

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2007

By: Townley of the House

and

Rogers of the Senate

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10 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
11 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1850.8, which relates
12 to Mechanical Licensing Act; authorizing certain
13 apprentices to take certain journeyman examinations
14 without satisfying training and experiences
15 requirements under certain conditions; stating
16 conditions; and providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1850.8, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1850.8. A. The Construction Industries Board shall
21 issue a license as a mechanical journeyman or mechanical contractor
22 to any person who:

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

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

5 B. A registered apprentice working under the supervision of an
6 active mechanical contractor may sit for the examination for a
7 limited mechanical HVAC license, limited residential journeyman
8 license, limited residential installer license or any subspecialty
9 to the limited mechanical HVAC license without satisfying the
10 training or experience requirements in the Mechanical Licensing Act,
11 provided the overseeing mechanical contractor certifies to the
12 Construction Industries Board that the registered apprentice:

13 1. Has at least eighteen (18) months' substantially similar
14 experience;

15 2. Has at least six (6) months' as a registered apprentice under
16 the certifying mechanical contractor; and

17 3. Has the skills necessary to sit for the relevant examination.

18 A journeyman licensed pursuant to this subsection shall be required
19 to work under the supervision of an active mechanical contractor who
20 shall be required to maintain adequate insurance coverage for any
21 journeyman working under their purview. A registered apprentice may
22 not receive an unlimited journeyman license through the provisions
23 of this subsection.

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

16 ~~C.~~ D. The Board is authorized to establish and issue, subject
17 to the provisions of the Mechanical Licensing Act, limited licenses
18 in each area of mechanical work based on the experience, ability,
19 examination scores and the education of the applicant. The limited
20 licenses shall authorize the licensee to engage in only those
21 activities and within the limits specified in the license.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.
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