

CHAPTER 342

AN ACT concerning term limits for members of certain professional boards and amending P.L.1968, c.362 and P.L.2007, c.211.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 3 of P.L.1968, c.362 (C.45:14C-3) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:14C-3 State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers.

3. There is created hereunder a State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers in the Department of Law and Public Safety, consisting of 7 citizens to be appointed by the Governor, without regard to political affiliation, and except as to members first appointed, for terms of 4 years and until the appointment of their successors. Of the members first appointed 2 shall be appointed for terms of 1 year, 2 for 2 years, 2 for 3 years and one for 4 years. Three members shall be master plumbers of at least 10 years experience, one shall be a local plumbing inspector who has held such appointment for at least 10 years, one shall be a journeyman plumber of at least 10 years experience and 2 shall be representatives of the public having no association with the plumbing industry.

Appointments to fill vacancies on the board shall be made for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Members of the board shall be subject to removal by the Governor for cause.

2. Section 3 of P.L.2007, c.211 (C.45:16A-3) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:16A-3 State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors.

3. There is created within the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety the State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors. The board shall consist of nine members who are residents of the State of New Jersey and who, except for the member from the department in the Executive Branch of State Government, shall be appointed by the Governor. In addition to the two public members appointed to represent the interests of the public pursuant to the provisions of subsection b. of section 2 of P.L.1971, c.60 (C.45:1-2.2), one member shall be from a department in the Executive Branch of State Government who shall serve without compensation at the pleasure of the Governor; three members shall be practicing Master HVACR contractors with at least 10 years' experience; two members shall be mechanical inspectors with at least 10 years' experience; and one member shall be an HVACR journeyman of at least 10 years' experience.

The Governor shall appoint each member, other than the State executive department member, for terms of four years, except that of the members first appointed, other than the State executive department member, two shall serve for a term of four years, two shall serve for a term of three years, two shall serve for a term of two years, and two shall serve for terms of one year. Any vacancy in the membership shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner provided for the original appointment. The Governor may remove any member of the board, other than the State executive department member, for cause.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 13, 2020.