

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1004

By: Morgan and Pittman of the
House

and

Coates of the Senate

An Act relating to professions and occupations;
amending 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1850.2, as amended by
Section 1, Chapter 83, O.S.L. 2002 and Section 12,
Chapter 405, O.S.L. 2008 (59 O.S. Supp. 2008,
Sections 1850.2 and 1850.17), which relate to the
Mechanical Licensing Act; modifying definition;
providing for maximum apprentice-to-journeyman ratio;
limiting ratio to petroleum refinery mechanical work;
and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1850.2, as
amended by Section 1, Chapter 83, O.S.L. 2002 (59 O.S. Supp. 2008,
Section 1850.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1850.2 As used in the Mechanical Licensing Act:

1. "Air conditioning system" means the process of treating air
by controlling its temperature, humidity, and cleanliness, to meet
the requirements of a designated area;
2. "Committee" means the Committee of Mechanical Examiners;
3. "Board" means the Construction Industries Board;
4. "Gas piping" means and includes all natural gas piping
within or adjacent to any building, structure, or conveyance, on the

premises and to the connection with a natural gas meter, regulator, or other source of supply;

5. "Heating systems" means and includes systems consisting of air heating appliances from which the heated air is distributed and shall include any accessory apparatus and equipment installed in connection therewith;

6. "Mechanical contractor" or "contractor" means any person engaged in the business of planning, contracting, supervising or furnishing labor or labor and materials for mechanical work;

7. "Mechanical journeyman" or "journeyman" means any person other than a contractor or apprentice who engages in mechanical work;

8. "Mechanical apprentice" or "apprentice" means any person sixteen (16) years of age or older whose principal occupation is learning mechanical work on the job under the direct supervision of a journeyman or contractor;

9. "Mechanical firm" means any corporation, partnership, association, proprietorship, limited liability company, or other business entity which plans or engages, or offers to engage, in mechanical work for another within this state;

10. "Mechanical work" means the installation, maintenance, repair, or renovation, in whole or in part, of any heating system, exhaust system, cooling system, mechanical refrigeration system or ventilation system or any equipment or piping carrying chilled water, air for ventilation purposes, or natural gas, or the installation, maintenance, repair, or renovation of process piping used to carry any liquid, substance, or material, including steam and hot water used for space heating purposes not under the jurisdiction of the Department of Labor other than minor repairs to such systems;

11. "Refrigeration system" means the ~~erection~~, installation, repairing and servicing of a system employing a fluid which normally is vaporized and liquefied in an air conditioning system, food preservation measure or manufacturing process;

12. "Sheet metal" means the erection, installation and repairing of all ferrous or nonferrous duct work and all other materials used in all air conditioning and exhaust systems;

13. "Temporary mechanical journeyman" means any person other than a person permanently licensed as a mechanical journeyman or contractor in this state who meets the temporary licensure requirements of Section 1850.8A of this title; and

14. "Variance and Appeals Board" means the Oklahoma State Mechanical Installation Code Variance and Appeals Board.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 12, Chapter 405, O.S.L. 2008 (59 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 1850.17), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1850.17 A. The Construction Industries Board shall offer examinations for a petroleum refinery mechanical journeyman license. The Board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.

B. The maximum apprentice-to-journeyman ratio for mechanical work requiring a petroleum refinery journeyman license shall not be greater than five apprentices to one petroleum refinery journeyman. This provision is limited to petroleum refinery mechanical work and shall not apply to other apprentice-to-journeyman ratios established by the Construction Industries Board.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of May, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 14th day of May, 2009.

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