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Senate Bill 827 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Roger Victory
Committee: Regulatory Reform

CONTENT

The bill would amend Article 8 (Mechanical Contractors) of the Skilled Trades Regulation Act to modify provisions governing the application for a work classification examination.

The Act requires an applicant for a work classification examination under Article 8 to be of good moral character and have a minimum of three years of experience, or an equivalent of that experience, that is acceptable to the Board of Mechanical Rules, and has shown to LARA, in one or more of the specified work classifications.

Instead, under the bill, an applicant would be eligible for a work classification examination if he or she were of good moral character and met one or more of the following conditions:

- Had a minimum of three years or 6,000 hours of experience in the work classification for which he or she was seeking a license, or an equivalent of that experience, that was acceptable to the Board of Mechanical Rules and shown to LARA, in one or more of the work classifications specified in Article 8.
- Held currently, and had held continuously for at least three years immediately preceding his or her application, an active license under the Act in a work classification as HVAC equipment, refrigeration, limited heating, or limited refrigeration and air conditioning service and was applying for license in certain work classifications.

Additionally, if an applicant provided evidence satisfactory to LARA that he or she had completed a two-year, or equivalent, HVAC program provided by a recognized trade school, community college, or university, or an two-year HVAC training program approved by the US Department of Labor, and approved by the Board, LARA would have to credit the completion of that program toward the three years or 6,000 hours of work experience requirement.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would not have a significant fiscal impact on State government and would have no fiscal impact on local units of government. To the extent that the new allowances and classifications would allow more individuals to complete an examination and apply for and obtain a license, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs could experience a minor increase in fee revenue. However, the magnitude of this increase would not be significant. Any administrative costs likely would be sufficiently provided for by current appropriations and staffing levels.

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