

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 204(FIN)

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BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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 18.62.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

3 (b) The department may adopt regulations allowing for the issuance of a
4 provisional certificate of fitness to an individual who applies for a certificate of fitness
5 under (a) of this section and holds a comparable certificate in another jurisdiction.

6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 18.62.030(a) is amended to read:

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

14 * **Sec. 4.** AS 18.62 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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

17 * **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
18 read:

19 TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 18.62.050, the Department of Labor and
20 Workforce Development may reissue a plumber or electrician trainee level certificate of
21 fitness issued after July 1, 2022, and before the effective date of this Act without requiring the
22 certificate holder to reapply under AS 18.62.020(a), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, or repay
23 the fee under AS 18.62.030(a), as amended by sec. 3 of this Act, if

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

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

26 (3) the certificate holder has previously paid the fee under AS 18.62.030(a), as
27 it read on the day before the effective date of this Act; and

28 (4) the department has not cancelled a certificate of fitness held by the
29 individual requesting the reissuance in the past six years.

30 * **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2024.