

HOUSE BILL No. 2172

AN ACT concerning certain regulated entities and activities; cemeteries and agreements relating thereto; requirements concerning certain city and county licenses; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 12-1509, 12-1526, 12-1542, 16-320, 16-321, 16-329, 17-1301c, 17-1311, 17-1312, 17-1312a and 17-1366 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 16-320 is hereby amended to read as follows: 16-320. The following definitions shall apply to this act:

(a) “Preneed cemetery merchandise” means burial vaults, grave liners, grave boxes, urns, memorials, markers, vases, memorial vases, tombstones, undeveloped lawn crypts, niches and mausoleum spaces and any merchandise sold, used in, or delivered to cemeteries. ~~Caskets, grave lots, grave spaces, burial or interment rights, and developed or existing lawn crypts, mausoleum spaces or niches are not, “burial spaces” as such term is defined in K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 17-1301c, and amendments thereto, and “preneed burial products or services” as such term is defined in subsection (f) shall not be deemed to be preneed cemetery merchandise.~~

(b) “Purchase price” means the gross amount, to be paid for preneed cemetery merchandise, preneed burial products or services under the provisions of a preneed merchandise contract. The purchase price does not include finance charges, sales tax, charges for real property interests or charges for credit life insurance or *secretary of state contract fees*.

(c) “Preneed merchandise contract” means any agreement for the sale of preneed cemetery merchandise or preneed burial products or services by a cemetery corporation which requires payment of the purchase price, in whole or in part, prior to delivery of the preneed cemetery merchandise or preneed burial products or services, which agreement is entered into from and after the effective date of this act.

(d) “Cemetery corporation” means any individual or entity required to maintain permanent maintenance funds under the provisions of K.S.A. 17-1312f, and amendments thereto.

(e) “Funding requirement” means that portion of the purchase price equal to 50% of the retail price f.o.b. to the cemetery corporation of preneed cemetery merchandise, as defined in subsection (a) of this section, described in the preneed merchandise contract, and 100% of the retail price of any preneed burial product or service, as defined in subsection (f) of this section, including distributable earnings.

(f) “Preneed burial products or services” means any casket or service incidental to the burial of a body or the placement of a memorial, marker, vase, or tombstone.

(g) “Cemetery merchandise trust fund” means a special purpose trust fund required to administer payments received from the sale of preneed cemetery merchandise, preneed burial products or services.

(h) “Distributable earnings” means income and capital gains, less any reasonable costs incurred in serving as trustee, including a reasonable fee for services and applicable taxes and costs. *Distributable earnings shall be allocated as required by K.S.A. 16-321, and amendments thereto.*

(i) “Trustee” means:

(1) A bank, savings and loan association, savings bank or credit union organized under the laws of this state with the authority to provide trust services;

(2) a federally chartered bank, savings and loan association, savings bank or credit union having a physical location within the state of Kansas and the authority to provide trust services; or

(3) a trust company organized under the laws of this state.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 16-321 is hereby amended to read as follows: 16-321. (a) Any cemetery corporation entering into any preneed merchandise contract shall establish and maintain a cemetery merchandise trust fund under K.S.A. 16-322, and amendments thereto. The primary purpose of the cemetery merchandise trust fund is to maintain the corpus of the trust fund with the goal that the growth of the corpus will be at least equal to the wholesale costs of the preneed cemetery merchandise or preneed burial products or services, at the time of delivery or need.

(b) All preneed cemetery merchandise contracts shall be in writing.

(c) A cemetery corporation entering into a preneed merchandise contract that allows the purchaser to make installment payments shall be entitled to retain all purchaser payments until an amount equal to 25% of the purchase price of preneed cemetery merchandise is received, and

thereafter, shall deposit 100% of each payment into the cemetery merchandise trust fund until the funding requirement has been deposited.

(d) *If a cemetery corporation enters into an installment preneed merchandise contract that includes burial spaces, any payment received from the purchaser shall be allocated first to the permanent maintenance fund as required by K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 17-1301c and K.S.A. 17-1311, and amendments thereto. Once the burial spaces have been paid in full, then the preneed cemetery merchandise and preneed burial products or services shall be funded as required by subsection (c).*

(e) Deposits to the cemetery merchandise trust fund shall be made within ~~15~~ 30 days following the end of each calendar month after the moneys are received.

~~(e)~~(f) Within 30 days following the end of each quarter, the cemetery corporation shall provide the trustee and the secretary of state a report detailing the transactions of the previous quarter. The report shall be in a form and manner approved by the secretary of state and shall include the following:

(1) All sales of preneed cemetery merchandise, preneed burial products and preneed services.

(2) All verified deliveries of preneed cemetery merchandise, preneed burial products and preneed services along with any request for distribution from the trustee.

(3) If no sales or deliveries transpired during the reporting quarter, the report shall be filed showing zero sales or zero deliveries.

~~(f)~~(g) Within 30 days following the end of each quarter, the trustee shall provide the secretary of state a report of all deposits to and distributions from the cemetery merchandise trust fund. The report shall be in a form and manner approved by the secretary of state and shall include the total amount of the deposits, distributions and the name and contact information of the trust officer in charge of the account.

~~(g)~~(h) At least annually, as of December 31, the trustee of the merchandise trust fund shall allocate the distributable earnings to all preneed cemetery merchandise, preneed burial products or services for which funds are then held in a cemetery merchandise trust fund. The trustee may, at the request of the cemetery, allocate the distributable earnings on a regular basis more often than annually and in which case the calculation of the distributable earnings shall be filed quarterly on December 31, March 31, June 30 and September 30 of each year in a form and manner approved by the secretary of state.

~~(h)~~(i) The cemetery corporation shall provide the secretary of state a copy of all trust instruments. The cemetery corporation shall obtain prior written approval from the secretary of state before the trust instrument shall be terminated, transferred or amended. The cemetery corporation shall provide the secretary of state copies of any amendments to the trust instrument before the amendments shall become effective.

~~(i)~~(j) Fees not to exceed \$30 may be charged and collected by the secretary of state on each preneed merchandise contract for preneed cemetery merchandise, preneed burial products or services sold on or after January 1, 2011. Any such fees shall be forwarded on a quarterly basis to the secretary of state, in a form and manner approved by the secretary. The secretary of state shall promulgate rules and regulations fixing the fees to be charged and collected. On and after the effective date of this act any such fees collected shall be deposited in the cemetery maintenance and merchandise fee fund in the state treasury.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 16-329 is hereby amended to read as follows: 16-329. No cemetery corporation shall enter into any preneed merchandise contract until such corporation has filed with the secretary of state a notification of its intention to sell and engage in such preneed merchandise contracts. Such notice shall include the name of the cemetery corporation, its principal place of business and the name and address of the trustee or trustees to be utilized under the provisions of this act.

Accounting records and information required by this act shall be maintained in a form and manner approved by the secretary of state. A report of the merchandise trust fund shall be required as part of the corporation's ~~monthly~~ quarterly report on a form provided or approved by the secretary of state.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 17-1301c is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-1301c. The following definitions shall apply to this act:

(a) “Burial lot” shall mean any space designated for the interment of remains such as grave lots, grave spaces, burial or interment rights, and developed or existing lawn crypts.

(b) “Burial space” shall mean any space designated for the interment, entombment or inurnment of remains such as burial lots, burial or interment rights, mausoleum crypts or niches and developed or existing lawn crypts.

(c) “Cemetery corporation” means any individual or entity required to maintain permanent maintenance funds under the provisions of K.S.A. 17-1312f, and amendments thereto.

(d) “Community mausoleum” means a mausoleum containing a substantial area of enclosed space and having either a heating, ventilating or air conditioning system.

~~(b)-(e)~~ (e) “Funding requirement” means that portion of the purchase price equal to 15% of the purchase price, but not less than \$25, of a burial space, as defined in K.S.A. 17-1311, and amendments thereto; 10% of the purchase price, but not less than \$100 per community mausoleum crypt; or 5% of the purchase price, but not less than \$50 for each garden mausoleum crypt or niche set aside in the permanent maintenance fund.

(f) “Garden mausoleum” means a mausoleum without a substantial area of enclosed space and having its crypt fronts open to the atmosphere. Ventilation of the crypts by forced air or otherwise does not constitute a garden mausoleum as a community mausoleum.

(g) “Niche” means a space used or intended to be used for inurnment of cremated remains, but not including burial lots, lawn crypts or community or garden mausoleums.

~~(e)-(h)~~ (h) “Permanent maintenance fund” means a certificate of deposit, a business savings account, or an irrevocable trust fund whose proceeds are derived from not less than 15% of the purchase price of the following: Grave lots, grave spaces, burial or interment rights, and developed or existing lawn crypts, mausoleum spaces, or niches. The total amount of the deposit shall not be less than \$25 per burial space the funding requirement as defined in subsection (e).

~~(d)-(i)~~ (i) “Purchase price” means the gross amount, less sales tax, if any, less any amount included in the total for permanent maintenance to be paid for cemetery burial space. The purchase price does not include finance charges or, charges for credit life insurance or secretary of state burial space fees. The purchase price stated in the contract may include the amount of the funding requirement specified in subsection (e).

~~(e)-(j)~~ (j) “Trustee” means:

(1) A bank, savings and loan association, savings bank or credit union organized under the laws of this state with the authority to provide trust services;

(2) a federally chartered bank, savings and loan association, savings bank or credit union having a physical location within the state of Kansas and the authority to provide trust services; or

(3) a trust company organized under the laws of this state.

~~(f)-(k)~~ (k) “Trustor” means the cemetery corporation responsible for making deposits in permanent maintenance fund, which is subject of a trust.

~~(g)-(l)~~ (l) This section shall be part of and supplemental to article 13 of chapter 17 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 17-1311 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-1311. (a) A cemetery corporation shall maintain, in a permanent maintenance fund with a trustee, a percentage of the purchase price of each burial space sold by it, or any payment on such burial space, not less than 15% of such purchase price, for the permanent maintenance of the cemetery within which the burial space lies, but the total amount set aside shall not be less than \$25 for each burial space at the time of conveyance of such space based upon the funding requirement as such term is defined in K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 17-1301c, and amendments thereto. Deposits to the permanent maintenance fund shall be made within 30 days following each calendar month end, after the moneys are received. Moneys placed in such fund under the provisions of K.S.A. 17-1308, and amendments thereto, shall be credited for the purposes of fulfilling such

requirement. Moneys in such fund may be held and invested subject to the requirements of subsections (a) through (f) of K.S.A. 58-24a02, and amendments thereto, but the total amount of money invested in any mortgage upon real property shall not exceed an amount equal to 75% of the market value of such property at the time of such investment. No part of the principal of the fund shall ever be used for any purpose except for investment. In no event shall any loan of the funds be made to any stockholder, officer or employee of such cemetery corporation, or to any person related, by blood or marriage, to a stockholder, officer or employee. The treasurer of such corporation may deposit, to the credit of such fund, donations or bequests for the fund and may retain property so acquired without limitation as to time and without regard to its suitability for original purchase.

(b) The primary purpose of the permanent maintenance fund is to maintain the corpus of the fund. The income earned from the permanent maintenance fund may be dispersed to the cemetery. All capital gains shall be allocated to principal *after liability for any capital gains tax has been paid as allowed by K.S.A. 17-1312, and amendments thereto.*

(c) The cemetery corporation shall obtain prior written approval from the secretary of state before the trust instrument shall be terminated, transferred, or amended. The cemetery corporation shall provide the secretary of state copies of any amendments to the trust instrument before the amendments shall become effective.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 17-1312 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-1312. (a) If the market value of the permanent maintenance fund is less than \$100,000, the permanent maintenance fund may be held in a Kansas financial institution, in either certificates of deposit or a business savings account which is insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation, provided that the fund assets are maintained in a segregated account. If the cemetery's permanent maintenance fund has a market value of less than \$100,000, the cemetery corporation shall comply with the reporting requirements of this act.

(b) (1) Unless otherwise authorized by subsection (a), each cemetery corporation shall establish and maintain a permanent maintenance fund. If the market value of the permanent maintenance fund is \$100,000 or more, the cemetery corporation shall establish and maintain the permanent maintenance fund in an irrevocable trust with a trustee. The trustee may appoint one or more agents to provide administrative or investment advisory services, provided the trustee shall not assign or delegate the liability and fiduciary responsibilities owed to the permanent maintenance fund to another financial institution or agent. The trustee may invest, reinvest, exchange, retain, sell, and manage the moneys within such fund, pursuant to subsections (a) through (f) of K.S.A. 58-24a02, and amendments thereto. Such trustee may be reasonably compensated for its services out of the income of the fund. It shall be a provision of any such trust agreement that no moneys, other than income from the trust, shall be paid over to the cemetery corporation by the trustee, except upon the written permission of the secretary of state. Nothing in this act shall prohibit a trustee, as defined in K.S.A. 16-320, and amendments thereto, from entering into a co-trustee relationship with another trustee, who would not independently satisfy the requirements of that section provided the co-trustee: (A) Is authorized to do business in Kansas; and (B) submits personally to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state. Under no circumstances shall any trustee assign or delegate their liability or fiduciary responsibilities under the provisions of this act. Both trustees and co-trustees are jointly and severally liable for the actions of the trustee. All contractual agreements shall be subject to, governed by, and construed according to the laws of the state of Kansas.

(2) The trustee may recover from the earnings of the permanent maintenance fund for all reasonable costs incurred in serving as trustee, including a reasonable fee for its services. The taxes and costs may be paid from earnings of the fund prior to the distribution of the income. ~~If all income is exhausted, any remaining capital gains tax liability may be paid out of the realized capital gains before the balance reverts to principal, except that the taxes from capital gains may be paid from the realized capital gains proceeds.~~

(3) The trustee shall be solely responsible for the investment of the

moneys held under a cemetery permanent maintenance fund. The trust instrument must state that control of the trust funds by the trustor is prohibited.

(c) The trust instrument shall be effective upon written approval by the secretary of state and compliance with this section, unless it is determined by a court of law that the underlying trust instrument is in conflict with Kansas statutes, then that portion of the underlying trust instrument becomes null and void and shall be of no further force or effect. The trust instrument is in compliance with this section if the following is provided to the secretary of state:

(1) The names of the trustee, the cemetery corporation as trustor and the date the trust instrument shall become effective.

(2) The trustee shall submit a quarterly report to the secretary of state. The report shall be in a form and manner approved by the secretary of state and shall contain the following:

- (A) Deposits to principal;
- (B) any withdrawals from principal;
- (C) all interest, dividends, and income earned;
- (D) ~~interest~~ income withdrawn;
- (E) capital gains or capital losses; and
- (F) capital gains taxes paid from capital gains.

(3) The trustee shall use deposit and withdrawal forms approved by the secretary of state.

(4) The trustee shall invest the trust funds subject to the requirements of subsections (a) through (f) of K.S.A. 58-24a02, and amendments thereto. Control of the trust funds by the trustor is prohibited.

(5) By accepting the trusteeship of the permanent maintenance fund, the trustee submits personally to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state. All contractual agreements shall be subject to, governed by, and construed according to the laws of the state of Kansas.

(6) The trustee acknowledges the primary purpose of the permanent maintenance fund is to maintain the corpus of the trust.

(7) The trustee shall retain all liability and fiduciary responsibility for managing and administering the permanent maintenance fund.

(8) The trustee shall sign an affirmation under penalty of perjury, declaring the trustee has read, understands and agrees to comply with the requirements of K.S.A. 17-1308 et seq., and amendments thereto.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 17-1312a is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-1312a. (a) Each cemetery corporation formed under the laws of the state of Kansas and each foreign corporation granted a certificate of authority to own or operate a cemetery within the state of Kansas shall register with the secretary of state before commencing business in Kansas. Each cemetery corporation shall prepare and forward to the secretary of state at the time it is required to make a quarterly report under the provisions of this act.

(b) Within 30 days following each end of the quarter, the cemetery corporation shall provide the trustee and the secretary of state a report of all sales of burial spaces. The report shall be in a form and manner approved by the secretary of state and shall contain the name of each purchaser, contract number, a brief description of the ~~preceed~~ *preceed* each burial space, including the purchase price, the name and address of the trustee where the permanent maintenance fund is located, and the amount deposited into the permanent maintenance fund. If the cemetery corporation did not make a sale, within 30 days following each quarter end, the cemetery corporation shall provide to both the trustee and the secretary of state a report indicating no sales to record. The report shall be in a form and manner approved by the secretary of state.

(c) Within 30 days following the end of each quarter, the trustee shall provide the secretary of state a report of all deposits to, and distributions from, the permanent maintenance fund. The report shall be in a form and manner approved by the secretary of state and shall contain the total amount of the deposits, distributions, and the name and contact information of the trust officer in charge of the account.

(d) At least annually, the trustee of the permanent maintenance fund shall determine the income for the permanent maintenance fund, less reasonable costs, taxes and fees, and pay the income to the cemetery corporation. The trustee shall report to the secretary of state the calcu-

lation of the income paid to the cemetery within 30 days, in a form and manner approved by the secretary of state.

(e) Whenever the secretary of state shall determine that any cemetery corporation required by this act to be registered has failed or refused to do so, the secretary of state may notify the county attorney or district attorney of the county in which such cemetery corporation is located, and such county attorney or district attorney shall commence prosecution against such cemetery corporation. Any cemetery corporation which fails to register with the secretary of state shall be liable for a civil penalty of not to exceed \$1,000.

(f) Whenever and as often as deemed necessary, the secretary of state, or an employee designated by the secretary of state, may audit or otherwise examine any cemetery corporation books and accounts. Whenever such an audit or examination is so made, the cemetery corporation shall pay such expenses as shall be assessed by the secretary of state pursuant to K.S.A. 75-442, and amendments thereto.

(g) Fees not to exceed \$30 may be charged and collected by the secretary of state on each interment sold on or after January 1, 2011. Any such fees shall be forwarded on a quarterly basis to the secretary of state, in a form and manner approved by the secretary. The secretary of state shall promulgate rules and regulations fixing the fees to be charged and collected. On and after the effective date of this act any such fees collected shall be deposited in the cemetery maintenance and merchandise fee fund in the state treasury.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 17-1366 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17-1366. As used in this act: (a) “Abandoned cemetery” means:

(1) Any cemetery owned by a corporation, as defined in K.S.A. 17-1312f, and amendments thereto, in which, for a period of at least one year, there has been a failure to cut grass or weeds or care for graves, grave markers, walls, fences, driveways and buildings; ~~and or~~

(2) *any cemetery owned by a corporation, as defined in K.S.A. 17-1312f, and amendments thereto, in which* for a period of 180 days ~~which~~, proper records have not been maintained and annual or quarterly reports have not been made to the secretary of state, pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 17-1312a et seq., and amendments thereto.

(b) “Municipality” means the cemetery district in which all or any portion of an abandoned cemetery is located. If no portion of such cemetery is located within a cemetery district, the term shall mean the city in which all or any portion of an abandoned cemetery is located unless such cemetery is not within the corporate limits of a city, in which case such term shall mean the county in which such cemetery is located.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 12-1509 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-1509. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of plumbers practicing within the county or city may conduct examinations designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of determining the competency of applicants for such licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further questions not designated on such examination. The board of county commissioners of such county or the governing body of such city shall adopt rules and regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75% for passage of examinations; (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants taking each such examination; and (4) requiring all persons receiving such license annually to obtain not less than 12 hours biennially or six hours annually of continuing education approved by such local governing body. Not less than six hours biennially or three hours annually shall consist of code education. Continuing education may be provided by the local governing body, a nationally recognized trade association, community college, technical school, technical college or other provider approved by the local governing body. All hours of education shall consist of training relative to construction, maintenance and code update training. Neither the county commission nor the governing body of such city shall impose any restriction on the number of providers of such continuing education.

(b) The certificate of competency received by any person who completes the experience requirements specified in subsections (e) and (f) and who successfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and amendments thereto, shall be valid proof of competency for licen-

sure, without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which requires licensure of plumbers practicing within such county or city. The county or city shall issue the appropriate certificate to any applicant therefor who presents such a certificate of competency and who demonstrates that such applicant has met the experience requirements specified in subsections (e) and (f). The county or city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

(c) All new licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1508, and amendments thereto, shall bear a distinctive notation identifying the testing agency and the specific test by name. All such licenses renewed upon the basis of completed continuing education as provided by subsection (a) shall bear a distinctive notation to verify such completion. All such licenses shall be valid in any other county or city which requires examination and licensure of plumbers for practice in such county or city.

(d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989, upon the basis of passage of a standard examination designated as such under the provisions of article 15 of chapter 12 of *the Kansas Statutes Annotated*, and amendments thereto, and whose certificate or license was issued by a political subdivision which prescribed a minimum score of not less than 70% for passage of such examination, shall be required to be reexamined for renewal of certification or licensure.

(e) Before issuing a journeyman certificate, the issuing jurisdiction shall verify the validity of the applicant's documented proof of a minimum of two years field experience. "Field experience" means working under the direct supervision of a person having a valid journeyman certificate or master certificate or attending trade related schooling. No more than one year of the requirement may be satisfied by trade related schooling. Schooling shall consist of a minimum of ~~240 hours classroom training~~ *930 program hours documented by a certificate of completion.*

(f) Before issuing a master certificate, the issuing jurisdiction shall verify the validity of the applicant's documented proof of having a valid journeyman certificate for a minimum of two years or having field experience for a minimum of four years.

(g) (1) No person shall install, improve, repair, maintain or inspect a medical gas piping system within a county or city unless such person: (A) Is licensed under the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1508 et seq., and amendments thereto; and (B) is certified under the appropriate professional qualifications standard or standards of ASSE Series 6000. All installers shall obtain a proper permit from the county or city for which the medical gas is being installed, all inspections shall be done by a third party agency certified under the appropriate professional qualifications standard or standards of ASSE Series 6000 for medical gas systems inspectors and all documentation of the inspections and certifications of installers and inspectors shall be provided to the county or city prior to any occupancy of the building or unit of the building in which the medical gas piping has been installed until an occupancy permit is issued. This subsection shall not apply in counties or cities in which building codes require an inspector certified by a nationally-recognized code organization to inspect medical gas installation prior to an occupancy permit being issued or to limited maintenance on a medical gas piping system previously installed in a hospital when performed by hospital maintenance personnel.

(2) As used in this subsection (g):

(A) "Medical gas piping" means the piping used solely to transport gasses used for medical purposes at a health care facility or the place of business of a health care provider;

(B) "limited maintenance" means minor repair or replacement of incidental parts and any related inspection or testing; and

(C) "hospital" means a medical care facility as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto, and includes within its meaning any clinic, long-term care facility, limited care residential facility and joint enterprises for the provision of health care services operated in connection with the operation of the medical care facility.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 12-1526 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-1526. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of electricians practicing within the county or city may conduct examinations designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, for the purpose

of determining the competency of applicants for such licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further questions not designated on such examination. The board of county commissioners of such county or the governing body of such city shall adopt rules and regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75% for passage of examinations; (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants taking each such examination; and (4) requiring all persons receiving such license to obtain not less than 12 hours biennially or six hours annually of continuing education approved by such local governing body. Not less than six hours biennially or three hours annually shall consist of code education. Continuing education may be provided by the local governing body, a nationally recognized trade association, community college, technical school, technical college or other provider approved by the local governing body. All hours of education shall consist of training relative to construction, maintenance and code update training. Neither the county commission nor the governing body of such city shall impose any restriction on the number of providers of such continuing education.

(b) The certificate of competency received by any person who completes the experience requirements specified in subsections (e) and (f) and who successfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, shall be valid proof of competency for licensure, without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which requires licensure of electricians practicing within such county or city. The county or city shall issue the appropriate certificate to any applicant therefor who presents such a certificate of competency and who demonstrates that such applicant has met the experience requirements specified in subsections (e) and (f). The county or city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

(c) All new licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1525, and amendments thereto, shall bear a distinctive notation identifying the testing agency and the specific test by name. All licenses renewed upon the basis of completed continuing education as provided by subsection (a) shall bear a distinctive notation to verify such completion. All such licenses shall be valid in any other county or city which requires examination and licensure of electricians for practice in such county or city.

(d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989, upon the basis of passage of a standard examination designated as such under the provisions of article 15 of chapter 12 of *the Kansas Statutes Annotated*, and amendments thereto, and whose certificate or license was issued by a political subdivision which prescribed a minimum score of not less than 70% for passage of such examination, shall be required to be reexamined for renewal of certification or licensure.

(e) Before issuing a journeyman or residential certificate, the issuing jurisdiction shall verify the validity of the applicant's documented proof of a minimum of two years field experience. "Field experience" means working under the direct supervision of a person having a valid journeyman certificate, residential certificate or master certificate or attending trade related schooling. No more than one year of the requirement may be satisfied by trade related schooling. Schooling shall consist of a minimum of ~~240 hours classroom training~~ *930 program hours documented by a certificate of completion.*

(f) Before issuing a master certificate, the issuing jurisdiction shall verify the validity of the applicant's documented proof of having a valid journeyman certificate for a minimum of two years.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 12-1542 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-1542. (a) Any county or city requiring the licensure of mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors and master and journeyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics practicing within the county or city may conduct examinations designated by K.S.A. 12-1541, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of determining the competency of applicants for such licensure and shall not be allowed to ask further questions not designated on such examination. The board of county commissioners of such county or the governing body of such city shall adopt rules and regulations: (1) Governing the conduct and grading of such examinations; (2) prescribing a minimum score of 75%

for passage of examinations; (3) fixing a uniform fee to be charged all applicants taking each such examination; and (4) requiring all persons receiving such license annually to obtain not less than 12 hours biennially or six hours annually of continuing education approved by such local governing body. Not less than six hours biennially or three hours annually shall consist of code education. Continuing education may be provided by the local governing body, a nationally recognized trade association, community college, technical school, technical college or other provider approved by the local governing body. All hours of education shall consist of training relative to construction, maintenance and code update training. Neither the county commission nor the governing body of such city shall impose any restriction on the number of providers of such continuing education.

(b) The certificate of competency received by any person who completes the experience requirements specified in subsections (e) and (f) and who successfully passes an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1541, and amendments thereto, shall be valid proof of competency for licensure, without additional examination, in any county or city of the state which requires licensure of mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics practicing within such county or city. The county or city shall issue the appropriate certificate to any applicant therefor who presents such a certificate of competency and who demonstrates that such applicant has met the experience requirements specified in subsections (e) and (f). The county or city shall fix a uniform fee to be charged all such applicants for licensure.

(c) All new licenses issued by a county or city upon the basis of successful passage of an examination designated by K.S.A. 12-1541, and amendments thereto, shall bear a distinctive notation identifying the testing agency and the specific test by name. All licenses renewed upon the basis of completed continuing education as provided by subsection (a) shall bear a distinctive notation to verify such completion. All such licenses shall be valid in any other county or city which requires examination and licensure of mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors and master and journeyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics for practice in such county or city.

(d) No person who was certified or licensed prior to July 1, 1989, upon the basis of passage of a standard examination designated by the political subdivision and whose certificate or license was issued by such political subdivision which prescribed a minimum score of not less than 70% for passage of such examination, shall be required to be reexamined for renewal of certification or licensure.

(e) Before issuing a journeyman heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanic certificate, the issuing jurisdiction shall verify the validity of the applicant's documented proof of a minimum of two years field experience. "Field experience" means working under the direct supervision of a person having a valid journeyman certificate or master certificate or attending trade related schooling. No more than one year of the requirement may be satisfied by trade related schooling. Schooling shall consist of minimum of ~~240 hours classroom training~~ *930 program hours documented by a certificate of completion.*

(f) Before issuing a master heating, ventilation and air conditioning certificate, the issuing jurisdiction shall verify the validity of the applicant's documented proof of having a valid journeyman certificate for a minimum of two years or having field experience for a minimum of four years.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 12-1509, 12-1526, 12-1542, 16-320, 16-321, 16-329, 17-1301c, 17-1311, 17-1312, 17-1312a and 17-1366 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.