau technical changes.