

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5889**

A bill to amend 2002 PA 733, entitled  
"State plumbing act,"  
by amending section 31 (MCL 338.3541).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 31. (1) A license or apprentice registration issued  
2 under this act must be renewed not more than 60 days after the  
3 renewal date. It is the responsibility of a licensee or  
4 registrant to renew a license or registration. The department  
5 shall send a renewal application to the last known address of a  
6 licensee or registrant on file with the department. Every holder  
7 of a license or registration issued under this act shall promptly  
8 notify the department of a change in his or her business or  
9 residence address. The failure of a licensee or registrant to  
10 notify the department of a change of address does not extend the  
11 expiration date of a license or registration. The department may

1 issue licenses for up to 3 years in duration.

2 (2) The annual fees for initial licensure, apprentice plumber  
3 registration, or renewal of a license and registration issued  
4 under this act are as follows:

5 (a) Journey plumber..... \$20.00.

6 (b) Apprentice plumber..... \$ 5.00.

7 (3) All licenses and apprentice registrations not renewed  
8 within 60 days of expiration may be reinstated only upon  
9 application to the board for reinstatement and the payment of the  
10 annual renewal fee and the following reinstatement fee:

11 (a) Journey plumber..... \$25.00.

12 (b) Apprentice plumber..... \$10.00.

13 (4) A person requesting renewal of a license within 3 years  
14 after the license is expired under subsection (3) ~~shall~~ **is** not  
15 ~~be~~ subject to reexamination for the license but is required to  
16 pay the reinstatement fee and the annual renewal fee for each  
17 year not renewed. A person who fails to renew a license for more  
18 than 3 consecutive years is required to meet the experience and  
19 other requirements and take an examination for the class of  
20 license ~~sought~~ **requested**.

21 (5) Examination fees are as follows:

22 (a) Plumbing contractor..... \$50.00.

23 (b) Master plumber..... \$50.00.

24 (c) Journey plumber..... \$50.00.

25 (6) The department shall issue an initial master plumber and  
26 plumbing contractor license for a period of up to 3 years. The  
27 master plumber and plumbing contractor licenses are renewable for

1 periods of 3 years. ~~In the case of~~ **For** a person applying for  
2 initial or reinstatement license at a time other than between  
3 April 30 and June 30 of the year in which the department issues  
4 renewal licenses, the department shall compute and charge the  
5 license fee on a yearly prorated basis beginning the year of  
6 application until the last year of the 3-year license period.

7 (7) The initial and renewal fee for a master plumber and  
8 plumbing contractor license issued under this act are as  
9 follows:

10 (a) Plumbing contractor..... \$200.00.

11 (b) Master plumber..... \$200.00.

12 (8) All plumbing contractor and master plumber licenses not  
13 renewed within 60 days of expiration may be reinstated only upon  
14 application **submitted** to the board and payment of the renewal fee  
15 and an \$85.00 reinstatement fee.

16 (9) **Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act**  
17 **that added this subsection, the department shall issue an initial**  
18 **or renewal license for a master plumber or a plumbing contractor**  
19 **not later than 90 days after the applicant files a completed**  
20 **application. Receipt of the application is considered the date**  
21 **the application is received by any agency or department of the**  
22 **state of Michigan. If the application is considered incomplete**  
23 **by the department, the department shall notify the applicant in**  
24 **writing, or make the information electronically available, within**  
25 **30 days after receipt of the incomplete application, describing**  
26 **the deficiency and requesting the additional information. The**  
27 **90-day period is tolled upon notification by the department of a**

1 deficiency until the date the requested information is received  
2 by the department. The determination of the completeness of an  
3 application does not operate as an approval of the application  
4 for the license and does not confer eligibility of an applicant  
5 determined otherwise ineligible for issuance of a license.

6 (10) If the department fails to issue or deny a license  
7 within the time required by this section, the department shall  
8 return the license fee and shall reduce the license fee for the  
9 applicant's next renewal application, if any, by 15%. The  
10 failure to issue a license within the time required under this  
11 section does not allow the department to otherwise delay the  
12 processing of the application, and that application, upon  
13 completion, shall be placed in sequence with other completed  
14 applications received at that same time. The department shall  
15 not discriminate against an applicant in the processing of the  
16 application based upon the fact that the license fee was refunded  
17 or discounted under this subsection.

18 (11) Beginning October 1, 2005, the director of the  
19 department shall submit a report by December 1 of each year to  
20 the standing committees and appropriations subcommittees of the  
21 senate and house of representatives concerned with occupational  
22 issues. The director shall include all of the following  
23 information in the report concerning the preceding fiscal year:

24 (a) The number of initial and renewal applications the  
25 department received and completed within the 90-day time period  
26 described in subsection (9).

27 (b) The number of applications denied.

1           (c) The number of applicants not issued a license within the  
2 90-day time period and the amount of money returned to licensees  
3 under subsection (10).

4           (12) As used in this section, "completed application" means  
5 an application complete on its face and submitted with any  
6 applicable licensing fees as well as any other information,  
7 records, approval, security, or similar item required by law or  
8 rule from a local unit of government, a federal agency, or a  
9 private entity but not from another department or agency of the  
10 state of Michigan.