

HOUSE No. 4409

By Mr. Ambler of Weymouth, petition of Robert B. Ambler for legislation to make changes in the law governing the licensing of pipefitters and refrigeration technicians. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING CHANGES IN THE LAW GOVERNING THE LICENSING OF PIPEFITTERS AND REFRIGERATION TECHNICIANS.

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. Chapter 990 of the acts of 1977, as most recently
2 amended by chapter 34 of the acts of 1978, is hereby further
3 amended as follows: —

4 Section 10A of chapter 23 of the General Laws is hereby
5 amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place
6 thereof the following paragraphs: —

7 Each appointive member of the bureau shall be paid fifty dollars
8 for each day while in the actual performance of his duties as such,
9 but not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars in any fiscal year.

10 Such clerical, technical and other assistants as may be required
11 by the bureau shall be assigned to it by the Commissioner.

1 SECTION 2. Section 81 of chapter 146, inserted by chapter 990
2 of the acts of 1977, is hereby amended by striking out section 81
3 and inserting in place thereof the following new section: —

4 *Section 81.* As used in this section and in sections 82 to 88,
5 inclusive, the following words shall have the following mean-
6 ings: —

7 “Apprentice pipefitter”, a registered person who is learning or
8 working at the business of pipefitting under the direct supervision
9 of a master or journeyman pipefitter.

10 “Registered”, a person registered according to the provisions of
11 chapter 707 of the acts of 1941.

12 “Bureau”, the bureau of pipefitters and refrigeration technicians
13 as established by section 10A of chapter 22.

14 “Journeyman pipefitter”, any person who has completed an
15 apprenticeship training program satisfactory to the bureau and
16 who by himself or with other journeymen pipefitters or apprentice
17 pipefitters performs any work in pipefitting subject to inspection
18 under any law, ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation but does not
19 employ other journeymen or master pipefitters.

20 “Master pipefitter”, a person having a regular place of business or
21 who, by himself, or with other master pipefitters, journeymen
22 pipefitters, or apprentice pipefitters, in his employ performs pipefit-
23 ting work.

24 “Pipefitting”, the installation, repair, replacement, main-
25 tenance, or alteration of any apparatus for piping appliances,
26 devices or accessories for heating systems having a rating greater
27 than three million British Thermal Units including apparatus and
28 piping for the general use of conveyance of steam and associated
29 pumping equipment but excluding sheet metal work, air condition-
30 ing and refrigeration systems and boilers, and plumbing as defined
31 under the rules and regulations of the board of state examiners of
32 plumbers promulgated under sections 4 and 13 of chapter 142.

33 “Master refrigeration technician”, a person having a regular
34 place of business, or who by himself or with other master refrigera-
35 tion technicians, journeymen refrigeration technicians, or refrigera-
36 tion apprentices in his employ performs refrigeration work.

37 “Refrigeration”, the installation, repair, replacement, mainte-
38 nance of any refrigerant containing part of any refrigerant system
39 of a ten ton capacity, or greater.

40 “Journeyman refrigeration technician”, any person who has
41 completed an apprenticeship training program satisfactory to the
42 bureau, and who has successfully passed a refrigeration techni-
43 cian’s examination, and who, by himself, or with other journeyme-
44 refrigeration technicians, or with refrigeration apprentices does
45 any work in refrigeration subject to the provisions of this chapter.

46 “Refrigeration apprentice”, any registered person who is at least
47 eighteen years of age and who is working at the business of refrig-

48 eration under the supervision of a master refrigeration technician
49 or journeymen refrigeration technician.

50 "Ton", for the purpose of this chapter one ton of refrigeration
51 shall be defined in conformance to section I subparagraph 6 of the
52 Board of Boiler Rules, Form BLR 7, dated November 22, 1963.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by chapter 34 of the acts of 1978, is hereby
3 further amended by adding the following new section 5: —

4 *Section 5.* Any person, firm or corporation, or employee there-
5 of, and any representatives, member or officer of such firm or
6 corporation individually, entering upon or engaging in the busi-
7 ness and work hereinbefore defined, without having complied with
8 this chapter, shall for the first offense be punished by a fine of not
9 less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, and for a subse-
10 quent offense by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than five
11 hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the house of correction for
12 six months or both.

1 SECTION 4. Section 83 of chapter 146 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 34 of the acts of 1978, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the entire section 83 and inserting
4 in place the following new section: —

5 *Section 83.* The district engineering inspectors of the division
6 shall act as examiners of applicants for pipefitters and refrigeration
7 technican licenses.

8 For the examination of pipefitters and refrigeration technicians
9 the division shall use the rules and regulations from national codes
10 as may be necessary to effectuate the licensing provisions of this
11 chapter, including codes resulting from recommendations of the
12 National Academy of Science for the safe handling and storage of
13 chlorofluorocarbon materials to protect the earth's ozone layer,
14 designed to meet natural conservation goals, and rules and regula-
15 tions formulated and adopted by the bureau.

1 SECTION 5. That an annual appropriation be established for
2 the bureau of pipefitters and refrigeration technicians for the pur-
3 pose of paying the cost of printing rules and regulations.

1 SECTION 6. There shall be established a position of executive
2 secretary of the bureau. This will be a full time paid position.