HOUSE BILL No. 2666

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 12-1509 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-1509. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of plumbers practicing within the county or city may conduct examinations designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of determining the competency of applicants for such licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further questions not designated on such examination. The board of county commissioners of such county or the governing body of such city shall adopt rules and regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75% for passage of examinations; (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants taking each such examination; and (4) requiring all persons receiving such license annually to obtain not less than 12 hours biennially or six hours annually of continuing education approved by such local governing body. Not less than six hours biennially or three hours annually shall consist of code education. Continuing education may be provided by the local governing body, a nationally recognized trade association, community college, technical school, technical college or other provider approved by the local governing body. All hours of education shall consist of training relative to construction, maintenance and code update training. Neither the county commission nor the governing body of such city shall impose any restriction on the number of providers of such continuing education. 

(b) The certificate of competency received by any person who completes the experience requirements specified in subsections (e) and (f) and who successfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and amendments thereto, shall be valid proof of competency for licensure, without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which requires licensure of plumbers practicing within such county or city. The county or city shall issue the appropriate license certificate to any applicant therefor who presents such a certificate of competency and who demonstrates that such applicant has met the experience requirements specified in subsections (e) and (f). The county or city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

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

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

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

(f) Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a master certificate shall demonstrate issuing a master certificate, the issuing jurisdiction shall verify the validity of the applicant’s documented proof of having a valid journeyman certificate for a minimum of two years or having field experience for a minimum of four years.

(g) (1) No person shall install, improve, repair, maintain or inspect
a medical gas piping system within a county or city unless such person:
(A) Is licensed under the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1508 et seq., and amend-
ments thereto; and (B) is certified under the appropriate professional
qualifications standard or standards of ASSE Series 6000. All installers
shall obtain a proper permit from the county or city for which the medical
gas is being installed, all inspections shall be done by a third party agency
certified under the appropriate professional qualifications standard or
standards of ASSE Series 6000 for medical gas systems inspectors and all
documentation of the inspections and certifications of installers and ins-
spectors shall be provided to the county or city prior to any occupancy of
the building or unit of the building in which the medical gas piping has
been installed until an occupancy permit is issued. This subsection shall
not apply in counties or cities in which building codes require an inspector
certified by a nationally-recognized code organization to inspect medical
gas installation prior to an occupancy permit being issued or to limited
maintenance on a medical gas piping system previously installed in a hos-
pital when performed by hospital maintenance personnel.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 12-1526 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 12-1526. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of elec-
tricians practicing within the county or city may conduct examinations
designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, for the purpose
of determining the competency of applicants for such licensure and shall
not be allowed to ask further questions not designated on such exami-
nation. The board of county commissioners of such county or the gov-
erning body of such city shall adopt rules and regulations: (1) Governing
the conduct and grading of such examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum
score of 75% for passage of examinations; (3) fixing a uniform fee to be
charged all applicants taking each such examination; and (4) requiring all
persons receiving such license to obtain not less than 12 hours biennially
or six hours annually of continuing education approved by such local gov-
erning body. Not less than six hours biennially or three hours annually
shall consist of code education. Continuing education may be provided
by the local governing body, a nationally recognized trade association,
community college, technical school, technical college or other provider
approved by the local governing body. All hours of education shall consist
of training relative to construction, maintenance and code update train-
ing. Neither the county commission nor the governing body of such city
shall impose any restriction on the number of providers of such contin-
uing education.

(b) The certificate of competency received by any person who com-
pletes the experience requirements specified in subsections (e) and (f) and
who successfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525,
and amendments thereto, shall be valid proof of competency for licen-
sure, without additional examination, in any county or city of the state
which requires licensure of electricians practicing within such county or
city. The county or city shall issue the appropriate license certificate to
any applicant therefor who presents such a certificate of competency and
who demonstrates that such applicant has met the experience require-
ments specified in subsections (e) and (f). The county or city shall fix a
uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

(c) All new licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of suc-
cessful passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and
amendments thereto, shall bear a distinctive notation identifying the test-
ing agency and the specific test by name. All licenses renewed upon the
basis of completed continuing education as provided by subsection (a)
shall bear a distinctive notation to verify such completion. All such li-
censes shall be valid in any other county or city which requires examination and licensure of electricians for practice in such county or city.

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

(e) Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a journeyman or residential certificate, the issuing jurisdiction shall verify the validity of the applicant's documented proof of a minimum of two years field experience. “Field experience” means working under the direct supervision of a person having a valid journeyman certificate, residential certificate or master certificate or attending trade related schooling. No more than one year of the requirement may be satisfied by trade related schooling. Schooling shall consist of a minimum of 240 hours classroom training.

(f) Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a master certificate shall demonstrate issuing a master certificate, the issuing jurisdiction shall verify the validity of the applicant’s documented proof of having a valid journeyman certificate for a minimum of two years.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 12-1542 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-1542. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors and master and journeyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics practicing within the county or city may conduct examinations designated by K.S.A. 12-1541, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of determining the competency of applicants for such licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further questions not designated on such examination. The board of county commissioners of such county or the governing body of such city shall adopt rules and regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75% for passage of examinations; (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants taking each such examination; and (4) requiring all persons receiving such license annually to obtain not less than 12 hours biennially or six hours annually of continuing education approved by such local governing body. Not less than six hours biennially or three hours annually shall consist of code education. Continuing education may be provided by the local governing body, a nationally recognized trade association, community college, technical school, technical college or other provider approved by the local governing body. All hours of education shall consist of training relative to construction, maintenance and code update training. Neither the county commission nor the governing body of such city shall impose any restriction on the number of providers of such continuing education.

(b) The certificate of competency received by any person who completes the experience requirements specified in subsections (e) and (f) and who successfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1541, and amendments thereto, shall be valid proof of competency for licensure, without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which requires licensure of mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors and master and journeyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics practicing within such county or city. The county or city shall issue the appropriate license to any applicant therefor who presents such a certificate of competency and who demonstrates that such applicant has met the experience requirements specified in subsections (e) and (f). The county or city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

(c) All new licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1541, and amendments thereto, shall bear a distinctive notation identifying the testing agency and the specific test by name. All licenses renewed upon the basis of completed continuing education as provided by subsection (a) shall bear a distinctive notation to verify such completion. All such li-
censes shall be valid in any other county or city which requires examina-
tion and licensure of mechanical heating, ventilation and air condition-
ing contractors and master and journeyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics for practice in such county or city.

(d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989,
upon the basis of passage of a standard examination designated by the
political subdivision and whose certificate or license was issued by such
political subdivision which prescribed a minimum score of not less than
70% for passage of such examination, shall be required to be reexamined
for renewal of certification or licensure.

(e) Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A.
12-1541, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a journeyman heating,
ventilation and air conditioning mechanic certificate shall demonstrate
issuing a journeyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanic
certificate, the issuing jurisdiction shall verify the validity of the appli-
cant’s documented proof of a minimum of two years field experience.
“Field experience” means working under the direct supervision of a per-
son having a valid journeyman certificate or master certificate or attending
trade related schooling. No more than one year of the requirement may
be satisfied by trade related schooling, Schooling shall consist of minimum
of 240 hours classroom training.

(f) Before sitting for the standard examination designated by K.S.A.
12-1541, and amendments thereto, an applicant for a master heating,
ventilation and air conditioning mechanic certificate shall demonstrate
issuing a master heating, ventilation and air conditioning certificate, the
issuing jurisdiction shall verify the validity of the applicant’s documented
proof of having a valid journeyman certificate for a minimum of two years
or having field experience for a minimum of four years.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 12-1509, 12-1526 and 12-1542 are hereby
repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the
House, and passed that body

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Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED

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Governor