

By Mr. Craven of Boston, petition of the Mass. State Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, and James J. Craven, Jr., relative to making 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-One.

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

4 Section 10A of chapter 22 of the General Laws is hereby amend-
5 ed by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the
6 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.

12 Section 81 of chapter 146, inserted by chapter 990 of the acts of
13 1977, is hereby amended by striking out section 81 and inserting in
14 place thereof the following new section:—

15 *Section 81.* As used in this section and in sections 82 and 88,
16 inclusive, the following words shall have the following meanings:

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

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

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

24 “Journeyman pipefitter”, any person who has completed an
25 apprenticeship training program satisfactory to the bureau and
26 who by himself or with other journeymen pipefitters or apprentice
27 pipefitters performs any work in pipefitting subject to inspection
28 under any law, ordinance, bylaw, rule or regulation but does not
29 employ other journeymen or master pipefitters.

30 “Master pipefitter”, a person having a regular place of business
31 or who, by himself, or with other master pipefitters, journeymen
32 pipefitters, or apprentice pipefitters, in his employ performs pipe-
33 fitting work.

34 “Pipefitting”, the installation, repair, replacement, mainte-
35 nance, or alteration of any apparatus for pipe appliances, devices
36 or accessories for heating systems having a rating greater than
37 three million British Thermal Units including apparatus and pip-
38 ing for the general use of conveyance of steam and associated
39 pumping equipment but excluding sheet metal work, air condition-
40 ing and refrigeration systems and boilers, and plumbing as defined
41 under the rules and regulations of the board of state examiners of
42 plumbers promulgated under sections 4 and 13 of chapter 142.

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

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

50 “Journeyman refrigeration technician”, any person who has
51 completed an apprenticeship training program satisfactory to the
52 bureau, and who has successfully passed a refrigerating techni-
53 cian’s examination, and who, by himself, or with other journeymen
54 refrigeration technicians, or with refrigeration apprentices does
55 any work in refrigeration subject to the provisions of this chapter.

56 “Refrigeration apprentice”, any registered person who is at least
57 eighteen years of age and who is working at the business of refrigera-
58 tion under the supervision of a master refrigeration technician or
59 journeyman refrigeration technician.

60 “Ton”, for the purpose of this chapter one ton of refrigeration
61 shall be defined in conformance to Section I subparagraph 6 of the
62 Board of Boiler Rules, Form BLR 7, dated November 22, 1963.

63 Section 83 of chapter 146 of the General Laws, as most recently
64 amended by chapter 34 of the acts of 1978, is hereby further

65 amended by striking out the entire Section 83 and inserting in place
66 the following new section: —

67 *Section 83.* The district engineering inspectors of the division
68 shall act as examiners of applicants for pipefitter and refrigeration
69 technician licenses.

70 For the examination of pipefitters and refrigeration technicians
71 the division shall use the rules and regulations from national codes
72 as may be necessary to effectuate the licensing provisions of this
73 chapter, including codes resulting from recommendations of the
74 National Academy of Science for the safe handling and storage of
75 chlorofluorocarbon materials to protect the earth's ozone layer,
76 designed to meet natural conservation goals, and rules and regula-
77 tions formulated and adopted by the bureau.

78 Chapter 146 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
79 chapter 34 of the acts of 1978, is hereby further amended by adding
80 the following new Section 5.

81 *Section 5.* Any person, firm or corporation, or employee there-
82 of, and any representative, member or officer of such firm or
83 corporation individually, entering upon or engaging in the busi-
84 ness and work hereinbefore defined, without having complied with
85 this chapter, shall for the first offense be punished by a fine of not
86 less than ten or more than one hundred dollars, and for a subse-
87 quent offense by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than five
88 hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the house of correction for
89 six months, or both.

