

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 740**

A bill to amend 2016 PA 407, entitled
"Skilled trades regulation act,"
by amending section 1117 (MCL 339.6117) and by adding section
1117a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1117. (1) An individual who is employed as an apprentice
2 plumber shall register with the department on a form provided by
3 the department ~~within~~**not later than** 30 days after employment.

4 (2) An apprentice registration is invalid after 5 years from
5 the date of initial registration unless the registered apprentice
6 applies for and takes the examination for journey license. The
7 registration of an apprentice who has applied for a journey license
8 remains valid after the 5-year period until either a license is

1 issued or the apprentice fails to take the examination.

2 (3) On request by the apprentice to the board, the board may
3 grant an extension of an apprentice registration for a period of
4 time as determined appropriate by the board.

5 (4) An apprentice plumber shall, as ~~his or her~~ **the apprentice**
6 **plumber's** principal occupation, be engaged in learning and
7 assisting in the installation of plumbing under the direct, on-
8 site, ~~jobsite~~ **in-person** supervision of a journey or master plumber.

9 **Sec. 1117a. (1) The ratio of journey plumbers or master**
10 **plumbers who provide direct, on-site, in-person supervision as**
11 **required under section 1117 to an apprentice is on the basis of 1**
12 **journey plumber or master plumber to not more than 2 apprentices.**
13 **The department or an enforcing agency shall enforce the ratio on a**
14 **jobsite basis.**

15 (2) If a plumbing contractor violates this section, the
16 plumbing contractor is subject to the following punishments:

17 (a) For a first violation, a \$5,000.00 administrative fine.

18 (b) For a second violation, a \$10,000.00 administrative fine.

19 (c) For a third violation, a suspension, for not less than 90
20 days, of the plumbing contractor's plumbing contractor license.

21 After 90 days, the plumbing contractor may have the license
22 reinstated if the plumbing contractor passes the plumbing
23 contractor examination described in section 1111.

24 (3) The department shall pay any money collected under this
25 section for an administrative fine to the enforcing agency that
26 discovered the violation that resulted in the administrative fine.

27 (4) If the department issues an order for a violation of this
28 section, the department is entitled to actual costs and attorney
29 fees related to the investigation and adjudication of the

1 violation.