

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 652

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Sections 1017, 1692, and 1850.10, which relate to the inapplicability for The Plumbing License Law of 1955, the Electrical License Act, and the Mechanical Licensing Act; adding nonprofit organization to exclusion; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1017, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1017. The provisions of The Plumbing License Law of 1955 shall not apply to:

1. Minor repairs, consisting of repairing or replacing faucets or minor working parts of plumbing fixtures;
2. Farm buildings located outside any city or town unless such buildings are connected to a public water or sewer system;
3. Maintenance work for state institutions and school districts;

1 4. The installation, maintenance, repair, renovation of
2 automatic sprinkler systems and related mechanical appurtenances
3 beginning at a point where the pipe or piping system provides water
4 used exclusively for these automatic sprinklers and their related
5 appurtenances and to standpipes connected to automatic sprinkler
6 systems;

7 5. The construction, installation, maintenance, repair,
8 renovation, and/or removal of pipe or piping systems and related
9 mechanical appurtenances including backflow preventers, appliances
10 and/or equipment used in connection therewith, directly or
11 indirectly within or without any building or structure, from a point
12 or location in a source of potable water supply at which point or
13 location there exists any backflow preventer, provided that said
14 pipe and/or piping systems are for:

- 15 a. heating, except radiant-floor heating systems as
- 16 defined in subparagraph d of paragraph 9 of Section
- 17 1003 of this title,
- 18 b. cooling,
- 19 c. air conditioning,
- 20 d. refrigeration, or
- 21 e. boilers and other pressure vessels of whatsoever kind
- 22 and character.

23 A "backflow preventer," as used herein, means any permanent
24 mechanical device, or combination of permanent mechanical devices,

1 of whatever material, which, after installation acts to prevent a
2 reversal of the normal directional flow of potable water within the
3 piping system in which it is installed, and shall include, but not
4 be limited to, metal checkvalves and airgaps, either naturally or
5 artificially created. Provided, further, that the exclusionary
6 provisions of this paragraph shall apply only to and within
7 governmental agencies, counties, cities and towns which now have or
8 which hereafter may adopt separate laws relating to the licensing,
9 registration and regulating of persons engaged, for business
10 purposes, in any of the areas of trade hereinbefore specified in
11 this paragraph; the exemptions herein being provided to apply only
12 to these items specifically regulated by any such local laws and
13 ordinances; ~~and~~

14 6. An individual who performs plumbing work on such
15 individual's property of residence; and

16 7. A nonprofit organization and its volunteers performing
17 plumbing installations for a single-family dwelling unit.

18 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1692, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1692. A. The provisions of the Electrical License Act
21 shall not apply to:

22 1. Minor repairs, consisting of repairing or replacing outlets
23 or minor working parts of electrical fixtures;

24 2. Maintenance work for state and federal institutions;

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1 3. The construction, installation, maintenance, repair and
2 renovation by a public utility regulated by the Corporation
3 Commission;

4 4. Public service corporations, telephone and telegraph
5 companies, rural electric associations or municipal utilities;

6 5. The construction, installation, maintenance, repair and
7 renovation of telephone equipment or computer systems by a person,
8 firm, or corporation engaged in the telecommunications or
9 information systems industry when such activities involve work
10 exclusively for communication of data, voice, or for other signaling
11 purposes; except fire alarm systems, security systems and
12 environmental control systems that are not an integral part of a
13 telecommunications system; ~~or~~

14 6. The installation, maintenance, repair or replacement of
15 water supply pumps, provided such work is performed from the output
16 side of a fused disconnect or breaker box; or

17 7. A nonprofit organization and its volunteers performing
18 electrical installations for a single-family dwelling unit.

19 B. Nothing in the Electrical License Act shall be construed to
20 require:

21 1. Employment of a licensed electrical contractor, journeyman
22 electrician or electrical apprentice except as required by local
23 ordinances and resolutions;

1 2. Any regular employee of any firm or corporation to hold a
2 license before doing any electrical work on the property of the firm
3 or corporation whether or not the property is owned, leased or
4 rented except as may be required by local ordinances and
5 resolutions; or

6 3. An individual to hold a license before doing electrical work
7 on his own property or residence except as may be required by local
8 ordinances and resolutions.

9 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1850.10, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 1850.10. A. 1. No person shall install, replace or
12 repair gas piping unless such person is licensed under the
13 Mechanical Licensing Act or is licensed as a plumbing contractor or
14 journeyman plumber pursuant to the laws of this state.

15 2. No person shall install, replace or repair floor furnaces or
16 wall heaters unless such person is licensed under the Mechanical
17 Licensing Act or is licensed as a plumbing contractor or journeyman
18 plumber pursuant to the laws of this state.

19 3. No person shall install, replace or repair any radiant-floor
20 heating systems unless such person is licensed under the Mechanical
21 Licensing Act or is licensed as a plumbing contractor or journeyman
22 plumber pursuant to the laws of this state.

23 B. The Mechanical Licensing Act shall not apply to:
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1 1. A person who is the property owner of record, or his or her
2 authorized representative, when performing minor repair which shall
3 include, but not be limited to, cleaning, adjusting, calibrating and
4 repair of mechanical system parts and the replacement of fuses and
5 room thermostats, and other minor repairs which shall not include
6 any repair which could violate the safe operation of the equipment;

7 2. The installation of portable, self-contained, ductless air
8 conditioners or heaters;

9 3. The setting or connecting of detached air conditioning units
10 which utilize flexible ductwork on a manufactured home. The term
11 manufactured home shall have the same definition as such term is
12 defined in Section 1102 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

13 4. Any permanent employee of a manufacturing facility, whether
14 owned or leased, while performing mechanical work on the premises of
15 such facility. The performance of such mechanical work authorized
16 by this paragraph shall not violate any manufacturer specification
17 or compromise any health or safety standards and practices in
18 accordance with state and federal regulations;

19 5. The service, repair and installation of boilers, pressure
20 vessels and welded steam lines which are subject to the jurisdiction
21 of the Commissioner of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the
22 Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act; or

23 6. Employees of state-owned institutions doing maintenance to
24 state-owned facilities which does not violate manufacturer

1 specifications nor compromise health or safety standards and
2 practices.

3 C. The licensing requirements of the Mechanical Licensing Act
4 shall not apply to public utilities, public service corporations,
5 intrastate gas pipeline companies, gas gathering pipeline companies,
6 gas processing companies, rural electric associations, or municipal
7 utilities and their subsidiaries during work on their own facilities
8 or during the performance of energy audits, operational inspections,
9 minor maintenance, or minor repairs for their customers or on their
10 own equipment.

11 D. The licensing requirements of the Mechanical Licensing Act
12 shall not apply to contractors, the contractor's employees,
13 employees of chemical plants, gas processing plants, intrastate gas
14 pipelines, gas gathering pipelines and petroleum refineries during
15 work on their own facilities or during the performance of
16 operational inspections, mechanical work, maintenance, or repairs on
17 their own equipment, the performance of which does not violate any
18 manufacturer specification or compromise any health or safety
19 standards and practices in accordance with state and federal
20 regulations.

21 E. The licensing requirements of the Mechanical Licensing Act
22 shall not apply to employees of research facilities during work on
23 their own facilities or during the performance of operational
24 inspections, mechanical work, maintenance, or repairs on their own
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1 equipment used solely for research purposes when such items of
2 equipment require one or more details of construction not covered by
3 normally used national codes and standards or which involve
4 destruction or reduce life of the equipment and systems.

5 F. The licensing requirements of the Mechanical Licensing Act
6 shall not apply to a nonprofit organization and its volunteers
7 performing mechanical installations for a single-family dwelling
8 unit.

9 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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