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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 153

By: Senator Hester  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TRAINING AND  
LICENSURE OF PLUMBERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TRAINING  
AND LICENSURE OF PLUMBERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 38, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-38-409. Supervision of apprentice plumbers.

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that an apprentice plumber should be trained in a manner that:

(1) Develops the skills of the apprentice plumber;

(2) Ensures the safety of plumbers and the public; and

(3) Guarantees that the work of the apprentice plumber complies with legal requirements and meets industry standards.

(b)(1) An apprentice plumber shall not engage in plumbing unless he or she is supervised by a master plumber or a journeyman plumber.

(2) The work done and the tools and methods utilized by the master plumber, journeyman plumber, and apprentice plumber in the course of supervision shall comply with legal requirements and meet industry standards.

(3)(A) The master plumber or journeyman plumber shall observe the work of an apprentice plumber in person at regular and reasonable intervals.



(B) The State Board of Career Education shall promulgate rules which determine the regular and reasonable intervals under subdivision (3)(A) of this section in consideration of the:

(i) Nature of the work; and

(ii) Skill and experience of the apprentice plumber.

(4)(A) The supervising master plumber or journeyman plumber shall remain within reasonable proximity of the apprentice plumber while work is being performed.

(B) The proximity of the supervising plumber to the apprentice plumber is reasonable if:

(i) The job site is a single family residence or a project that does not require a contractor's license, and the supervising plumber is:

(a) Within the line of sight of the apprentice plumber;

(b) At the same street address at which apprentice plumber is working;

(c) At a street address adjacent to or adjoining the street address at which the apprentice plumber is working; or

(d) Within the same geographical subdivision in which the apprentice is located; or

(ii) The job site is not a single family residence, requires a contractor's license, and:

(a) The supervising plumber is within the line of sight of the apprentice plumber; or

(b) The supervising plumber is within two hundred fifty (250) yards of the apprentice plumber and the supervising plumber and the apprentice plumber are within the property boundaries of the job site.

(c) One (1) master plumber or journeyman plumber may supervise up to three (3) apprentice plumbers on a single plumbing job.

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