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To amend sections 715.27, 3703.10, 3781.102, 4740.01, 1
4740.02, 4740.03, 4740.04, 4740.05, 4740.06, 2
4740.07, 4740.08, 4740.10, 4740.101, 4740.11, 3
4740.12, 4740.13, and 5537.07 and to enact 4
sections 3703.21 and 4740.99 of the Revised Code 5
to change the name of the Ohio Construction 6
Industry Examining Board to the Ohio Construction 7
Industry Licensing Board, to make other changes 8
related to the licensing of trade contractors, and 9
to permit the Ohio Turnpike Commission to keep 10
cost estimates for specified construction projects 11
confidential until all bids are received. 12

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 715.27, 3703.10, 3781.102, 4740.01, 13
4740.02, 4740.03, 4740.04, 4740.05, 4740.06, 4740.07, 4740.08, 14
4740.10, 4740.101, 4740.11, 4740.12, 4740.13, and 5537.07 be 15
amended and sections 3703.21 and 4740.99 of the Revised Code be 16
enacted to read as follows: 17

Sec. 715.27. (A) Any municipal corporation may: 18

(1) Regulate the erection of fences, billboards, signs, and other structures, within the municipal corporation, and provide for the removal and repair of insecure billboards, signs, and other structures;

(2) Regulate the construction and repair of wires, poles, plants, and all equipment to be used for the generation and application of electricity;

(3) Provide for the licensing of house movers; plumbers; sewer tappers; vault cleaners; and specialty contractors who are not required to hold a valid ~~and unexpired~~ license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code.

~~A municipal corporation may, pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section, require;~~

(4) Require all specialty contractors other than those who hold a valid ~~and unexpired~~ license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code, to successfully complete an examination, test, or demonstration of technical skills, and may impose a fee and additional requirements for a license or registration to engage in their respective occupations within the jurisdiction of the municipal corporation.

(B) No municipal corporation shall require any specialty contractor who holds a valid ~~and unexpired~~ license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code to ~~successfully~~ complete an examination, test, or demonstration of technical skills ~~in order~~ to engage in the type of contracting for which the license is held, within the municipal corporation.

(C) ~~For a specialty~~ A municipal corporation may require a specialty contractor who holds a valid ~~and unexpired~~ license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code, to register with the municipal corporation and pay any fee the municipal corporation imposes before that specialty contractor may engage

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within the municipal corporation in the type of contracting for 50
which the license is held ~~within the municipal corporation, a~~ 51
~~municipal corporation may require the contractor to register with~~ 52
~~the municipal corporation and may impose a fee, provided that the.~~ 53
Any fee is shall be the same for all specialty contractors who 54
~~wish to~~ engage in ~~that~~ the same type of contracting, ~~and. A~~ 55
municipal corporation may require a bond and proof of all of the 56
following: 57

(1) Insurance pursuant to division (B)(4) of section 4740.06 58
of the Revised Code; 59

(2) Compliance with Chapters 4121. and 4123. of the Revised 60
Code; 61

(3) Registration with the tax department of the municipal 62
corporation. 63

If a municipal corporation requires registration, imposes 64
such a fee, or requires a bond or proof of the items listed in 65
divisions (C)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, the municipal 66
corporation immediately shall permit a contractor who presents 67
proof of holding a valid ~~and unexpired~~ license issued pursuant to 68
Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code, who registers, pays the fee, 69
obtains a bond, and submits the proof described under divisions 70
(C)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, as required, to engage in 71
the type of contracting for which the license is held, within the 72
municipal corporation. 73

(D) A municipal corporation may revoke the registration of a 74
contractor registered with that municipal corporation for good 75
cause shown. Good cause shown includes the failure of a contractor 76
to maintain a bond or the items listed in divisions (C)(1), (2), 77
and (3) of this section, if the municipal corporation requires 78
those. 79

(E) A municipal corporation that licenses specialty 80

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contractors pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section may 81
accept, for purposes of satisfying ~~the requirements of that~~ 82
~~division its licensing requirements~~, a valid ~~and unexpired~~ license 83
issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code that ~~is held~~ 84
~~by~~ a specialty contractor holds, for the construction, 85
replacement, maintenance, or repair of one-family, two-family, or 86
three-family dwelling houses or accessory structures incidental to 87
those dwelling houses. 88

(F) A municipal corporation shall not register a specialty 89
contractor who is required to hold a license under Chapter 4740. 90
of the Revised Code but does not hold a valid license issued under 91
that chapter. 92

(G) As used in this section, "specialty contractor" means a 93
heating, ventilating, and air conditioning contractor, 94
refrigeration contractor, electrical contractor, plumbing 95
contractor, or hydronics contractor, as those ~~terms~~ contractors 96
are ~~defined in section 4740.01~~ described in Chapter 4740. of the 97
Revised Code. 98

Sec. 3703.10. All prosecutions and proceedings by the 99
department of commerce for the violation of sections 3703.01 to 100
3703.09 of the Revised Code, or for the violation of any of the 101
orders or rules of the department under those sections, shall be 102
instituted by the director of commerce. All fines or judgments 103
collected by the department shall be paid into the state treasury 104
to the credit of the industrial compliance operating fund created 105
by section 121.084 of the Revised Code. 106

The director, the board of health of a general or city health 107
district, or any person charged with enforcing the rules of the 108
department adopted under sections 3703.01 to 3703.09 of the 109
Revised Code may petition the court of common pleas for injunctive 110
or other appropriate relief requiring any person violating a rule 111

adopted or order issued by the director under ~~this chapter~~ those 112
sections to comply with the rule or order. The court of common 113
pleas of the county in which the offense is alleged to be ~~occurring~~ 114
occurring may grant injunctive or other appropriate relief. 115

Sec. 3703.21. (A) Within ninety days after the effective date 116
of this section, the superintendent of the division of industrial 117
compliance shall appoint a backflow advisory board consisting of 118
not more than ten members, who shall serve at the pleasure of the 119
superintendent. The superintendent shall appoint a representative 120
from the plumbing section of the division of industrial 121
compliance, three representatives recommended by the plumbing 122
administrator of the division of industrial compliance, a 123
representative of the drinking water program of the Ohio 124
environmental protection agency, three representatives recommended 125
by the director of environmental protection, and not more than two 126
members who are not employed by the plumbing or water industry. 127

The board shall advise the superintendent on matters 128
pertaining to the training and certification of backflow 129
technicians. 130

(B) The superintendent shall adopt rules in accordance with 131
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to provide for the certification 132
of backflow technicians. The rules shall establish all of the 133
following requirements, specifications, and procedures: 134

(1) Requirements and procedures for the initial certification 135
of backflow technicians, including eligibility criteria and 136
application requirements and fees; 137

(2) Specifications concerning and procedures for taking 138
examinations required for certification as a backflow technician, 139
including eligibility criteria to take the examination and 140
application requirements and fees for taking the examination; 141

<u>(3) Specifications concerning and procedures for renewing a certification as a backflow technician, including eligibility criteria, application requirements, and fees for renewal;</u>	142
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<u>(4) Specifications concerning and procedures for both of the following:</u>	145
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<u>(a) Approval of training agencies authorized to teach required courses to candidates for certification as backflow technicians or continuing education courses to certified backflow technicians;</u>	147
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<u>(b) Renewal of the approval described in division (B)(4)(a) of this section.</u>	151
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<u>(5) Education requirements that candidates for initial certification as backflow technicians must satisfy and continuing education requirements that certified backflow technicians must satisfy;</u>	153
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<u>(6) Grounds and procedures for denying, suspending, or revoking certification, or denying the renewal of certification, as a backflow technician;</u>	157
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<u>(7) Procedures for issuing administrative orders for the remedy of any violation of this section or any rule adopted pursuant to division (B) of this section, including, but not limited to, procedures for assessing a civil penalty authorized under division (D) of this section;</u>	160
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<u>(8) Any provision the superintendent determines is necessary to administer or enforce this section.</u>	165
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<u>(C) No individual shall engage in the installation, testing, or repair of any isolation backflow prevention device unless that individual possesses a valid certification as a backflow technician. This division does not apply with respect to the installation, testing, or repair of any containment backflow</u>	167
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prevention device.

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(D) Whoever violates division (C) of this section or any rule
adopted pursuant to division (B) of this section shall pay a civil
penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each day that
the violation continues. The superintendent may, by order, assess
a civil penalty under this division, or may request the attorney
general to bring a civil action to impose the civil penalty in the
court of common pleas of the county in which the violation
occurred or where the violator resides.

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(E) Any action taken under a rule adopted pursuant to
division (B)(6) of this section is subject to the appeal process
of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. An administrative order
issued pursuant to rules adopted under division (B)(7) of this
section and an appeal to that type of administrative order shall
be executed in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

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(F) As used in this section:

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(1) "Isolation backflow prevention device" means a device for
the prevention of the backflow of liquids, solids, or gases that
is regulated by the building code adopted pursuant to section
3781.10 of the Revised Code and rules adopted pursuant to this
section.

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(2) "Containment backflow prevention device" means a device
for the prevention of the backflow of liquids, solids, or gases
that is installed by the supplier of, or as a requirement of, any
public water system as defined in division (A) of section 6109.01
of the Revised Code.

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Sec. 3781.102. (A) Any county or municipal building
department certified pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10
of the Revised Code as of September 14, 1970, and that, as of that
date, was inspecting single-family, two-family, and three-family

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residences, and any township building department certified 202
pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code, 203
is hereby declared to be certified to inspect single-family, 204
two-family, and three-family residences containing industrialized 205
units, and ~~such building department~~ shall inspect the buildings or 206
classes of buildings subject to ~~the provisions of~~ division (E) of 207
section 3781.10 of the Revised Code. 208

(B) Each board of county commissioners may adopt, by 209
resolution, rules establishing standards and providing for the 210
licensing of electrical and heating, ventilating, and air 211
conditioning contractors who are not required to hold a valid and 212
unexpired license pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code. 213

Rules adopted by a board of county commissioners pursuant to 214
this division may be enforced within the unincorporated areas of 215
the county and within any municipal corporation where the 216
legislative authority of the municipal corporation has contracted 217
with the board for the enforcement of the county rules within the 218
municipal corporation pursuant to section 307.15 of the Revised 219
Code. The rules shall not conflict with rules adopted by the board 220
of building standards pursuant to section 3781.10 of the Revised 221
Code or by the department of commerce pursuant to Chapter 3703. of 222
the Revised Code. This division does not impair or restrict the 223
power of municipal corporations under Section 3 Article XVIII, 224
Ohio Constitution, to adopt rules concerning the erection, 225
construction, repair, alteration, and maintenance of buildings and 226
structures or of establishing standards and providing for the 227
licensing of specialty contractors pursuant to section 715.27 of 228
the Revised Code. 229

A board of county commissioners, pursuant to this division, 230
may require all electrical contractors and heating, ventilating, 231
and air conditioning contractors, other than those who hold a 232

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valid and unexpired license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of 233
the Revised Code, to successfully complete an examination, test, 234
or demonstration of technical skills, and may impose a fee and 235
additional requirements for a license to engage in their 236
respective occupations within the jurisdiction of the board's 237
rules under this division. 238

(C) No board of county commissioners shall require any 239
specialty contractor who holds a valid and unexpired license 240
issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code to 241
successfully complete an examination, test, or demonstration of 242
technical skills in order to engage in the type of contracting for 243
which the license is held, within the unincorporated areas of the 244
county and within any municipal corporation whose legislative 245
authority has contracted with the board for the enforcement of 246
county regulations within the municipal corporation, pursuant to 247
section 307.15 of the Revised Code. 248

(D) A board may impose a fee for registration of a specialty 249
contractor who holds a valid and unexpired license issued pursuant 250
to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code before that specialty 251
contractor may engage in the type of contracting for which the 252
license is held within the unincorporated areas of the county and 253
within any municipal corporation whose legislative authority has 254
contracted with the board for the enforcement of county 255
regulations within the municipal corporation, pursuant to section 256
307.15 of the Revised Code, provided that the fee is the same for 257
all specialty contractors who wish to engage in that type of 258
contracting. If a board imposes such a fee, the board immediately 259
shall permit a specialty contractor who presents proof of holding 260
a valid and unexpired license and pays the required fee to engage 261
in the type of contracting for which the license is held within 262
the unincorporated areas of the county and within any municipal 263
corporation whose legislative authority has contracted with the 264

board for the enforcement of county regulations within the 265
municipal corporation, pursuant to section 307.15 of the Revised 266
Code. 267

(E) The political subdivision associated with each municipal, 268
township, and county building department certified by the board of 269
building standards pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of 270
the Revised Code may prescribe fees to be paid by persons, 271
political subdivisions, or any department, agency, board, 272
commission, or institution of the state, for the acceptance and 273
approval of plans and specifications, and for the making of 274
inspections, pursuant to sections 3781.03 and 3791.04 of the 275
Revised Code. 276

(F) Each political subdivision that prescribes fees pursuant 277
to division (E) of this section shall collect, on behalf of the 278
board of building standards, a fee equal to three per cent of ~~such~~ 279
those fees. The board shall adopt rules, in accordance with 280
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, specifying the manner in which 281
the fee assessed pursuant to this division shall be collected and 282
remitted monthly to the board. The board shall pay the fee 283
assessed pursuant to this division into the state treasury to the 284
credit of the industrial compliance operating fund created in 285
section 121.084 of the Revised Code. 286

All money credited to the fund under this division shall be 287
used exclusively for both of the following: 288

(1) Operating costs of the board; 289

(2) Providing services, including educational programs, for 290
the building departments that are certified by the board pursuant 291
to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code. 292

(G) A board of county commissioners that adopts rules 293
providing for the licensing of electrical and heating, 294
ventilating, and air conditioning contractors, pursuant to 295

division (B) of this section, may accept, for purposes of 296
satisfying the requirements of rules adopted under that division, 297
a valid and unexpired license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of 298
the Revised Code that is held by an electrical or heating, 299
ventilating, and air conditioning contractor, for the 300
construction, replacement, maintenance, or repair of one-family, 301
two-family, or three-family dwelling houses or accessory 302
structures incidental to those dwelling houses. 303

(H) A board of county commissioners shall not register a 304
specialty contractor who is required to hold a license under 305
Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code but does not hold a valid 306
license issued under that chapter. 307

(I) As used in this section, "specialty contractor" means a 308
heating, ventilating, and air conditioning contractor, 309
refrigeration contractor, electrical contractor, plumbing 310
contractor, or hydronics contractor, as those ~~terms~~ contractors 311
are ~~defined in section 4740.01~~ described in Chapter 4740. of the 312
Revised Code. 313

Sec. 4740.01. As used in this chapter: 314

(A) "License" means a license ~~issued by~~ the Ohio construction 315
industry ~~examining~~ licensing board issues to an individual as a 316
heating, ventilating, and air conditioning contractor, 317
refrigeration contractor, electrical contractor, plumbing 318
contractor, or hydronics contractor. 319

(B) "~~Heating, ventilating, and air conditioning contractor~~ 320
Contractor" means any individual or business entity ~~who~~ that 321
satisfies both of the following: 322

(1) For compensation, directs, supervises, or has 323
responsibility for the means, method, and manner of ~~heating,~~ 324
~~ventilating, and air conditioning~~ construction, improvement, 325

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renovation, repair, testing, or maintenance on a construction 326
project with respect to one or more trades and who offers, 327
identifies, advertises, or otherwise holds out or represents that 328
the individual or business entity is permitted or qualified to 329
perform, direct, supervise, or have responsibility for the means, 330
method, and manner of ~~heating, ventilating, and air conditioning~~ 331
construction, improvement, renovation, repair, or maintenance with 332
respect to one or more trades on a construction project; 333

(2) ~~Is a tradesperson~~ Performs or employs tradespersons who 334
perform ~~and who are trained to perform heating, ventilating, and~~ 335
~~air conditioning~~ construction, improvement, renovation, repair, or 336
maintenance on a construction project with respect to the 337
contractor's trades. 338

(C) ~~"Refrigeration contractor" means any individual or~~ 339
~~business entity who satisfies both of the following:~~ 340

~~(1) For compensation, directs, supervises, or has~~ 341
~~responsibility for the means, method, and manner of refrigeration~~ 342
~~construction, improvement, renovation, repair, or maintenance on a~~ 343
~~construction project and who offers, identifies, advertises, or~~ 344
~~otherwise holds out or represents that the individual or business~~ 345
~~entity is permitted or qualified to direct, supervise, or have~~ 346
~~responsibility for the means, method, and manner of refrigeration~~ 347
~~construction, improvement, renovation, repair, or maintenance on a~~ 348
~~construction project;~~ 349

~~(2) Is a tradesperson or employs tradespersons who perform~~ 350
~~and who are trained to perform refrigeration construction,~~ 351
~~improvement, renovation, repair, or maintenance on a construction~~ 352
~~project.~~ 353

(D) ~~"Electrical contractor" means any individual or business~~ 354
~~entity who satisfies both of the following:~~ 355

~~(1) For compensation, directs, supervises, or has~~ 356

~~responsibility for the means, method, and manner of electrical
construction, improvement, renovation, repair, or maintenance on a
construction project and who offers, identifies, advertises, or
otherwise holds out or represents that the individual or business
entity is permitted or qualified to direct, supervise, or have
responsibility for the means, method, and manner of electrical
construction, improvement, renovation, repair, or maintenance on a
construction project;~~

~~(2) Is a tradesperson or employs tradespersons who perform
and who are trained to perform electrical construction,
improvement, renovation, repair, or maintenance on a construction
project.~~

~~As used in this chapter, "electrical contracting" does not
include the construction, improvement, renovation, repair, or
maintenance of any of the following systems using less than fifty
volts:~~

~~(a) Fire alarm or burglar alarm;~~

~~(b) Tele data;~~

~~(c) Cabling;~~

~~(d) Sound;~~

~~(e) Communication;~~

~~(f) Landscape lighting and irrigation.~~

~~(E) "Plumbing contractor" means any individual or business
entity who satisfies both of the following:~~

~~(1) For compensation, directs, supervises, or has
responsibility for the means, method, and manner of plumbing
construction, improvement, renovation, repair, or maintenance on a
construction project and who offers, identifies, advertises, or
otherwise holds out or represents that the individual or business
entity is permitted or qualified to direct, supervise, or have~~

~~responsibility for the means, method, and manner of plumbing
construction, improvement, renovation, repair, or maintenance on a
construction project;~~ 387
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~~(2) Is a tradesperson or employs tradespersons who perform
and who are trained to perform plumbing construction, improvement,
renovation, repair, or maintenance on a construction project.~~ 390
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~~(F) "Hydronics contractor" means any individual or business
entity who satisfies both of the following:~~ 393
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~~(1) For compensation, directs, supervises, or has
responsibility for the means, method, and manner of hydronics
construction, improvement, renovation, repair, or maintenance on a
construction project and who offers, identifies, advertises, or
otherwise holds out or represents that the individual or business
entity is permitted or qualified to direct, supervise, or have
responsibility for the means, method, and manner of hydronics
construction, improvement, renovation, repair, or maintenance on a
construction project;~~ 395
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~~(2) Is a tradesperson or employs tradespersons who perform
and who are trained to perform hydronics construction,
improvement, renovation, repair, or maintenance on a construction
project.~~ 404
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~~(G) "Contractor" "Licensed trade" means a trade performed by
a heating, ventilating, and air conditioning contractor, a
refrigeration contractor, an electrical contractor, a plumbing
contractor, or a hydronics contractor.~~ 408
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~~(H)(D) "Tradesperson" means an individual who, for
compensation, engages in construction, improvement, renovation,
repair, or maintenance of buildings or structures without assuming
responsibility for the means, method, or manner of that
construction, improvement, renovation, repair, or maintenance.~~ 412
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~~(I)(E)~~ "Construction project" means a construction project 417
involving a building or structure ~~that is~~ subject to Chapter 3781. 418
of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under that chapter, but 419
not ~~involving the following buildings or structures:~~ 420

~~(1) An~~ an industrialized unit as defined in ~~division (C)(3)~~ 421
~~of~~ section 3781.06 of the Revised Code; 422

~~(2) A~~ or a building or structure constructed pursuant to 423
rules adopted under section 3781.181 or 3781.21 of the Revised 424
Code. 425

Sec. 4740.02. (A) There is hereby created within the 426
department of commerce, the Ohio construction industry ~~examining~~ 427
licensing board, consisting of seventeen residents of this state. 428
The board shall ~~consist of~~ have an administrative section, a 429
plumbing section, an electrical section, and a heating, 430
ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration section. The 431
director of commerce shall appoint all members of the board. The 432
director or the director's designee shall serve as a member of the 433
administrative section and the director shall appoint to the 434
~~administrative section to represent the public, one member who is~~ 435
~~a representative of the public who is not a member of any group~~ 436
~~certified by any section of the board. The plumbing, electrical,~~ 437
~~and heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration~~ 438
~~sections each~~ Each section, other than the administrative section, 439
shall annually elect a member of ~~their own respective~~ its section 440
to serve a one-year term on the administrative section. 441

(B) The plumbing section ~~shall consist~~ consists of five 442
members, one of whom is a plumbing inspector employed by the 443
department of commerce, a municipal corporation, or a health 444
district, two of whom are plumbing contractors who have no 445
affiliation with any union representing plumbers, and two of whom 446
are plumbing contractors who are signatories to agreements with 447

unions representing plumbers. 448

The plumbing section has primary responsibility for the 449
licensure of plumbing contractors and hydronics contractors. 450

(C) The electrical section ~~shall consist~~ consists of five 451
members, one of whom is an electrical inspector employed by the 452
department of commerce, a municipal corporation, or a county, two 453
of whom are electrical contractors who have no affiliation with 454
any union representing electricians, and two of whom are 455
electrical contractors who are signatories to agreements with 456
unions representing electricians. 457

The electrical section has primary responsibility for the 458
licensure of electrical contractors. 459

(D) The heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and 460
refrigeration section ~~shall consist~~ consists of five members, one 461
of whom is a heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and 462
refrigeration inspector employed by either the department of 463
commerce or a municipal corporation; two of whom are heating, 464
ventilating, and air conditioning contractors or refrigeration 465
contractors who have no affiliation with any union representing 466
heating, ventilating, and air conditioning tradespersons or 467
refrigeration tradespersons; and two of whom are heating, 468
ventilating, and air conditioning contractors or refrigeration 469
contractors who are signatories to agreements with unions 470
representing heating, ventilating, and air conditioning 471
tradespersons or refrigeration tradespersons. 472

The heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration 473
section has primary responsibility for the licensure of heating, 474
ventilating, and air conditioning contractors and refrigeration 475
contractors. 476

(E) Within ninety days after July 31, 1992, initial 477
appointments shall be made to the board. Of the initial 478

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appointments to the board, two appointments in each section, other than the administrative section, are for terms ending one year after July 31, 1992, and two are for terms ending two years after July 31, 1992. All other appointments to the board are for terms ending three years after July 31, 1992. Thereafter, terms of office are for three years, each term ending on the same day of the same month of the year as did the term that it succeeds. Each member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. Members may be reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration ~~date~~ of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member for the remainder of that term. A member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration ~~date~~ of ~~the member's a~~ term until ~~the member's a~~ successor takes office or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

(F) Before entering upon the discharge of official duties, each member shall take, and file with the secretary of state, the oath of office required by Section 7 of Article XV, Ohio Constitution.

(G) Each member ~~of the board~~, except for the director or the director's designee ~~the director appoints under division (A) of this section~~, shall receive a per diem amount fixed pursuant to section 124.15 of the Revised Code when actually attending to matters of the board and for the time spent in necessary travel, and all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of official duties.

(H) The director of commerce may remove any member of the board the director appoints for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance.

(I) Membership on the board and holding any office of the

board does not constitute ~~the~~ holding of a public office or 511
employment within the meaning of any section of the Revised Code, 512
or an interest, either direct or indirect, in a contract or 513
expenditure of money by the state or any municipal corporation, 514
township, special district, school district, county, or other 515
political subdivision. No member or officer of the board is 516
disqualified from holding any public office or employment nor 517
shall the officer or member forfeit any public office or 518
employment by reason of holding a position as an officer or member 519
of the board. 520

(J) The board, and each section of the board, shall meet only 521
after adequate advance notice of the meeting has been given to 522
each member of the board or section, as appropriate. 523

Sec. 4740.03. (A) The administrative section of the Ohio 524
construction industry ~~examining~~ licensing board annually shall 525
elect from among its members a chairperson and other officers as 526
the board, by rule, designates. The chairperson shall preside over 527
meetings of the administrative section or designate another member 528
to preside in the chairperson's absence. The administrative 529
section shall hold at least two regular meetings each year, but 530
may meet at additional times as specified by rule, at the call of 531
the chairperson, or upon the request of two or more members. A 532
majority of the members of the administrative section constitutes 533
a quorum for the transaction of all business. The administrative 534
section may not take any action without the concurrence of at 535
least three of its members. 536

(B)(1) The administrative section shall employ a secretary, 537
who is not a member of the board, to serve at the pleasure of the 538
administrative section, and shall fix the compensation of the 539
secretary. The secretary shall be in the unclassified civil 540
service of the state. 541

- (2) The secretary shall do all of the following: 542
- (a) Keep or set standards for and delegate to another person 543
the keeping of the minutes, books, and other records and files of 544
the board and each section of the board; 545
- (b) Issue all licenses in the name of the board; 546
- (c) Send out all notices, including advance notices of 547
meetings of the board and each section of the board, and attend to 548
all correspondence of the board and each section of the board, 549
under the direction of the administrative section; 550
- (d) Receive and deposit all fees payable pursuant to this 551
chapter into the ~~construction industry examining~~ industrial 552
compliance operating fund created pursuant to section ~~4740.11~~ 553
121.084 of the Revised Code; 554
- (e) Perform all other duties incidental to the office of the 555
secretary or properly assigned to the secretary by the 556
administrative section of the board. 557
- (3) Before entering upon the discharge of the duties of the 558
secretary, the secretary shall file with the treasurer of state a 559
bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, payable to the state, to 560
ensure the faithful performance of the secretary's duties. The 561
board shall pay the premium of the bond in the same manner as it 562
pays other expenditures of the board. 563
- (C) Upon the request of the administrative section of the 564
board, the director of commerce shall supply the board and its 565
sections with personnel, office space, and supplies, as the 566
director determines appropriate. The administrative section of the 567
board shall employ any additional staff it considers necessary and 568
appropriate. 569
- (D) The chairperson of the board or the secretary, or both, 570
as authorized by the board, shall approve all vouchers of the 571

board. 572

Sec. 4740.04. The administrative section of the Ohio 573
construction industry ~~examining~~ licensing board is responsible for 574
the administration of this chapter and shall do all of the 575
following: 576

(A) Schedule the contractor examinations ~~for heating,~~ 577
~~ventilating, and air conditioning contractors, refrigeration~~ 578
~~contractors, electrical contractors, plumbing contractors, and~~ 579
~~hydronics contractors, as directed by the applicable section~~ each 580
of the other sections of the board directs. ~~The administrative~~ 581
~~section shall schedule examinations to~~ Each type of examination 582
shall be held at least four times per year. 583

(B) Select and contract with one or more persons to do all of 584
the following relative to the examinations ~~described in division~~ 585
~~(A) of this section:~~ 586

(1) Prepare, administer, score, and maintain the 587
confidentiality of the examinations; 588

(2) Be responsible for all the expenses required to fulfill 589
division (B)(1) of this section; 590

(3) Charge an applicant a fee, in an amount ~~authorized by the~~ 591
administrative section of the board, authorizes for administering 592
the examination; 593

(4) Design the examination for each type of contractor to 594
determine an applicant's competence to perform ~~the~~ that type of 595
contracting ~~for which the applicant is seeking licensure.~~ 596

(C) Issue and renew licenses to individuals who have attained 597
at least the minimum score on an examination ~~authorized by the~~ 598
~~plumbing section for plumbing contractors, the electrical section~~ 599
~~for electrical contractors, the heating, ventilating, air~~ 600
~~conditioning, and refrigeration section for heating, ventilating,~~ 601

~~and air conditioning contractors and refrigeration contractors,~~ 602
~~and both the heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and~~ 603
~~refrigeration and plumbing sections for hydronics contractors, on~~ 604
~~the condition that the appropriate section of the board determines~~ 605
~~that the appropriate section authorizes for the licensed trade.~~ 606
Hydronics contractors shall pass the examinations for both the 607
plumbing section and the heating, ventilating, air conditioning, 608
and refrigeration section. The appropriate section shall determine 609
whether the individual also is qualified as required by section 610
4740.06 of the Revised Code to hold a license~~†.~~ 611

(D) Make an annual written report to the director of commerce 612
on proceedings had by or before the board for the previous year 613
and make an annual statement of all money received and expended by 614
the board during the year; 615

(E) Keep a record containing the name, address, the date on 616
which the board issues or renews a license to, and the license 617
number of, every heating, ventilating, and air conditioning 618
contractor, refrigeration contractor, electrical contractor, 619
plumbing contractor, and hydronics contractor issued a license 620
pursuant to this chapter; 621

(F) Regulate a contractor's use and display of a license 622
issued pursuant to this chapter and of any information contained 623
in that license; 624

(G) Adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 625
Revised Code as necessary to properly discharge the administrative 626
section's duties under this chapter~~†.~~ The rules shall include, but 627
not be limited to, the following: 628

(1) Application procedures for examinations; 629

(2) Specifications for continuing education requirements for 630
license renewal that address all of the following: 631

(a) Criteria for continuing education courses conducted 632

pursuant to this chapter;

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(b) A requirement that individuals holding a valid and unexpired license accrue ten hours of continuing education courses per year;

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(c) A requirement that persons seeking approval to provide continuing education courses submit the required information to the appropriate section of the board at least thirty days, but not more than one year, prior to the date on which the course is proposed to be offered;

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(d) A prohibition against any person providing a continuing education course unless the administrative section of the board approved that person not more than one year prior to the date the course is offered;

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(e) Fees the board charges to persons who provide continuing education courses, in an amount of twenty-five dollars annually for each person approved to provide courses, not more than ten dollars plus one dollar per credit hour for each course offered, and one dollar per credit hour of instruction per attendee;

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(f) A provision limiting approval of continuing education courses to one year.

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(H) Adopt any continuing education curriculum as the other sections of the board establish or approve pursuant to division (C) of section 4740.05 of the Revised Code;

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(I) Grant approval to a person or entity to offer continuing education courses pursuant to rules the board adopts;

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(J) Keep a record of its proceedings and do all things necessary to carry out this chapter.

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Sec. 4740.05. ~~The heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration~~ (A) Each section of the Ohio construction industry

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~~examining licensing board for heating, ventilating, and air 662
conditioning contractors and refrigeration contractors; the 663
plumbing section of the board for plumbing contractors; the 664
electrical section for electrical contractors; and both the 665
heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration and the 666
plumbing sections for hydronics contractors, other than the 667
administrative section, shall do all of the following: 668~~

~~(A)(1) Adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 669
Revised Code as this chapter relates to their respective sections. 670
The rules shall be that are limited to the following: 671~~

~~(1) Application procedures for examinations; 672~~

~~(2) Specifications concerning continuing education 673
requirements for license renewal that address all of the 674
following: 675~~

~~(a) Criteria for selecting and approving courses and persons 676
to provide those courses; 677~~

~~(b) A specification that individuals holding a valid and 678
unexpired license be required to accrue no more than thirty hours 679
of continuing education courses over a period of three years; 680~~

~~(c) A requirement that persons seeking approval to provide 681
continuing education courses submit information regarding the 682
courses to the appropriate section of the board for approval not 683
less than ninety days nor more than one year prior to the date on 684
which the courses are offered, unless a section of the board 685
permits submission at a different time; 686~~

~~(d) A prohibition against any person providing a course for 687
the purpose of meeting continuing education requirements unless, 688
not more than one year prior to the date the course is offered, 689
the person has been approved by the appropriate section of the 690
board to provide that course; 691~~

~~(e) A provision limiting approval of continuing education courses to one year;~~ 692
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~~(f) A provision establishing the following annual fees, to be paid to the board by persons approved to provide continuing education courses:~~ 694
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~~(i) For the approval of each continuing education course, not more than ten dollars plus one dollar per credit hour;~~ 697
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~~(ii) For the approval of each person providing continuing education courses, twenty five dollars.~~ 699
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~~(3)(a) Criteria for the section of the board shall to use in evaluating the qualifications of an individual;~~ 701
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~~(4)(b) Criteria for the section of the board shall to use in deciding whether to authorize the administrative section to issue, renew, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a license;~~ 703
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~~(5) Determinations (c) The determinations and approvals made the section makes under the reciprocity provision of section 4740.08 of the Revised Code.~~ 706
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~~(B)(2) Investigate allegations in reference to violations of this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant thereto pertaining to it that pertain to the section and determine by rule a procedure for to conduct investigations and hearings on these allegations;~~ 709
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~~(C)(3) Maintain a record of its proceedings;~~ 713

~~(D) Grant approval to persons to offer continuing education courses pursuant to rules adopted under division (A)(2) of this section;~~ 714
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~~(E)(4) As required, do all things necessary to carry out this chapter.~~ 717
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(B) In accordance with rules they establish, the trade sections of the board shall authorize the administrative section 719
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to issue, renew, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew 721
licenses for the classes of contractors for which each has primary 722
responsibility as set forth in section 4740.02 of the Revised 723
Code. 724

(C) Each trade section of the board shall establish or 725
approve a continuing education curriculum for license renewal for 726
each class of contractors for which the section has primary 727
responsibility. No curriculum may require that more than five 728
hours out of the ten total required per year be specific course 729
requirements. 730

Sec. 4740.06. (A) Any individual who applies for a license 731
shall file a written application with the appropriate section of 732
the Ohio construction industry ~~examining~~ licensing board, 733
accompanied with the application fee as determined pursuant to 734
section 4740.09 of the Revised Code. The individual shall file the 735
application ~~with the appropriate section~~ not more than sixty days 736
nor less than thirty days prior to the date of the examination. 737
The application shall be on the form ~~prescribed by the appropriate~~ 738
the section of the board prescribes and verified by the 739
applicant's oath. ~~It shall contain~~ The applicant shall provide 740
information satisfactory to the ~~appropriate~~ section showing that 741
the applicant meets the requirements of division (B) of this 742
section. 743

(B) To qualify to take ~~the an~~ examination ~~required to obtain~~ 744
~~a license for a heating, ventilating, and air conditioning~~ 745
~~contractor, refrigeration contractor, electrical contractor,~~ 746
~~plumbing contractor, or hydronics contractor,~~ an individual shall: 747

(1) Be at least eighteen years of age; 748

(2) Be a United States citizen or legal alien who produces 749
valid documentation to demonstrate the individual is a legal 750

resident of the United States; 751

(3) Either have been a tradesperson ~~for~~ in the type of 752
~~contractor~~ licensed trade for which the application is filed for 753
not less than five years immediately prior to the date the 754
application is filed, be an engineer, have three years of business 755
experience in the construction industry, or have other experience 756
acceptable to the appropriate section of the board ~~that authorizes~~ 757
~~issuance of the type of license sought;~~ 758

(4) Maintain contractor's liability insurance, including 759
without limitation, complete operations coverage, in an amount 760
~~determined by~~ the appropriate section of the board determines; 761

(5) Not have done any of the following: 762

(a) Been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor 763
involving moral turpitude or of any felony; 764

(b) Violated this chapter or any rule adopted pursuant to 765
~~this chapter~~ it; 766

(c) Obtained or renewed a license issued pursuant to this 767
chapter, or any order, ruling, or authorization of the board or a 768
section of the board by fraud, misrepresentation, or deception; 769

(d) Engaged in fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in the 770
conduct of business. 771

(C) ~~If the~~ When an applicant for licensure as a ~~heating,~~ 772
~~ventilating, and air conditioning contractor, refrigeration~~ 773
~~contractor, electrical contractor, plumbing contractor, or~~ 774
~~hydronics~~ contractor in a licensed trade meets the qualifications 775
set forth in division (B) of this section and passes the required 776
examination, the appropriate section of the board, within ninety 777
days after ~~the applicant filed~~ the application was filed, shall 778
authorize the administrative section of the board to license the 779
applicant for the type of contractor's license for which the 780

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applicant qualifies. A section of the board may withdraw its 781
authorization to the administrative section for issuance of a 782
license for good cause shown, on the condition that notice of that 783
withdrawal is given prior to the administrative section's issuance 784
of the license. 785

(D) Each license ~~issued under this chapter~~ expires one year 786
after the date of issue, ~~but each.~~ An individual holding a valid, 787
unexpired license may renew the license, without reexamination, by 788
~~applying~~ submitting an application to the appropriate section of 789
the board not more than ninety calendar days before the expiration 790
of the license, ~~and submitting with the application along with the~~ 791
renewal fee ~~as determined pursuant to section 4740.09 of the~~ 792
Revised Code the section requires and proof of compliance with the 793
applicable continuing education requirements ~~applicable to that~~ 794
~~contractor.~~ The ~~renewal application applicant~~ shall ~~contain~~ 795
provide information in the renewal application satisfactory to 796
demonstrate to the appropriate section ~~of the board showing~~ that 797
the applicant continues to meet the requirements of division (B) 798
of this section. 799

~~The appropriate~~ Upon application and within one calendar year 800
after a license has expired, a section ~~of the board~~ may waive any 801
of the requirements for renewal of a license upon finding that ~~the~~ 802
an applicant substantially ~~has met~~ meets the renewal requirements 803
or that failure to timely apply for renewal is due to excusable 804
neglect. ~~If, in renewing a license, a~~ A section ~~of the board that~~ 805
waives requirements for renewal, ~~that section of a license~~ may 806
impose conditions upon ~~that~~ the licensee and assess a late filing 807
fee of not more than double the usual renewal fee. An applicant 808
shall satisfy any condition the section imposes before a license 809
is reissued. 810

(E) An individual holding a valid ~~and unexpired~~ license may 811
request the section of the board that authorized ~~the issuance of~~ 812

that license to place the license in inactive status under 813
conditions, and for a period of time, as ~~determined by~~ that 814
section ~~of the board~~ determines. 815

(F) Except for the ninety-day extension provided for a 816
license assigned to a business entity under division (D) of 817
section 4740.07 of the Revised Code, a license held by an 818
individual immediately terminates upon the death of the 819
individual. 820

(G) Nothing in any license issued by the Ohio construction 821
industry ~~examining~~ licensing board shall be construed to limit or 822
eliminate any requirement of or any license issued by the Ohio 823
fire marshal. 824

Sec. 4740.07. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 825
section, the administrative section of the Ohio construction 826
industry ~~examining~~ licensing board shall issue and renew all 827
licenses under this chapter in the name of the individual who 828
meets the requirements of section 4740.06 of the Revised Code. 829

(B) Any individual may request, at the time of applying for a 830
license or at any time thereafter, that the individual's license 831
be assigned to a business entity with whom the individual is 832
associated as a full-time officer, proprietor, partner, or 833
employee. If the individual is issued or holds a license and meets 834
the requirements of this section for the assignment of the license 835
to a business entity, the administrative section shall assign the 836
license to and issue a license in the name of the business entity. 837
The license assigned and issued to a business entity under this 838
division shall state the name and position of the individual who 839
assigned the license to the business entity. 840

(C) During the period a business entity holds a license 841
issued under division (B) of this section, the administrative 842
section shall not issue another license to the individual who 843

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assigned the license to the business entity ~~another license~~ for 844
the same type of contracting for which the business entity 845
utilizes the assigned license ~~is utilized by the business entity.~~ 846

(D)(1) If an individual who assigned a license to a business 847
entity ceases to be associated with the business entity for any 848
reason, including, ~~without limitation,~~ the death of the 849
individual, the individual or business entity immediately shall 850
notify the appropriate section of the board of the date on which 851
the individual ceased to be associated with the business entity. A 852
license assigned to a business entity is invalid ninety calendar 853
days after the date on which the individual who assigned the 854
license ceases to be associated with the business entity. 855

(2) If a license assigned to a business entity becomes 856
invalid pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section and another 857
individual has assigned a license to the business entity for the 858
same type of contracting for which the invalidated license had 859
been assigned, the business entity may continue to operate under 860
the other assigned license. 861

(E) Any work ~~conducted by~~ a business entity conducts under a 862
license assigned under this section is deemed to be conducted 863
under the personal supervision of the individual named in the 864
license and ~~all violations~~ any violation of any ~~terms~~ term of the 865
license ~~are~~ is deemed to have been committed by the individual 866
named in the license. 867

For the period of time during which more than one license for 868
the same type of contracting is assigned ~~under this section~~ to a 869
business entity, any work ~~conducted by~~ the business entity 870
conducts under any of those licenses is deemed to be conducted 871
under the personal supervision of the individuals named in ~~each of~~ 872
~~the~~ those licenses and ~~all violations~~ any violation of any ~~terms~~ 873
term of any ~~of the licenses~~ license is deemed to have been 874
committed by the individuals named in ~~each~~ all of the licenses. 875

(F) No individual who assigns a license to a business entity 876
~~under division (B) of this section~~ shall assign a license for the 877
same type of contracting to another business entity until after 878
ninety days after the individual ceases to be associated with the 879
business entity to ~~whom~~ which the individual had ~~previously~~ 880
assigned a license. 881

(G) Any individual who assigns a license to a business entity 882
under this section shall be actively engaged in business as the 883
type of contractor for which the license is issued and be readily 884
available for consultation with the business entity to which the 885
license is assigned. 886

(H) No license assigned under this section shall be assigned 887
to more than one business entity at a time. 888

Sec. 4740.08. ~~Upon application~~ When an individual who is 889
registered, licensed, or certified in another state applies to the 890
appropriate section of the Ohio construction industry ~~examining~~ 891
licensing board and ~~payment of~~ pays the licensure fee determined 892
pursuant to section 4740.09 of the Revised Code ~~for the issuance~~ 893
~~of a license~~, the appropriate section of the board shall authorize 894
the administrative section ~~of the board~~ to issue, without 895
examination, a license to ~~an~~ that individual ~~registered, licensed,~~ 896
~~or certified in another state of the United States, provided that~~ 897
if the appropriate section of the board determines, pursuant to 898
~~the rule adopted under division (A)(5) of section 4740.05 of the~~ 899
~~Revised Code~~ rules it adopts, that the requirements for 900
registration, licensure, or certification under the laws of the 901
other state ~~of the United States~~ are substantially equal to the 902
requirements for licensure in this state and ~~further provided that~~ 903
~~such~~ the other state extends similar reciprocity to persons 904
licensed under this chapter. The appropriate section of the board 905
may withdraw its authorization to the administrative section for 906

issuance of a license for good cause ~~shown~~ prior to the 907
administrative section's issuance of the license. 908

Sec. 4740.10. (A) ~~The heating, ventilating, air conditioning,~~ 909
~~and refrigeration~~ appropriate section of the Ohio construction 910
industry ~~examining~~ licensing board for heating, ventilating, and 911
~~air conditioning contractors and for refrigeration contractors;~~ 912
~~the electrical section of the board for electrical contractors;~~ 913
~~the plumbing section of the board for plumbing contractors; and~~ 914
~~both the plumbing section and the heating, ventilating, air~~ 915
~~conditioning, and refrigeration section for hydronics contractors~~ 916
~~may suspend or revoke a license and may direct~~ may take any of the 917
following actions against a licensee who violates Chapter 4740. of 918
the Revised Code: 919

(1) Impose a fine on the licensee, not exceeding one thousand 920
dollars per violation per day; 921

(2) Direct the administrative section to suspend the 922
licensee's license for a period of time the section establishes; 923

(3) Direct the administrative section to revoke the 924
licensee's license; 925

(4) Require the licensee to complete additional continuing 926
education course work. Any continuing education course work 927
completed pursuant to this division may not count toward any other 928
continuing education requirements this chapter establishes. 929

(5) Direct the administrative section ~~of the board~~ to refuse 930
to issue or renew a license if the section ~~of the board~~ finds that 931
the applicant or licensee has done any of the following: 932

~~(1)~~(a) Been convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral 933
turpitude or a felony; 934

~~(2)~~(b) Violated any provision of this chapter or the rules 935

adopted pursuant thereto; 936

~~(3)~~(c) Obtained a license or any order, ruling, or 937
authorization of the board by fraud, misrepresentation, or 938
deception; 939

~~(4)~~(d) Engaged in fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in 940
the conduct of business. 941

(B) The appropriate section of the board shall determine the 942
length of time that a license is to be suspended and whether or 943
when an individual whose license has been revoked may apply for 944
reinstatement. The appropriate section of the board may accept or 945
refuse an application for reinstatement and may require an 946
examination for reinstatement. 947

(C) The appropriate section of the board may investigate any 948
alleged violation of this chapter or the rules adopted pursuant 949
~~thereto to it~~. If, after ~~its~~ an investigation, a section ~~of the~~ 950
~~board~~ determines that any person has engaged or is engaging in any 951
practice that violates this chapter or the rules adopted pursuant 952
~~thereto to it~~, that section may apply to the court of common pleas 953
of the county in which the ~~section determined that the~~ violation 954
occurred or is occurring for an injunction or other appropriate 955
relief to enjoin or terminate the violation. 956

(D) Any person who wishes to make a complaint against a 957
person who holds a license shall submit the complaint in writing 958
to the appropriate section of the board within ~~one year~~ three 959
years after the date of the action or event upon which the 960
complaint is based. 961

Sec. 4740.101. On receipt of a notice pursuant to section 962
3123.43 of the Revised Code, the construction industry ~~examining~~ 963
licensing board shall comply with sections 3123.41 to 3123.50 of 964
the Revised Code and any applicable rules adopted under section 965

3123.63 of the Revised Code with respect to a certificate issued 966
pursuant to this chapter. 967

Sec. 4740.11. The Ohio construction industry ~~examining~~ 968
licensing board and its sections shall deposit all receipts and 969
 fines collected under this chapter into the state treasury to the 970
credit of the industrial compliance operating fund created in 971
section 121.084 of the Revised Code. 972

Sec. 4740.12. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to 973
limit the operation of any statute or rule of this state or any 974
ordinance or rule of any political subdivision, district, or 975
agency of the state that does either of the following: 976

(A) Regulates the installation, repair, maintenance, or 977
alteration of plumbing systems, hydronics systems, electrical 978
systems, heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems, or 979
refrigeration systems; 980

(B) Requires the registration and assessment of a 981
registration or license fee of tradespersons who perform heating, 982
ventilating, and air conditioning, refrigeration, electrical, 983
plumbing, or hydronics construction, improvement, renovation, 984
repair, or maintenance. 985

Sec. 4740.13. (A) No person shall act as or claim to be a 986
~~heating, ventilating, and air conditioning contractor,~~ 987
~~refrigeration contractor, plumbing contractor, electrical~~ 988
~~contractor, or hydronics~~ a type of contractor that this chapter 989
licenses unless that person holds or has been assigned a license 990
issued pursuant to this chapter for the type of contractor that 991
person is acting as or claiming to be. 992

~~Contractors~~ (B) Upon the request of the appropriate section 993
of the Ohio construction industry licensing board, the attorney 994

general may bring a civil action for appropriate relief, including 995
but not limited to a temporary restraining order or permanent 996
injunction in the court of common pleas of the county where the 997
unlicensed person resides or is acting as or claiming to be a 998
licensed contractor. 999

(C) A contractor licensed under this chapter may install, 1000
service, and maintain the related or interfaced control wiring for 1001
equipment and devices related to their specific license, on the 1002
condition that the control wiring is less than twenty-five volts. 1003

(D) A person is not an electrical contractor subject to 1004
licensure under this chapter for work that is limited to the 1005
construction, improvement, renovation, repair, testing, or 1006
maintenance of the following systems using less than fifty volts 1007
of electricity: fire alarm or burglar alarm, cabling, tele-data 1008
sound, communication, and landscape lighting and irrigation. 1009

Sec. 4740.99. Whoever violates division (A) of section 1010
4740.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on 1011
the first violation and a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on 1012
subsequent violations. 1013

Sec. 5537.07. (A) When the cost to the Ohio turnpike 1014
commission under any contract with a person other than a 1015
governmental agency involves an expenditure of more than ten 1016
thousand dollars, the commission shall make a written contract 1017
with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in accordance 1018
with section 9.312 of the Revised Code after advertisement for not 1019
less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general 1020
circulation in Franklin county, and in such other publications as 1021
the commission determines, which notice shall state the general 1022
character of the work and the general character of the materials 1023
to be furnished, the place where plans and specifications therefor 1024

may be examined, and the time and place of receiving bids. The 1025
commission may require that the cost estimate for the 1026
construction, demolition, alteration, repair, improvement, 1027
renovation, or reconstruction of roadways and bridges for which 1028
the commission is required to receive bids be kept confidential 1029
and remain confidential until after all bids for the public 1030
improvement have been received or the deadline for receiving bids 1031
has passed. Thereafter, and before opening the bids submitted for 1032
the roadways and bridges, the commission shall make the cost 1033
estimate public knowledge by reading the cost estimate in a public 1034
place. The commission may reject any and all bids. The 1035
requirements of this division do not apply to contracts for the 1036
acquisition of real property or compensation for professional or 1037
other personal services. 1038

(B) Each bid for a contract for construction, demolition, 1039
alteration, repair, improvement, renovation, or reconstruction 1040
shall contain the full name of every person interested in it and 1041
shall meet the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code. 1042

(C) Each bid for a contract, other than for a contract 1043
referred to in division (B) of this section, shall contain the 1044
full name of every person interested in it and shall be 1045
accompanied by a sufficient bond or certified check on a solvent 1046
bank that if the bid is accepted a contract will be entered into 1047
and the performance of its proposal secured. 1048

(D) A bond with good and sufficient surety, approved by the 1049
commission, shall be required of every contractor awarded a 1050
contract, other than a contract referred to in division (B) of 1051
this section, in an amount equal to at least fifty per cent of the 1052
contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the 1053
contract. 1054

Section 2. That existing sections 715.27, 3703.10, 3781.102, 1055

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