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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES

Introduced By: Senators Lombardi, Ciccone, Lombardo, Gallo, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: February 25, 2020

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 28-27-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-27 entitled "Mechanical  
2 Trades" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **28-27-5. Practices for which master or contractor license required.**

4           (a) No person shall: (1) engage in this state in the business of the mechanical trades as a  
5 master or as an employer of the mechanical trades, (2) enter into contracts or agreements for the  
6 installation, maintenance, repair, or servicing in the mechanical trades, (3) advertise or represent in  
7 any form or matter that they are masters or that they will install pipefitting or refrigeration/air  
8 conditioning, or air distribution systems or perform fire protection sprinkler work, unless those  
9 persons possess a valid license issued by the department of labor and training under this chapter.  
10 All masters shall carry this license on their person at all times while so engaged, and shall affix  
11 their master's license number to any advertisement and/or contract they execute and/or bid they file  
12 with any consumer for their professional services and to any applicable permit required for the  
13 performance of those services.

14           (b) A person holding a valid master license under this chapter shall not be required to obtain  
15 an additional license under this chapter to perform sheet metal work [for repair or renovation](#) when  
16 AC air handling equipment is ten (10) tons or less or when heating equipment does not exceed  
17 250,000 BTUs. A person holding a valid master license under this chapter can bid or quote or solicit  
18 bids for the installation, maintenance, repair and perform all work and the servicing of sheet metal  
19 work, but must subcontract the aforementioned work to a properly licensed sheet metal contractor

1 to perform the work only when AC air handling equipment is in excess of ten (10) tons, ~~or~~ when  
2 heating equipment exceeds 250,000 BTUs or when working on new construction. The  
3 subcontractor must secure the proper state or municipal permits for the work subcontracted to be  
4 performed.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow the holder of a valid master mechanical trade license to perform repair  
2 or renovation work on certain large air conditioning equipment exceeding 250,000 BTUs, but must  
3 subcontract the work if it includes new construction.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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