

**HOUSE BILL NO. 343**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE FATE**

**Introduced: 1/12/04**

**Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing the Alaska Skilled Trade Labor Advisory Board and relating to**  
2 **examination, application, and continued competency requirements for certain skilled**  
3 **trade occupations; and providing for an effective date."**

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

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.18.031(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Except as provided in (c) **and (d)** of this section, a certificate of  
7 registration shall be renewed under the same requirements as for an original  
8 registration, and the commissioner shall issue to the applicant a certificate of  
9 registration upon compliance with the registration requirements of this chapter.

10 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.18.031 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 (d) The department may adopt regulations under AS 44.62 after consideration  
12 of the recommendations of the Alaska Skilled Trade Labor Advisory Board  
13 establishing standards for continued competency of an applicant for registration  
14 renewal.

1 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 23.05 is amended by adding new sections to read:

2 **Article 6. Alaska Skilled Trade Labor Advisory Board.**

3 **Sec. 23.05.400. Alaska Skilled Trade Labor Advisory Board.** (a) There is  
4 established within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development the Alaska  
5 Skilled Trade Labor Advisory Board. The board is made up of not more than 10  
6 members appointed by the governor. Members are appointed for staggered terms of  
7 four years in accordance with AS 39.05.055. A vacancy in an unexpired term shall be  
8 filled by appointment by the governor for the remainder of the term. The board must  
9 include two members who each have a working knowledge in at least one area of  
10 skilled trade labor and are licensed or registered under AS 08.18, one of whom is a  
11 member of organized labor and one of whom is from an independent labor pool. One  
12 member shall be a licensed electrical or mechanical administrator under AS 08.40.  
13 One member shall be certified under AS 18.62. Not more than two members may be  
14 registered general contractors under AS 08.18.

15 (b) The governor may remove a member of the board only for cause, including  
16 incompetence, neglect of duty, misconduct in office, poor attendance, or nonfeasance  
17 of duty.

18 (c) Members of the board receive no compensation for their services but are  
19 entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized for boards and commissions under  
20 AS 39.20.180.

21 (d) The board shall designate a chair from among the members of the board.  
22 The designated member serves as chair at the pleasure of the board.

23 **Sec. 23.05.410. Powers and duties of the Alaska Skilled Trade Labor**  
24 **Advisory Board.** (a) The board shall

25 (1) establish its own rules of procedure;

26 (2) hold regular meetings by teleconference in compliance with  
27 AS 44.62.310;

28 (3) by December 30 of each year, prepare and submit to the governor a  
29 report on developments and changes in the skilled trade labor industry during the  
30 calendar year that may affect the public, individuals, or organizations within the  
31 industry and make recommendations for legislative action; the board shall notify the

1 legislature that the report is available;

2 (4) gather information, hold public hearings, and draft proposed  
3 regulations relating to registration or license examination, issuance, and renewal and  
4 to continued competency standards of skilled trade laborers for consideration by the  
5 Department of Community and Economic Development under AS 08.18.031,  
6 AS 08.40.050, and 08.40.135;

7 (5) consider the advice of and provide recommendations to the Alaska  
8 Workforce Investment Board established by AS 23.15.550 on issues relating to initial  
9 training and vocational education;

10 (6) gather information and make recommendations to the Department  
11 of Community and Economic Development relating to the development of further  
12 reciprocity opportunities in the state;

13 (7) review all reasonably available relevant continuing education and  
14 competency course materials and advise the department regarding the use of such  
15 materials in the state;

16 (8) gather information, hold public hearings, and draft proposed  
17 regulations relating to certification and renewal of applicants under AS 18.62 for  
18 consideration by the Department of Health and Social Services.

19 (b) The board may hold meetings in person upon approval of the department.

20 **Sec. 23.05.500. Definitions.** In this chapter,

21 (1) "board" means the Alaska Skilled Trade Labor Advisory Board;

22 (2) "skilled trade labor" means an activity that is required by law to be  
23 performed by a person registered, certified, or licensed under AS 08.18, AS 08.40, or  
24 AS 18.62.

25 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).