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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-27-24 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-27 entitled  
2 "Mechanical Trades" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-27-24. Recommendations of board -- Order of the director -- Appeal.** -- (a) The  
4 board, upon the completion of any hearing held on a verified complaint, shall present to the  
5 director of labor and training a written report of its findings and recommendations. The director  
6 shall then order that the license of the licensee charged shall be revoked or suspended, or impose  
7 a fine of between five hundred dollars (\$500) and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a first  
8 violation and up to three thousand dollars (\$3,000) ~~nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950)~~ for any  
9 subsequent violation within one year of the first violation: or that the complaint shall be  
10 dismissed in accordance with the recommendations. A copy of the order shall be immediately  
11 served upon the licensee and/or violator personally or by registered or certified mail. The order of  
12 the board is final unless the licensee and/or violator so charged or complainant within twenty (20)  
13 days after receipt of the order files an appeal with the director. The appeal will be determined by  
14 the administrator of the division or his or her designee. The director may accept or reject, in  
15 whole or in part, the recommended order of the board. The order of the director shall be final, and  
16 a copy of it shall be immediately served upon the person, firm, or corporation assessed.

17 (b) The division is considered a person for the purpose of this section.

18 (c) The chief of the section shall act as an investigator with respect to the enforcement of  
19 all the provisions of law relative to the licensing of pipefitting, refrigeration, sprinkler fitting and

1 sheet metal and to this effect whenever a complaint is made by the chief of the section to the  
2 department of labor and training director, or designee, that the provisions of this chapter are being  
3 violated, the director of the department of labor and training, or designee, may issue an order to  
4 cease and desist from that violation and may impose the above penalties against the violator and  
5 against the contractor.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would increase the fines that the director of labor may impose on mechanical  
2 trade licensees for violations.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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