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SENATE BILL 6278

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By Senators Roach, McCoy, Takko, O'Ban, and Conway

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1            AN ACT Relating to the plumbing industry; amending RCW 18.106.110  
2 and 18.106.270; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.106.110 and 2013 c 23 s 24 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1)(a) There is created a state advisory board of plumbers, to be  
7 composed of ((seven)) nine members ((appointed by the director)). Two  
8 members shall be journey level plumbers, one member shall be a  
9 specialty plumber, three members shall be persons conducting a  
10 plumbing business, at least one of which shall be primarily engaged  
11 in a specialty plumbing business, ((and)) one member from the general  
12 public who is familiar with the business and trade of plumbing, one  
13 member from the plumbing code body recognized by Washington state  
14 law, and one member from the department of health.

15            (b) The secretary of the department of health shall appoint the  
16 member from the department of health, and the director of the  
17 department of labor and industries shall appoint all other members.

18            (2) The term of one journey level plumber expires July 1, 1995;  
19 the term of the second journey level plumber expires July 1, 2000;  
20 the term of the specialty plumber expires July 1, 2008; the term of  
21 one person conducting a plumbing business expires July 1, 1996; the

1 term of the second person conducting a plumbing business expires July  
2 1, 2000; the term of the third person conducting a plumbing business  
3 expires July 1, 2007; ~~((and))~~ the term of the public member expires  
4 July 1, 1997; the term of the member from the plumbing code body  
5 expires July 1, 2019; and the term of the member from the department  
6 of health expires July 1, 2017. Thereafter, upon the expiration of  
7 said terms, the ~~((director))~~ person named in subsection (1)(b) of  
8 this section shall appoint a new member to serve for a period of  
9 three years. However, to ensure that the board can continue to act, a  
10 member whose term expires shall continue to serve until his or her  
11 replacement is appointed. In the case of any vacancy on the board for  
12 any reason, the ~~((director))~~ person named in subsection (1)(b) of  
13 this section shall appoint a new member to serve out the term of the  
14 person whose position has become vacant.

15 (3) The advisory board shall carry out all the functions and  
16 duties enumerated in this chapter, as well as generally advise the  
17 department on all matters relative to enforcement of this chapter,  
18 including, but not limited to, plumbing industry promotion, standards  
19 of plumbing installations, consumer protection, and standards for  
20 protection of the public health.

21 (4) Each member of the advisory board shall receive travel  
22 expenses in accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.050 and  
23 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended for each day in which  
24 such member is actually engaged in attendance upon the meetings of  
25 the advisory board.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.106.270 and 1994 c 174 s 8 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 (1) A person found to have committed an infraction under RCW  
29 18.106.020 shall be assessed a monetary penalty of ~~((two hundred~~  
30 ~~fifty))~~ five hundred dollars for the first infraction, and not more  
31 than ~~((one))~~ two thousand dollars for a second or subsequent  
32 infraction. The department shall set by rule a schedule of penalties  
33 for infractions imposed under this chapter.

34 (2) The administrative law judge may waive, reduce, or suspend  
35 the monetary penalty imposed for the infraction for good cause shown.

36 (3) Monetary penalties collected under this chapter shall be  
37 deposited in the plumbing certificate fund.

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