

HOUSE BILL No. 2082

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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1 AN ACT concerning the maintenance of previously installed medical gas
2 piping systems in hospitals; amending K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 12-1509 and
3 repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 12-1509 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 12-1509. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of
8 plumbers practicing within the county or city may conduct examinations
9 designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and amendments thereto, for the purpose
10 of determining the competency of applicants for such licensure and shall
11 not be allowed to ask further questions not designated on such
12 examination. The board of county commissioners of such county or the
13 governing body of such city shall adopt rules and regulations: (1)
14 Governing the conduct and grading of such examinations; (2) prescribing
15 a minimum score of 75% for passage of examinations; (3) fixing a
16 uniform fee to be charged all applicants taking each such examination;
17 and (4) requiring all persons receiving such license annually to obtain not
18 less than 12 hours biennially or six hours annually of continuing
19 education approved by such local governing body. Not less than six hours
20 biennially or three hours annually shall consist of code education.
21 Continuing education may be provided by the local governing body, a
22 nationally recognized trade association, community college, technical
23 school, technical college or other provider approved by the local
24 governing body. All hours of education shall consist of training relative to
25 construction, maintenance and code update training. Neither the county
26 commission nor the governing body of such city shall impose any
27 restriction on the number of providers of such continuing education.

28 (b) The certificate of competency received by any person who
29 successfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and
30 amendments thereto, shall be valid proof of competency for licensure,
31 without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which
32 requires licensure of plumbers practicing within such county or city. The
33 county or city shall issue the appropriate license to any applicant therefor
34 who presents such a certificate of competency. The county or city shall
35 fix a uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

36 (c) All new licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of

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

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

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

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

28 (g) (1) ~~On and after January 1, 2011,~~ No person shall install,
29 improve, repair, maintain or inspect a medical gas piping system within a
30 county or city unless such person: (A) Is licensed under the provisions of
31 K.S.A. 12-1508 et seq., and amendments thereto; and (B) is certified
32 under the appropriate professional qualifications standard or standards of
33 ASSE Series 6000. All installers shall obtain a proper permit from the
34 county or city for which the medical gas is being installed, all inspections
35 shall be done by a third party agency certified under the appropriate
36 professional qualifications standard or standards of ASSE Series 6000 for
37 medical gas systems inspectors and all documentation of the inspections
38 and certifications of installers and inspectors shall be provided to the
39 county or city prior to any occupancy of the building or unit of the
40 building in which the medical gas piping has been installed until an
41 occupancy permit is issued. This subsection shall not apply in counties or
42 cities in which building codes require an inspector certified by a
43 nationally-recognized code organization to inspect medical gas

1 installation prior to an occupancy permit being issued *or to limited*
2 *maintenance on a medical gas piping system previously installed in a*
3 *hospital when performed by hospital maintenance personnel.*

4 (2) As used in this subsection (g);:

5 (A) "Medical gas piping" means the piping used solely to transport
6 gasses used for medical purposes at a health care facility or the place of
7 business of a health care provider;:

8 (B) "*limited maintenance*" means *minor repair or replacement of*
9 *incidental parts and any related inspection or testing; and*

10 (C) "*hospital*" means *a medical care facility as defined in K.S.A. 65-*
11 *425, and amendments thereto, and includes within its meaning any clinic,*
12 *long-term care facility, limited care residential facility and joint*
13 *enterprises for the provision of health care services operated in*
14 *connection with the operation of the medical care facility.*

15 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2010 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.

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