

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 8, 2021

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2007

By: Townley of the House

and

Rogers of the Senate

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9 [professions and occupations - Mechanical Licensing
10 Act - effective date]

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1850.8, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1850.8. A. The Construction Industries Board shall
16 issue a license as a mechanical journeyman or mechanical contractor
17 to any person who:

18 1. Has been certified by the Committee of Mechanical Examiners
19 as having successfully passed the appropriate examination; and

20 2. Has paid the license fee and has otherwise complied with the
21 provisions of the Mechanical Licensing Act. The license fees shall
22 be established by rule by the Board pursuant to Section 1000.5 of
23 this title.
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1 B. A registered apprentice working under the supervision of an
2 active mechanical contractor may sit for the examination for a
3 limited mechanical HVAC license, limited residential journeyman
4 license, limited residential installer license or any subspecialty
5 to the limited mechanical HVAC license without satisfying the
6 training or experience requirements in the Mechanical Licensing Act,
7 provided the overseeing mechanical contractor certifies to the
8 Construction Industries Board that the registered apprentice:

9 1. Has at least eighteen (18) months' substantially similar
10 experience;

11 2. Has at least six (6) months' as a registered apprentice
12 under the certifying mechanical contractor; and

13 3. Has the skills necessary to sit for the relevant
14 examination.

15 A journeyman licensed pursuant to this subsection shall be required
16 to work under the supervision of an active mechanical contractor who
17 shall be required to maintain adequate insurance coverage for any
18 journeyman working under their purview. A registered apprentice may
19 not receive an unlimited journeyman license through the provisions
20 of this subsection.

21 C. All licenses shall be nontransferable. No license shall be
22 issued for longer than one (1) year and all licenses shall expire on
23 the last day in the birth month of the licensee. Licenses renewed
24 more than thirty (30) days following the date of expiration may only

1 be renewed upon application and payment of the required fees and
2 payment of any penalty for late renewal, as shall be established by
3 the Board. No journeyman or contractor license shall be renewed
4 unless the licensee has completed the required hours of continuing
5 education as determined by the Committee. Persons who are licensed
6 as contractors under the Mechanical Licensing Act may have their
7 license placed on inactive status by paying the annual renewal fee
8 and eliminating the bonding and insurance requirements. No late fee
9 shall be charged to renew a license which expired while the
10 applicant was in military service, if application is made within one
11 (1) year of discharge from the military service.

12 ~~C.~~ D. The Board is authorized to establish and issue, subject
13 to the provisions of the Mechanical Licensing Act, limited licenses
14 in each area of mechanical work based on the experience, ability,
15 examination scores and the education of the applicant. The limited
16 licenses shall authorize the licensee to engage in only those
17 activities and within the limits specified in the license.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND TOURISM
20 April 8, 2021 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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