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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. LITTLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. SAYWARD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to establishing voluntary licensing of master plumbers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new article
2 28-F to read as follows:

3 ARTICLE 28-F
4 LICENSING OF MASTER PLUMBERS

5 SECTION 491. DEFINITIONS.

6 492. LICENSE; MASTER PLUMBER.

7 493. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

8 S 491. DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
9 REQUIRES OTHERWISE:

10 1. "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR MASTER PLUMBERS ESTAB-
11 LISHED BY SECTION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-THREE OF THIS ARTICLE.

12 2. "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

13 3. "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

14 S 492. LICENSE; MASTER PLUMBER. 1. ANY PERSON WHO IS A PLUMBER IN THIS
15 STATE MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY FOR A LICENSE AS A MASTER PLUMBER. SUCH
16 A LICENSE SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGING IN THE
17 PROFESSION OF BEING A MASTER PLUMBER. HOWEVER, SUCH LICENSE SHALL BE

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 INDICATIVE THAT THE HOLDER THEREOF HAS MET THE STANDARDS FOR TRAINING,
2 KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO BE A MASTER PLUMBER, AND ALSO
3 AUTHORIZE THE HOLDER THEREOF TO ENGAGE IN THE PROFESSION OF BEING A
4 MASTER PLUMBER IN ANY OTHER STATE WHICH GRANTS RECIPROCITY TO PLUMBERS
5 LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. FURTHERMORE, EVERY PERSON LICENSED
6 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE AS A MASTER
7 PLUMBER THROUGHOUT THE STATE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE
8 GENERAL CITY LAW AND THE COUNTY LAW; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, NO LICENSE
9 ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL AUTHORIZE ANY PERSON TO PRACTICE
10 AS A PLUMBER IN ANY CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE.

11 2. ANY PLUMBER WISHING TO BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL:

12 (A) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION THEREFOR TO THE SECRETARY IN SUCH FORM AND
13 MANNER AS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY AND CONTAINING SUCH INFORMATION AS
14 THE BOARD DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY TO DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATIONS AND
15 FITNESS FOR LICENSING OF THE APPLICANT;

16 (B) SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FEE PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD; AND

17 (C) COMPLETE AN EXAMINATION ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.

18 3. EVERY PERSON WHO SUCCESSFULLY PASSES THE EXAMINATION ESTABLISHED BY
19 THE BOARD AND COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS
20 SECTION SHALL BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

21 4. EVERY LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL REMAIN IN
22 EFFECT FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, AND MAY BE RENEWED FOR ADDITIONAL TWO
23 YEAR PERIODS UPON SUBMISSION OF A RENEWAL APPLICATION AND THE APPLICA-
24 TION FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.

25 S 493. BOARD OF EXAMINERS. 1. THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE
26 DEPARTMENT A BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR MASTER PLUMBERS. SUCH BOARD SHALL
27 CONSIST OF THIRTEEN MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS: THE SECRETARY, OR HIS OR HER
28 DESIGNEE; FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED
29 BY THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY
30 THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY. THE APPOINTED MEMBERS SHALL BE BROADLY
31 REPRESENTATIVE OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE PROFESSION OF BEING A MASTER
32 PLUMBER. EACH APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A
33 TERM OF TWO YEARS. ANY MEMBER MAY BE REAPPOINTED FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS.
34 THE STATE FIRE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SERVE AS AN ADDITIONAL NON-VOTING
35 MEMBER OF THE BOARD AND SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR.

36 2. THE BOARD SHALL MEET NOT LESS THAN THREE TIMES A YEAR.

37 3. THE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING:

38 (A) THE SCOPE OF THE PROFESSION OF BEING A MASTER PLUMBER;

39 (B) QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING A LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER;

40 (C) AN EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE THE KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONS APPLYING FOR
41 A LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE; AND

42 (D) FEES FOR LICENSES AND RENEWALS THEREOF PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

43 4. THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ACT
44 AS SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, AND SHALL PROVIDE SUCH BOARD WITH SUCH STENO-
45 GRAPHIC OR OTHER ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

46 5. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION BUT SHALL BE
47 ENTITLED TO ACTUAL AND NECESSARY TRAVELING AND OTHER EXPENSES WHILE
48 ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF SUCH MEMBER'S DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS
49 ARTICLE.

50 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
51 it shall have become a law. Provided that any rules and regulations
52 necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date
53 are authorized and directed to be completed on or before such date.