

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
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Amend printed copy of **HB 359/GA**

On page 3, after line 25, insert the following:

"➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 198B IS CREATED TO READ
AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) The Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, Division of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning shall grant up to a one hundred eighty (180) continuous calendar day interim period to allow a company to utilize the master heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractor license of a recently deceased owner or deceased employee who procured heating, ventilation and air conditioning permits for that company, provided that the company effectuates and documents all necessary bonding and insurance policies required in this chapter and ensures that they remain effective for this interim period of time extended by the division.
- (2) The license of a deceased master heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractor shall be terminated by the Division of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning at the end of the interim period and no longer have statutory validity.
- (3) Upon termination of the deceased master heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractor license, a company must have a current and valid master heating, ventilation, and air conditioning license in order to procure permits and perform heating, ventilation, and air conditioning work governed by KRS 198B.650 to 198B.689.

Amendment No. SFA 3

Rep. Sen. Ray S. Jones II

Committee Amendment _____

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➔Section 3. KRS 318.054 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The initial license for a master or journeyman plumber shall expire on the last day of the licensee's birth month in the following year. The department may reduce the license fee on a pro rata basis for initial licenses issued for less than twelve (12) months. Renewed licenses shall expire on the last day of the licensee's birth month of each year after the date of issuance of the renewed license.
- (2) The department shall require an applicant for renewal of a license to show evidence of completing the continuing education requirements set forth by the department, with advice from the State Plumbing Code Committee, in its administrative regulations issued under KRS 318.130.
- (3) The department shall send each licensed master and journeyman plumber a notice advising them that the annual license renewal fee is due. The notice shall be sent to the licensee's last known address no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the license. The annual license renewal fee shall be a reasonable fee set by regulation of the department. The fee for the renewal of a master plumber's license shall exceed the fee charged for a journeyman plumber's license.
- (4) Any master or journeyman plumber who fails to renew his license prior to expiration may have his license renewed upon payment of the required renewal fee, a revival fee, and upon showing the completion of continuing education requirements. The revival fee for a master plumber shall be five dollars (\$5) and for a journeyman plumber three dollars (\$3). If the renewal and revival fees are not paid one hundred eighty (180) days after the license expires, such licenses shall be automatically canceled by operation of law for nonpayment; provided, however, that such licenses may be reinstated upon payment of all delinquent renewal fees plus a revival fee of ten dollars (\$10) for a master plumber and six dollars (\$6) for a journeyman plumber. Upon presentation of proper evidence, the department may

waive payment of any renewal or revival fee specified herein for persons serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.

- (5) **(a) The Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, Division of Plumbing shall grant up to a one hundred eighty (180) continuous calendar day interim period to allow a company to utilize the master plumber's license of a recently deceased owner or deceased employee who procured plumbing permits for that company, provided that the company effectuates and documents all necessary bonding and insurance policies required in this chapter and ensures that they remain effective for this interim period of time extended by the division.**
- (b) The license of a deceased master plumber shall be terminated by the division at the end of the interim period and no longer have statutory validity.**
- (c) Upon termination of the deceased master license, a plumbing contractor must have a current and valid Kentucky master plumber's license in order to procure permits and perform plumbing work under this chapter.**

➔Section 4. KRS 227.480 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) (a) A city, county, urban-county, charter county, or consolidated local government or the state shall, according to the Uniform State Building Code as it pertains to the plan review and inspection responsibilities of local governments or the state, require any person to obtain a permit before commencing construction, alteration, or repairs of any electrical system.
- (b) The city, county, urban-county, charter county, or consolidated local government or the state shall require all inspections that are deemed necessary by the department for the safety of life and property. The department shall promulgate administrative regulations to describe the circumstances where inspections are required.
- (2) A city, county, urban-county, charter county, or consolidated local government or the state

shall not issue a permit unless the applicant submits proof of being licensed as an electrical contractor under KRS Chapter 227A or of acting on behalf of a licensed electrical contractor. However, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to:

(a) A homeowner or farmer who does construction, alteration, or repairs of any electrical system on his or her own premises or any other person exempt from licensing under KRS 227A.030 or 227A.150; ~~[- This subsection shall not apply to]~~

(b) Electrical work performed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, a city, county, urban-county, charter county, or consolidated local government, or any subdivision thereof;

or

(c) A company with a recently deceased electrical contractor. In this case, a city, county, urban-county, charter county, or consolidated local government or the state shall grant up to a one hundred eighty (180) continuous calendar day interim period to allow a company to utilize the electrical contractor's license of deceased electrical contractor, if the company effectuates and documents all necessary bonding and insurance policies required by KRS 227A.060(1) and ensures that they remain effective for the entirety of the interim period of time extended by the city, county, urban-county, charter county, or consolidated local government, or the state.

(3) A city, county, urban-county, charter county, or consolidated local government shall appoint and may fix the compensation of city, county, urban-county, charter county, or consolidated local government electrical inspectors, and may by ordinance fix reasonable fees and establish other requirements for the conduct of electrical inspections within its boundaries. All electrical inspectors must be certified under KRS 227.489.

(4) Reasonable standards for the construction, alteration, and repair of any electrical system shall be those adopted in the Uniform State Building Code, as promulgated by the Board of

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Housing, Buildings and Construction, and shall have as a minimum standard the requirements of the National Electrical Code. These standards shall be used by the electrical inspector in making his inspections.

➔Section 5. KRS 227A.140 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) A master electrician who ceases to be associated with the electrical contractor and is the representative by which the licensed electrical contractor qualifies shall immediately report his or her disassociation to the department or the authorized local licensing program. The master electrician shall be responsible for all work done under his or her license until the department or the authorized local licensing program is notified by the master electrician that he or she is no longer associated with the electrical contractor.
- (2) If the holder of any electrical license ceases to be a part of the business relying upon the holder's license for its right to remain in business, the business shall employ a licensed person prior to the continuance of any business activity or within thirty (30) days, whichever comes first.
- (3) (a) The department shall grant up to a one hundred eighty (180) continuous calendar day interim period to allow a company to utilize the master electrician's license of a recently deceased owner or deceased employee who procured electrical permits for that company, provided that the company effectuates and documents all necessary bonding and insurance policies required in this chapter and ensures that they remain effective for this interim period of time extended by the department.
(b) A deceased master's license shall be terminated by the department at the end of the interim period and no longer have statutory validity.
(c) Upon termination of the deceased master's license, an electrical contractor must have a current and valid Kentucky master electrician's license in order to procure permits and perform electrical work under this chapter."