

HOUSE BILL NO. 301

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Labor & Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to certificates of fitness for plumbers and electricians."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 18.62.020 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 18.62.020. Application for and issuance of certificate.** The department
5 shall issue certificates of fitness and renewal certificates of fitness valid for two years.
6 The certificate may be issued only to an individual. An applicant for a certificate shall
7 apply in writing, under oath, on a form prescribed by the department containing

8 (1) the name and address of the applicant;

9 (2) the applicant's age;

10 (3) the applicant's citizenship; [AND]

11 (4) other information relevant to licensing that the department

12 requires; **and**

13 **(5) proof that the applicant**

14 **(A) has successfully completed an apprenticeship program**

15 **approved by the department or an apprenticeship program equivalent to**

1 a program approved by the department; or

2 (B) holds a verification of qualifications under
 3 AS 18.62.050(c).

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.62.050(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) If, upon investigation and examination by the department, **an** [THE]
 6 applicant **who submits a completed application and required fee** is found
 7 competent by reason of training and experience, the department shall issue a certificate
 8 of fitness. **The department may not issue a certificate unless the applicant has**
 9 **been found to have successfully completed an approved apprenticeship or**
 10 **apprenticeship equivalent or has a valid verification under (c) of this section.** The
 11 certificate shall set out the competency of the applicant and provide for positive
 12 identification of the applicant, and shall be carried on the person engaged in work
 13 subject to the requirement of a certificate of fitness under this chapter.

14 * **Sec. 3.** AS 18.62.050(c) is amended to read:

15 (c) Verification by an Alaska-based labor union of a member's qualification to
 16 meet the requirements for a certificate of fitness may be accepted in lieu of
 17 examination, **apprenticeship**, or other requirement for issuing a certification under
 18 this chapter.

19 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 20 read:

21 APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to applications for certificates of fitness submitted
 22 on or after the effective date of this Act.