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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PLUMBERS AND IRRIGATORS

Introduced By: Senators Archambault, Walaska, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: February 05, 2015

Referred To: Senate Labor

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) Notwithstanding any provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, licensed
10 master or journeyman plumbers shall attend and complete a course of continuing education as
11 determined by the board of examiners, prior to the renewal or reinstatement of an existing license.
12 Any licensed master or journeyman plumber who has any combination of years of experience
13 as a licensed master plumber or journeyman plumber, and, years of age which, when combined,
14 shall equal a total of eighty (80) years, shall be exempt from the continuing education
15 requirements of this section. The board of examiners shall promulgate rules and regulations
16 necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and apply to all license renewals on
18 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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