

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 4

By: Long (Lewis) of the
Senate

and

Taylor of the House

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An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1850.8, which relates to the issuance of mechanical journeyman and mechanical contractor licenses; repealing the authority to issue certain licenses without examination; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1850.8, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1850.8 A. Except as authorized by the provisions of subsection B of this section, the Department shall issue a license as a mechanical journeyman or mechanical contractor to any person who:

1. Has been certified by the Committee as having successfully passed the appropriate examination; and

2. Has paid the license fee and has otherwise complied with the provisions of the Mechanical Licensing Act. The license fees shall be annually as follows:

- a. mechanical contractor Fifty Dollars (\$50.00),
 - b. mechanical journeyman Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00),
- and
- c. apprentice registration Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

B. The Department shall license without examination any person who can demonstrate to the Committee that such person has been actually engaged in mechanical work for at least one (1) year during the five (5) years preceding January 1, 1988. This license shall be issued at the same level of competency and for the same category of mechanical work in which the person was previously occupied.

C. All licenses shall be nontransferable. No license shall be issued for longer than one (1) year and all licenses shall expire on June 30 of each year. Licenses may be renewed upon application and payment of the required fees and payment of any penalty for late renewal, as shall be established by the Board. Licenses, issued without state examination, that have not been renewed by August 1, shall not be renewed until the applicant passes the appropriate examination. Persons who are licensed under this act may have their license placed on inactive status by paying the annual renewal fee and eliminating the bonding and insurance requirements. No late fee shall be charged to renew a license which expired while the applicant was in military service if application is made within one (1) year of discharge from the military service.

D. The Department is authorized to establish, upon approval by the Board, and issue, subject to the provisions of the Mechanical Licensing Act, limited licenses in each area of mechanical work based on the experience, ability, examination scores and the education of the applicant. The limited licenses shall authorize the licensee to engage in only those activities and within the limits specified in the license.

E. No mechanical licenses shall be issued pursuant to subsection B of this section after July 1, 1993.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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