

HOUSE BILL No. 2590

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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9 AN ACT providing for certification of medical gas installers in certain
10 counties and cities; defining terms; amending K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 12-
11 1509 and repealing the existing section.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2009 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 or six hours annually of continuing education approved by such
27 local governing body. Not less than six hours biennially or three hours
28 annually shall consist of code education. Continuing education may be
29 provided by the local governing body, a nationally recognized trade as-
30 sociation, community college, technical school, technical college or other
31 provider approved by the local governing body. All hours of education
32 shall consist of training relative to construction, maintenance and code
33 update training. Neither the county commission nor the governing body
34 of such city shall impose any restriction on the number of providers of
35 such continuing education.

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

1 (c) All new licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of suc-
2 cessful passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and
3 amendments thereto, shall bear a distinctive notation identifying the test-
4 ing agency and the specific test by name. All such licenses renewed upon
5 the basis of completed continuing education as provided by subsection
6 (a) shall bear a distinctive notation to verify such completion. All such
7 licenses shall be valid in any other county or city which requires exami-
8 nation and licensure of plumbers for practice in such county or city.

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

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

24 (f) Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A.
25 12-1508, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a master certificate
26 shall demonstrate documented proof of having a valid journeyman cer-
27 tificate for a minimum of two years or having field experience for a min-
28 imum of four years.

29 (g) (1) *On and after January 1, 2011, no person shall install, improve,*
30 *repair, maintain or inspect a medical gas piping system within a county*
31 *or city which requires the licensure of plumbers practicing within the*
32 *county or city unless such person: (A) Is licensed as a master plumber or*
33 *journeyman plumber under the provisions of 12-1508 et seq., and amend-*
34 *ments thereto; and (B) is certified by the county or city as a medical gas*
35 *installer based on qualifications and requirements adopted by the county*
36 *or city in accordance with this subsection (g). The qualifications adopted*
37 *by the county or city for certification as a medical gas installer shall*
38 *include, but not be limited to, the qualifications for certification by the*
39 *American medical gas institute (AMGI) or an equivalent authority as*
40 *determined by the county or city, with a minimum of 32 hours of training*
41 *with eight of such hours in brazing. In establishing qualifications and*
42 *requirements for certification as a medical gas installer, a county or city*
43 *may set fees for training, certification, certificate renewal and any other*

1 *necessary fees in an amount sufficient to pay the cost to the county or city*
2 *of the administration of the certification of the medical gas installer pro-*
3 *gram under this subsection (g); may require reasonable continuing edu-*
4 *cation or additional training, or both, for certified medical gas installers;*
5 *and may take such other actions as necessary to implement the certifi-*
6 *cation of the medical gas installer program under this subsection (g).*

7 (2) *As used in this subsection (g):*

8 (A) *“Certified medical gas installer” means a person who is certified*
9 *by the county or city as successfully meeting the qualifications and*
10 *requirements established for certification as a medical gas installer by the*
11 *county or city; and*

12 (B) *“medical gas piping” means the piping used solely to transport*
13 *gasses used for medical purposes at a health care facility or the place of*
14 *business of a health care provider.*

15 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 12-1509 is hereby repealed.

16 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the statute book.