

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 59

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PLUMBING; AMENDING SECTION 54-2617, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE THE  
2 TIME PERIOD FOR RENEWAL OF EXPIRED PLUMBING CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY,  
3 TO PROVIDE FOR AN INACTIVE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY FOR CERTAIN PER-  
4 SONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR A TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY IN CERTAIN  
5 SITUATIONS.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 54-2617, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 54-2617. CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION -- RENEWAL -- INACTIVE LICENSE --  
11 TEMPORARY CONTRACTOR LICENSE -- RULES FOR STAGGERED SCHEDULE. (1) Certifi-  
12 cates of competency shall be issued for a period of three (3) years, and shall  
13 expire three (3) years from the date of issue, unless sooner revoked or sus-  
14 pended.

15 (2) A certificate of competency for plumbing contractor or journey-  
16 man may be renewed at any time during the month prior to its expiration by  
17 providing proof of completion of the continuing education requirements as  
18 established by the board and compliance with all other renewal requirements  
19 of statute or rule. A certificate of competency for plumbing specialty  
20 contractor and specialty journeyman may be renewed at any time during the  
21 month prior to its expiration by compliance with all renewal requirements of  
22 statute or rule.

23 (3) Failure of any holder to timely renew a certificate of competency  
24 shall cause lapse of the certificate, but it may be revived within ~~one~~ two  
25 (±2) years without examination only upon payment of the full initial fee.

26 (4) The administrator may renew, on an inactive basis, a certificate of  
27 competency for plumbing contractor or specialty contractor who is not en-  
28 gaged in plumbing contracting in this state. The board shall fix and collect  
29 an inactive license fee for such an inactive license renewal in an amount not  
30 to exceed thirty-six dollars (\$36.00). Each inactive certificate of com-  
31 petency shall be issued for a period of one (1) year. A plumbing contractor  
32 or specialty contractor holding an inactive license may not engage in the  
33 practice of plumbing contracting or specialty contracting in this state.  
34 A plumbing contractor or specialty contractor's inactive license may be  
35 converted to an active license by paying a processing fee of thirty dollars  
36 (\$30.00) to the administrator, by providing proof of completion of the con-  
37 tinuing education requirements for the duration of the inactive period that  
38 would have been required during that period for an active license, and by  
39 furnishing a compliance bond in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000)  
40 or evidence of such coverage by a corporate industry group bond acceptable  
41 to the board.

1       (5) In the event that a plumbing contractor dies or becomes otherwise  
2 incapacitated, a temporary plumbing contractor certificate of competency  
3 may be issued to an applicant who holds an active Idaho journeyman certifi-  
4 cate of competency to represent the firm, company, copartnership, associa-  
5 tion or corporation previously represented by the deceased or incapacitated  
6 contractor. The holder of a temporary contractor certificate of competency  
7 may perform all the acts a plumbing contractor is authorized to do by this  
8 chapter and the rules promulgated by the board, with the exception of procur-  
9 ing a new permit from the division of building safety or from a city or so-  
10 liciting new work. A temporary contractor certificate of competency shall  
11 be valid for a period not longer than ninety (90) days from the date it is is-  
12 sued, and it may be renewed one (1) time by the administrator upon written re-  
13 quest of the holder of the certificate.

14       (6) The board shall promulgate rules to provide for a staggered sched-  
15 ule of issuing and renewing certificates of competency.