

AN ACT

Bill 19-632
Act 19-638
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Columbia
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To amend Chapter 28 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to require the District of Columbia Board of Industrial Trades to accept a certificate from a nationally recognized trade organization, non-union sponsor, or labor union that is registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, U.S. Department of Labor, or the District of Columbia Apprenticeship Council certifying that an applicant has passed its required examination and is considered and classed by that organization as a journeyman pipefitter, refrigeration mechanic, or air conditioning mechanic.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Pipefitting, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic Occupations Equality Act of 2012”.

Pipefitting,
Refrigeration
and Air
Conditioning
Mechanic
Occupations
Equality Act
of 2012

Sec. 2. Chapter 28 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) Section 47-2853.12(c) is amended by adding new paragraphs (3) and (4) to read as follows:

Amend
§ 47-2853.12

“(3) An applicant applying for licensure as a journeyman plumber or journeyman gasfitter pursuant to § 47-2853.122(b) shall be exempt from the requirements of this subsection.

“(4) An applicant applying for licensure as a journeyman refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic pursuant to § 47-2853.202(c) shall be exempt from the requirements of this subsection.”.

(b) Section 47-2853.122 is amended by adding a new subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

Amend
§ 47-2853.122

“(b-1)(1) The Board shall accept, in lieu of examination and the requirements set forth in subsection (b) of this section, a certificate from a national certifying organization certifying that the applicant :

“(A) Has completed the organization’s apprenticeship program;

“(B) Has passed the organization’s required examination;

“(C) Is designated by that organization as a journeyman plumber or journeyman gasfitter; and

“(D) Has not been disciplined or otherwise disqualified by the organization.

“(2) For the purposes of this subsection, the term “national certifying organization” shall include a nationally recognized trade organization, non-union sponsor, or labor union that is registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, the United States Department of Labor, or the District of Columbia Apprenticeship Council.”.

(c) Section 47-2853.202 is amended by adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

Amend
§ 47-2853.202

“(d)(1) The Board shall accept, in lieu of an examination, experience, or other requirements of test or skill established by the Board, a certificate from a national certifying organization certifying that the applicant:

“(A) Has completed the organization’s apprenticeship program;

“(B) Has passed the organization’s required examination;

“(C) Is designated by that organization as a journeyman refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic; and

“(D) Has not been disciplined or otherwise disqualified by the organization.

“(2) For the purposes of this subsection, the term “national certifying organization” shall include a nationally recognized trade organization, non-union sponsor, or labor union that is registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, the United States Department of Labor, or the District of Columbia Apprenticeship Council.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.