
Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Farrell of Worcester, for a bill with a similar title (House, No. 1406). April 22.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING BY THE GAS FITTING REGULATORY BOARD OF LIMITED UNDILUTED PETROLEUM GAS INSTALLERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12I of chapter 25 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding the following definition: — “Limited
3 undiluted liquefied petroleum gas installer”, a person who does
4 any work in installing, connecting, and moving from place to
5 place undiluted liquefied petroleum gas salamanders, space
6 heaters and related equipment used in buildings under con-
7 struction.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 25 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 12J, as most recently amended by section 3
3 of chapter 557 of the acts of 1963, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section: —

5 *Section 12J.* The board shall hold examinations for the li-
6 censing of journeymen and master gas fitters at such times and
7 places as it shall determine, but not less than once in each year,
8 and for the licensing of undiluted liquefied petroleum gas in-
9 stallers and limited undiluted liquefied petroleum gas installers
10 at such times and places as it shall determine, but not less than
11 once in each year. It may make such rules and regulations as
12 are deemed necessary for the conduct of such examinations;
13 provided, however, that no applicant for licensure as an un-
14 diluted liquefied petroleum gas installer shall be examined by

15 the board unless he satisfies the board that he has had at least
16 ninety days training and experience in installing undiluted
17 liquefied petroleum gas systems and appliances, except that an
18 applicant for licensure as a limited undiluted liquefied petroleum
19 gas installer need satisfy the board that he has had six months'
20 experience, being the equivalent of one heating season, in in-
21 stalling, connecting and moving from place to place undiluted
22 liquefied petroleum gas salamanders, space heaters and related
23 equipment used in buildings under construction. Applicants
24 for licensure as limited undiluted liquefied petroleum gas in-
25 stallers shall be examined only on matters pertaining to installa-
26 tion, connecting and moving from place to place of undiluted
27 liquefied petroleum gas salamanders, space heaters, and related
28 equipment as used in buildings under construction. The board
29 shall employ an examiner who shall receive as compensation not
30 more than fifty dollars a day during the period of such examina-
31 tions and the correction thereof. The examiner shall not be an
32 employee of any utility corporation which is subject to the pro-
33 visions of chapter one hundred and sixty-four nor shall he ex-
34 amine any candidate who is or has been his employee or is or
35 has been actively associated in business with him, but shall refer
36 such candidate to the board. An applicant shall, upon payment
37 of the prescribed fee, be examined by the board, and, if he passes
38 such examination, shall be licensed as a journeyman gas fitter
39 or master gas fitter or as an undiluted liquefied petroleum gas
40 installer or as a limited undiluted liquefied petroleum gas in-
41 staller, and shall, upon payment of the prescribed fee, receive
42 a certificate thereof from the board. Such license shall not be
43 assignable or transferable and shall be valid for a period of one
44 year from its date of issue, and may be renewed for a like period
45 upon application therefor on blank forms to be furnished by the
46 board.

1 SECTION 3. Section 12K of said chapter 25, as most recently
2 amended by section 4 of said chapter 557, is hereby further
3 amended by adding the following sentence: — The fee for the
4 original license of a limited undiluted petroleum gas installer
5 shall be at the rate of ten dollars for twelve months; for any
6 renewal thereof five dollars and for each examination therefor
7 five dollars.

1 SECTION 4. Said chapter 25 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 12L, as most recently amended by section 5
3 of said chapter 557, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section:—

5 *Section 12L.* Except as otherwise provided herein, no person
6 shall engage in the business of a master gas fitter or work as a
7 journeyman gas fitter unless he is licensed by the board as such
8 or is licensed as a master plumber or journeyman plumber under
9 chapter one hundred and forty-two, and no person shall work
10 as an undiluted liquefied petroleum gas installer unless he is
11 licensed by the board as such or is licensed as a master gas fitter
12 or a journeyman gas fitter under the provisions of this chapter
13 or is licensed as a master plumber or journeyman plumber under
14 chapter one hundred and forty-two. Persons licensed by the
15 board as limited undiluted liquefied petroleum gas installers may
16 only install, connect and move from place to place undiluted
17 liquefied petroleum gas salamanders, space heaters, and related
18 equipment used in buildings under construction. This section
19 shall not apply to any person who engages solely in installing
20 or removing gas meters or in adjusting or servicing gas appli-
21 ances as provided in section twelve H. Whoever violates any
22 provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more
23 than fifty dollars.

1 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections
2 twelve J and twelve K of chapter twenty-five of the General
3 Laws, as amended by sections two and three of this act, any
4 individual who files an application for a license as a limited un-
5 diluted liquefied petroleum gas installer with the board estab-
6 lished under section twelve H of said chapter twenty-five,
7 hereinafter called the board, at any time prior to the first day
8 of January, nineteen hundred and sixty-six, on a form furnished
9 by the board, containing such information as to his training and
10 experience as will satisfy the board that he has had at least one
11 year of practical experience in installing, connecting and moving
12 from place to place undiluted liquefied petroleum gas sala-
13 manders, space heaters and related equipment used in buildings
14 under construction, and furnishes evidence, satisfactory to the
15 board, that he is of good moral character, and pays the appro-
16 priate original license fee as provided in section twelve K of

17 said chapter twenty-five, shall, without examination, be granted
18 such license, and shall be issued a certificate thereof by the
19 board.

20 Any license issued under this section shall be effective Janu-
21 ary first, nineteen hundred and sixty-six, and shall expire on the
22 anniversary of the licensee's date of birth next occurring more
23 than twelve months after the date of issuance.

24 All statements made on application forms filed under this sec-
25 tion shall be subscribed by the applicant and shall be verified by
26 a written declaration that they are made under the penalties of
27 perjury.