

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 827

A bill to amend 2016 PA 407, entitled  
"Skilled trades regulation act,"  
by amending section 807 (MCL 339.5807).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 807. (1) An applicant is not eligible for a work  
2 classification examination under this article unless the applicant  
3 meets the requirements ~~under~~ **provided in** article 2, is of good  
4 moral character, and ~~has~~ **meets 1 or more of the following:**

5           **(a) Has** a minimum of 3 years **or 6,000 hours** of experience ~~in~~  
6 **the work classification for which he or she is seeking a license,**  
7 or an equivalent of that experience, that is acceptable to the  
8 board ~~and~~ shown to the department, in 1 or more of the work  
9 classifications described in subsection (2). **For purposes of this**



1 subdivision, and except in the case of equivalent experience, an  
 2 applicant must provide to the board and the department a notarized  
 3 statement from each contractor of record that is the present or  
 4 former mechanical contractor employer of the applicant. The  
 5 statement must indicate that the applicant has a minimum of 3 years  
 6 or 6,000 hours of performance in each work classification for which  
 7 the applicant is seeking a license and must include a detailed and  
 8 specific description of the type of work performed by the applicant  
 9 and the length of time he or she performed that work.

10 (b) Currently holds, and has continuously held for at least 3  
 11 years immediately preceding his or her application, an active  
 12 license under this act in a work classification listed in  
 13 subsection (2) (b), (d), (e), or (f) and is applying for licensure  
 14 in the following work classifications, as applicable:

15 (i) If he or she currently holds a license in the work  
 16 classification listed in subsection (2) (b), a work classification  
 17 listed in subsection (2) (c), (e), (f), (g), (h), or (j).

18 (ii) If he or she currently holds a license in the work  
 19 classification listed in subsection (2) (d), a work classification  
 20 listed in subsection (2) (f) or (h).

21 (iii) If he or she currently holds a license in the work  
 22 classification listed in subsection (2) (e), a work classification  
 23 listed in subsection (2) (g).

24 (iv) If he or she currently holds a license in the work  
 25 classification listed in subsection (2) (f), a work classification  
 26 listed in subsection (2) (h).

27 (2) ~~A mechanical contractor's license that is issued under~~  
 28 ~~this article is classified and limited as~~ **The department shall**  
 29 **issue a mechanical contractor's license under this article with 1**



1 or more of the following **classifications and limitations:**

2 (a) Hydronic heating and cooling and process piping.

3 (b) HVAC equipment.

4 (c) Ductwork.

5 (d) Refrigeration.

6 (e) Limited **heating** service.  ~~, heating or refrigeration.~~

7 **(f) Limited refrigeration and air conditioning service.**

8 **(g) Unlimited heating service.**

9 **(h) ~~(f)~~ Unlimited service, heating or refrigeration and air**  
 10 **conditioning service.**

11 **(i) ~~(g)~~ Fire suppression.**

12 **(j) ~~(h)~~ Specialty.**

13 (3) For purposes of subsection (1), "experience" includes  
 14 experience acquired while serving in the armed forces by an  
 15 individual ~~who was separated from that service, and who provides to~~  
 16 the department a form DD214, form DD215, or any other form ~~that is~~  
 17 satisfactory to the department that demonstrates that ~~he or she~~ **the**  
 18 **individual** was separated from that service  ~~, with an honorable~~  
 19 ~~character of service~~ **discharge** or under honorable conditions  
 20 (general). ~~character of service.~~

21 (4) An individual described in subsection (3) shall submit  
 22 with his or her application for licensure an affidavit or letter  
 23 signed by a commanding officer, supervisor, or military superior  
 24 with direct knowledge of the applicant's service that describes ~~his~~  
 25 ~~or her~~ **the applicant's** experience as a mechanical contractor in 1  
 26 or more of the classifications described in subsection (2).

27 **(5) If an applicant provides evidence satisfactory to the**  
 28 **department that he or she has completed a 2-year, or equivalent,**  
 29 **HVAC program provided by a recognized trade school, community**



1 college, or university, or a 2-year HVAC training program approved  
2 by the United States Department of Labor, and approved by the  
3 board, the department shall credit the completion of that program  
4 toward the 3 years or 6,000 hours of work experience required under  
5 subsection (1) (a). The amount credited, as determined by the  
6 department, shall not exceed 1 year or 2,000 hours of the 3 years  
7 or 6,000 hours required. For purposes of this subsection, the board  
8 and department shall approve any 2-year HVAC program that is  
9 equivalent to or exceeds the requirements imposed for similar  
10 industry-recognized apprenticeship programs by the United States  
11 Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship.

