

HOUSE BILL NO. 290

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/24/24

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the issuance of certificates of fitness for plumbers and electricians;
 2 relating to fees for certificates of fitness for plumbers and electricians; and providing for
 3 an effective date."

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

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

6 **Sec. 18.62.020. Application for and issuance of certificate.** The department
 7 shall issue certificates of fitness and renewal certificates of fitness. **A journeyman**
 8 **level certificate and renewal certificate is** valid for two years. **A trainee level**
 9 **certificate and renewal certificate is valid for six years.** **A** [THE] certificate may be
 10 issued only to an individual. An applicant for a certificate shall apply in writing, under
 11 oath, on a form prescribed by the department containing

- 12 (1) the name and address of the applicant;
 13 (2) the applicant's age;
 14 (3) the applicant's citizenship; and

1 (4) other information relevant to licensing that the department requires.

2 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.62.030(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) An applicant shall pay a nonrefundable application [AND
4 EXAMINATION] fee of \$50 when applying for a [TRAINEE OR JOURNEYMAN
5 LEVEL] certificate of fitness. The department shall charge a [BIENNIAL] fee of \$200
6 for the issuance of a trainee **level certificate or renewal certificate and \$300 for the**
7 **issuance of a** [OR] journeyman level certificate or [A] renewal certificate, to be
8 prorated if issued for less than two years, and a fee of \$25 for the issuance of a
9 duplicate certificate.

10 * **Sec. 3.** AS 18.62 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 **Sec. 18.62.100. Definition.** In this chapter, "department" means the
12 Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

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

15 TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 18.62.050, the Department of Labor and
16 Workforce Development may reissue any plumber or electrician trainee level certificate of
17 fitness issued after July 1, 2022, and before the effective date of this Act without requiring the
18 certificate holder to reapply under AS 18.62.020 or repay the fee under AS 18.62.030 if

19 (1) the certificate holder requests a reissued certificate;

20 (2) the certificate is valid and in good standing;

21 (3) the certificate holder had previously paid the fee under AS 18.62.030; and

22 (4) the department has not cancelled a certificate of fitness held by the

23 individual requesting the reissuance in the past six years.

24 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2024.