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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PLUMBERS AND IRRIGATORS

Introduced By: Representative Marvin L. Abney

Date Introduced: March 11, 2015

Referred To: House Labor

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 5-20-23 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-20 entitled "Plumbers  
2 and Irrigators" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **5-20-23. Expiration and renewal of licenses -- Penalties for violation of section. --** (a)

4 All licenses issued by the division of professional regulation for master plumbers and master  
5 irrigators and journeyman plumbers or journeyman irrigators born in odd years shall expire  
6 on the birthday of the individual qualifying for the license in odd years and all licenses of master  
7 plumbers and master irrigators and journeyman plumbers or journeyman irrigators born in  
8 even years shall expire on the birthday of the individual qualifying for the license in even years  
9 and all licenses may be renewed on or before their expiration date upon payment of the  
10 appropriate renewal fee.

11           (b) Any master plumber or master irrigator who fails to renew his or her license as  
12 provided in subsection (a) of this section may be reinstated by the department on or after the  
13 renewal date for a period of two (2) years, upon payment of the current biennial renewal fee of  
14 two hundred forty dollars (\$240) plus outstanding license fees and a twelve dollar (\$12.00) per  
15 month administrative assessment fee for the delinquency period.

16           (c) Every certificate of license of a journeyman plumber or journeyman irrigator  
17 issued by the department is renewed on or before the licensee's second birthday following the  
18 date of issuance upon payment of a biennial renewal fee of seventy-two dollars (\$72.00).

19           (d) Any journeyman plumber or journeyman irrigator who fails to renew his or her

1 license as provided in subsection (a) of this section may be reinstated by the department on or  
2 after the renewal date for a period of two (2) years upon payment of the current biennial renewal  
3 fee of seventy-two dollars (\$72.00) plus outstanding license fees and a twelve dollar (\$12.00) per  
4 month administrative assessment fee for the delinquency period.

5 (e) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, any license issued under this  
6 chapter which is not renewed within two (2) years of the date of its expiration is deemed to be  
7 forfeited, and the person to whom the license has been issued is required to make written  
8 application for an examination prior to the issuance of a new license.

9 (f) Licensed master or journeyman plumbers shall attend and complete a course of  
10 continuing education at their expense as determined by the board of examiners, but not to exceed  
11 fifteen (15) hours, prior to the renewal or reinstatement of an existing license. The board of  
12 examiners shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
13 subsection, including, but not limited to, a continuing education course fee amount consistent  
14 with industry standard.

15 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, any  
16 licensed master or journeyman plumber who has any combination of years of experience as a  
17 licensed master plumber or journeyman plumber, and, years of age which, when combined,  
18 shall equal a total of eighty (80) years, shall be exempt from the continuing education  
19 requirements of subsection (f) of this section. The board of examiners shall promulgate rules and  
20 regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and apply to all license renewals on  
22 or after January 1, 2016.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require master and journeyman plumbers to complete a course of  
2 continuing education prior to the renewal or reinstatement of their license as determined by the  
3 board of examiners. An exemption from this course would be granted to persons who have a total  
4 of eighty (80) years, calculated on the age and experience of master and journeyman plumbers.

5           This act would take effect upon passage and apply to all license renewals on or after  
6 January 1, 2016.

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