

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 283

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to mechanical licenses; amending 59
8 O.S. 2001, Section 1850.8, as last amended by Section
9 12, Chapter 4, O.S.L. 2008 (59 O.S. Supp. 2010,
10 Section 1850.8), which relates to journeyman
11 qualifications; providing for tradesman license;
12 amending 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1850.9, which relates
13 to apprentice registration; authorizing application
14 for tradesman, limited license and journeyman license
15 after certain time period; directing Construction
16 Industries Board to develop criteria for examination
17 and evaluation of skill for certain license;
18 requiring separate examination and qualification for
19 specific areas of mechanical work; directing issuance
20 of license upon successful completion of certain
21 process; construing completion of journeyman
22 examination and qualification; and providing an
23 effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1850.8, as
20 last amended by Section 12, Chapter 4, O.S.L. 2008 (59 O.S. Supp.
21 2010, Section 1850.8), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 1850.8 A. The Construction Industries Board shall
23 issue a license as a mechanical tradesman, mechanical journeyman or
24 mechanical contractor to any person who:

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

3 2. Has paid the license fee and has otherwise complied with the
4 provisions of the Mechanical Licensing Act. The license fees shall
5 be established by rule by the Board pursuant to Section 1000.5 of
6 this title.

7 B. All licenses shall be nontransferable. No license shall be
8 issued for longer than one (1) year and all licenses shall expire on
9 the last day in the birth month of the licensee. Licenses renewed
10 more than thirty (30) days following the date of expiration may only
11 be renewed upon application and payment of the required fees and
12 payment of any penalty for late renewal, as shall be established by
13 the Board. No mechanical tradesman, journeyman or contractor
14 license shall be renewed unless the licensee has completed the
15 required hours of continuing education as determined by the
16 Committee. Persons who are licensed as contractors under the
17 Mechanical Licensing Act may have their license placed on inactive
18 status by paying the annual renewal fee and eliminating the bonding
19 and insurance requirements. No late fee shall be charged to renew a
20 license which expired while the applicant was in military service,
21 if application is made within one (1) year of discharge from the
22 military service.

23 C. The Board is authorized to establish and issue, subject to
24 the provisions of the Mechanical Licensing Act, tradesman or limited

1 licenses in each area of mechanical work based on the experience,
2 ability, examination scores and the education of the applicant. The
3 tradesman or limited licenses shall authorize the licensee to engage
4 in only those activities and within the limits specified in the
5 license.

6 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1850.9, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 1850.9 A. The Construction Industries Board, upon
9 proper application and payment of an apprentice registration fee,
10 shall register as a mechanical apprentice and issue a certificate of
11 such registration to any person who furnishes satisfactory proof to
12 the Board that the applicant is:

- 13 1. Sixteen (16) years of age or older; and
- 14 2. Enrolled in a school or training course for mechanical
15 apprentices recognized by the Board or has arranged for employment
16 as a mechanical apprentice with a licensed mechanical contractor.

17 B. Apprentice registration certificates shall expire one (1)
18 year after date of registration, at which time the apprentice may
19 reregister as an apprentice and receive, upon payment of the
20 apprentice registration renewal fee, a renewal certificate.

21 C. An apprentice registration certificate holder may, any time
22 after one (1) year of full-time employment as a mechanical
23 apprentice, apply for a tradesman or limited license or journeyman
24 license as provided in the Mechanical Licensing Act. The

1 Construction Industries Board shall develop criteria for examination
2 and evaluation of the qualifications, experience and skill of an
3 applicant desiring a tradesman or limited license following a one-
4 year term as an apprentice. The examination and qualification
5 process shall be available to the applicant separately for each
6 specialized area of mechanical work. Upon successful completion of
7 the tradesman or limited license examination and qualifications in a
8 specific area of mechanical work, and payment of the required fees,
9 the person shall be issued a tradesman or limited license for that
10 area of work and shall, upon licensure, be qualified to practice
11 mechanical work in that area of expertise stated on the license as
12 approved by the Board. Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary,
13 any person successfully completing the journeyman examination,
14 qualifications and paying the required fees shall be issued a
15 journeyman license without limitation.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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