

Amendment to HB 298

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the mechanical licensing board.
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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:
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7 1 Mechanical Licensing; Definitions. Amend RSA 153:27 to read as follows:

8 153:27 Definitions. In this subdivision:

9 I. "Board" means the mechanical licensing board established in RSA 153:27-a.

10 II. "Domestic appliance technician" means any person engaged in the installation,
11 servicing, and repair of liquefied propane or natural gas domestic appliances designed specifically
12 for residential use, limited to residential clothes dryers and their venting systems, domestic stove
13 tops, cook stoves and ranges and their venting systems, or outdoor cooking equipment and pool
14 heaters.

15 III. "Fuel gas fitter" means a hearth system installation and service technician, ***a domestic***
16 ***appliance technician***, a fuel gas installation technician, a fuel gas service technician, or a fuel
17 gas piping installer regulated by this subdivision.

18 IV. "Fuel gas fitting" means the installation, repair, alteration, service, demolition or
19 removal of pipes, fixtures, fittings, appliances, ***equipment***, or apparatus necessary for supplying
20 natural gas or propane for residential or non-residential use from the point of delivery and all gas
21 piping before connection to the combustion zone and including the applicable venting of flue gases
22 to the outside atmosphere and the provisions for air for combustion and ventilation.

23 V. "Fuel gas installation technician" means any person engaged in the installation of inside
24 and outside piping from the outlet of the gas meter or first stage regulator or residential and non-
25 residential ***fuel gas appliances and equipment, including but not limited to*** heating
26 equipment systems or water heating systems using liquefied propane gas or natural gas.

27 VI. "Fuel gas piping installer" means any person engaged in the installation of liquefied
28 propane gas or natural gas piping or who is a New Hampshire licensed plumber, approved by the
29 board through affidavit, experience, education or training in the use of NFPA 54, national fuel gas
30 code as adopted pursuant to RSA 153:5 in the state fire code.

31 VII. "Fuel gas service technician" means any person engaged in the servicing and repair of
32 inside and outside piping from the outlet of the gas meter or first stage regulator or residential and

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1 non-residential ***fuel gas appliances and equipment, including but not limited to*** heating
2 equipment systems or water heating systems using liquefied propane gas or natural gas.

3 VIII. "Fuel gas trainee" means any person engaged in the process of meeting the licensing
4 requirements of this subdivision, who shall work under the ***direct*** supervision of a licensed fuel gas
5 fitter in the repair or installation of inside and outside piping from a gas meter or first stage
6 regulator, and the repair or installation of residential and nonresidential ***fuel gas appliances and***
7 ***equipment, including but not limited to*** heating equipment systems, hot water heating systems,
8 ***domestic appliances***, or hearth equipment systems utilizing liquefied propane gas or natural gas.

9 IX. "Hearth system installation and service technician" means any person engaged in the
10 installation, servicing, and repair of liquefied propane or natural gas hearth appliances and venting
11 systems.

12 X. "Journeyman plumber" means any person who customarily performs the work of
13 installing, maintaining, and repairing plumbing and drainage under the direction of a master
14 plumber.

15 XI. "License" means any license issued pursuant to this subdivision.

16 XII. "Master plumber" means any person, firm, corporation, or limited liability company
17 that, as a business, hires or employs a person or persons to do plumbing work, or, without hiring
18 any person, does that work as a principal business or as auxiliary to a principal business for its own
19 account.

20 XIII. "Person" means an individual, natural person.

21 XIV. "Plumbing" means the practice, materials, and fixtures used in the installing,
22 maintenance, extension, and alteration of all piping, fixtures, plumbing appliances, and plumbing
23 appurtenances within or adjacent to any structure, in connection with sanitary drainage or storm
24 drainage facilities; venting systems; and public or private water systems. For the purposes of this
25 subdivision, the term "plumbing" shall not apply beyond the first fitting beyond the foundation wall
26 of the building or 5 feet of pipe from the building.

27 XV. "Plumbing apprentice" means any person who is engaged in learning and assisting in
28 the installation of plumbing and drainage under an apprenticeship program that meets the
29 requirements of the state apprenticeship advisory council established in RSA 278 ***or the rules of***
30 ***the board***.

31 XVI. "Water treatment system" means any apparatus for treating or processing water to
32 modify, enhance, or improve its quality or to meet a specific water quality need, desire, or standard,
33 and the pipes, fittings, and other components servicing such apparatus.

34 XVII. "Water treatment technician" means any person who installs, maintains, or repairs
35 water treatment systems.

36 XVIII. "Water treatment trainee" means any person who is engaged in learning about and
37 assisting in installing, maintaining, or repairing water treatment systems under the direct

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1 supervision of a water treatment technician certified under this subdivision.

2 2 Business Entities License. Amend RSA 153:29-a, I to read as follows:

3 I. The board may issue a business entity a license without examination or continuing
4 education requirements to corporations, partnerships, or limited liability companies engaged in fuel
5 gas fitting and/or plumbing, provided one or more officers of the corporation, or designee, or one or
6 more members of the partnership, or designee, or one or more managing members of the limited
7 liability company, or designee, hold an active and current license as a ***domestic appliance***
8 ***technician, hearth system installation and service technician, or*** fuel gas service technician
9 or master plumber for the appropriate mechanical business entity license, or any combination
10 thereof, provided that the licensee of record is properly licensed for each of the business entities
11 listed by the applicant under this subdivision. Within 30 days after the death or withdrawal of the
12 licensed person as a corporate officer, or designee, or member of the partnership, or designee, or one
13 or more managing members of the limited liability company, or designee, the licensed person,
14 corporation, partnership, or limited liability company shall give notice thereof to the board and, if
15 no other officer, partner, manager or designee, is licensed as a ***domestic appliance technician,***
16 ***hearth system installation and service technician, or*** fuel gas service technician or master
17 plumber, the corporation, or partnership, or limited liability company shall not act as a fuel gas
18 fitter or plumber until some other officer, member, or designee, has obtained a license as a
19 ***domestic appliance technician, hearth system installation and service technician, or*** fuel
20 gas service technician or master plumber. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board
21 shall not require a fee for a business entity engaged in fitting and/or plumbing where a licensed
22 ***domestic appliance technician, hearth system installation and service technician, or*** fuel
23 gas service technician or master plumber is the sole individual holding the license of the business
24 entity.

25 3 New Paragraph; Business Entities; Good Standing; Insurance. Amend RSA 153:29-a by
26 inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

27 VI. All business entities shall provide proof of good standing with the secretary of state and
28 proof of liability insurance prior to issuance and renewal of a business entity license.

29 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the definitions of persons licensed by the mechanical licensing board and requires business entities to show proof of good standing and insurance.