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This Bill is good and bad. Does this Bill take away "Local-Control?" There NEEDS to be Great State-Wide Protections!



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I am writing in support of HB1083 - Statewide Mechanical Contractors Licensing Act. You may ask why an Electrician is concerned with Mechanical Licensing. I believe all the trades need to support each other and I also believe that the experience learned from the Statewide Electrical Licensing sheds light on this issue. In 2017 Statewide Electrical Licensing was passed in Missouri. I was one of the first in the state to obtain this license. Since receiving the Statewide Electrical License I have seen much less red tape and duplication of effort to operating within the state. Previously each municipality had their own regulations and requirements to obtain an electrical license. Now, under the new statewide licensing they still have those requirements for anyone that wants to work in just their city. They also accept my statewide license in lieu of their requirements. With this arrangement I can work anywhere in the State of Missouri without restriction. The same codes and safety requirements are still in place. The municipalities still perform their own inspections to insure the proper and safe installation of electrical systems. The insurance requirements are fulfilled. Only the red tape has been eliminated. Many will say that this new arrangement is a safety concern. This is an unfair statement. Safety records among the holders of the Missouri Statewide Electrical License is among the best in the industry. My company had NO OSHA recordable incidents in over 5 years. We have been awarded multiple safety awards. We consistently pass electrical inspections throughout the state. What motivation would I have as a contractor to do anything less for safety regardless of the license requirements? It makes no sense to think that a change in licensing would equate to a change in safety. I encourage your committee and the entire Missouri House to move this bill forward and extend this statewide licensing to the Mechanical Contractors of Missouri. With the shortage of tradesmen in the industry this is no time to limit their availability. It's time to streamline the process and move forward for the people of Missouri. Thank you for your attention.



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The current state of the licensing is limiting to the consumer which we work to serve. Different licenses for different cities is a limiting factor and unnecessary at that. A state license ensures the same quality is upheld and that the folks obtaining and possessing these licenses are knowledgeable in their trade. I see zero good reason to oppose the act of implementing a state licensing process.



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I support a standardized state-wide mechanical contractor license.



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As a local owner of an HVAC company I believe the current process is being used to prevent competition. The current system has allowed too many political subdivisions to determine what is required for individual licensing. Bill HB 1083 would create one standard for everyone to follow, like a majority of cities and county's across Missouri already do. As a local business owner this will make it easier for us to hire, maintain, and keep our skilled employees, which also will allow us to give our customers the type of service they deserve. Jefferson City just started the permitting process within the last year. As is typical, the reason permitting and inspection was started, was to provide a process of verifying a safe installation. One that fits today's mechanical code. The fact that this city chose inspection rather than licensing is evidence that licensing does not guarantee a safe installation, it rather puts the burden on the inspection process.



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My name is Travis Rackers. I'm owner of 2 local HVAC companies, I'm here to testify in support of House Bill 368 & 1083. I ask for your support as well. As you may know, for this fiscal year, there will be tens or possibly hundreds of millions of dollars spent by the State of Missouri on mechanical work. A good portion of this work will be performed in political subdivisions that do NOT require individual mechanical licensure. In fact, this very building... the State Capitol, as well as all the other state-owned buildings in this city and county will have mechanical work performed on, or in them, without the personnel being required to hold an individual mechanical license. Just last year, there was major mechanical work performed on the Capitol building, yet not one person was required to be individually licensed to do this work. How can the State of Missouri ensure that this work is safe or meet the acceptable industry standards of quality without having an individual license requirement? This insurance of safety and quality is done through an inspection process that uses the mechanical code as guidance. The State's representatives will perform inspections of the work being performed. So regardless of a person's licensing status, the work they perform must pass the test of the inspector. If the State of Missouri is okay with using this model for much of the state, shouldn't it work everywhere else? In fact, we know it would work, because it had for years. We know, based on who is leading up the opposition to this bill, that if this bill is not passed, they will continue to use the status quo to limit their competition. Frankly, the current licensing structure is used as a protectionist scheme, and they know. This must be the reason they are so vehemently against any change. They fully intend to move these onerous requirements across the state with the goal of limiting competition. Their argument regarding safety doesn't carry weight as I had pointed out earlier. Safety is verified through the permitting and inspection process. Not a licensing requirement. It is with this in mind that, that I strongly encourage the committee to move this bill forward. Until that time comes, individual businesses and mechanic's livelihood will continue to suffer. Thank you for your time and I'll be happy to take any questions.



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These bills would eliminate individual licensing and undermine our efforts to have a skilled and highly trained workforce. licensing is a critical component of ensuring that professionals are qualified and competent to provide service. However these bills would significantly undermine the licencing process by allowing individuals to practice without meeting the necessary standards and qualifications



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I oppose this legislation as it will allow for non-skilled and non-trained individuals to work on residential and commercial jobs. If an employee is not properly trained it can put the customer at risk as well as the employee himself and others who may be on the job with them. Employees in the HVAC industry work with electricity and gas on every job that they go to. By having individual licensing it requires them to pass a test so we know they have been properly trained.



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We strongly disagree with this bill as it undercuts the investment we have made with our skilled craftsman. These craftsman are licensed in our county and understand the technical requirements of the work in our area. To allow personnel to come into our area without any familiarity with our local requirements is a big mistake. This additionally would take revenue out of our area with contractors coming in from anywhere in the country. This is not good for anyone that has invested into the work in our area.



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I have been working in the Mechanical Contracting Industry for over 30 years. I am a past President of the Mechanical Contactors Association of Easter Missouri from 2016 to 2018 representing 37 Mechanical Contactors of Eastern Missouri and am still involved with the industry today. I am very familiar with Mechanical Licensing Requirements in the St. Louis Metro Area and most of Eastern Missouri. The HB 1083 Statewide Mechanical Contractors Licensing Act lowers the standard of Training for each individual mechanic working in this industry. The HVAC Mechanical Heating, Cooling and Plumbing Systems we install, and service today contain High Pressure Refrigerants that have to be handled by Mechanics that are trained and certified by the EPA. An EPA trained individual also has to safely remove and dispose of refrigerant systems that are being up-dated or removed as not to release harmful refrigerant into the air. These high-pressure refrigerant systems are in most households and business today. We also install and maintain Medical Gas Systems in several Healthcare Facilities and Hospitals in the Easter Missouri Area. These Mechanics also have to be trained and Certified by the NFPA 99 Medical Gas Systems and have continuing education requirements to keep up with certifications. The Mechanical Systems we install, service and maintain are more than just a Furnace and Air Conditioner, with new technology they are getting more complicated and require updated training for each system. We cannot have One Person Licensed in a company of 50 to 60 employees and technicians By Keeping Individual Mechanical Licensing for each Mechanical working under a Licensed Contractor. By keeping Individual licensing requirements and constant training updates, as technology is changing faster and faster each day, we ensure that these systems will be installed and maintained safely protecting us and our families. The above requirements and certifications are NOT a Union or Non-Union issue, they are required for any and all individuals installing, maintaining or working on these systems. One example comes to mind about a non-Trained individual working on a boiler at a box company in the City of St. Louis a few years back. While this individual was making repairs, the boiler blew out of the building and landed in a laundry company across the street killing a person. So, the above are just a few of the certifications and training required for individual mechanics working in our industry on various systems. With the above in mind, I ask you, would you trust a Medical Gas system that could be used for a medical procedure on you or one of your loved ones to be installed or serviced by a non-TRAINED individual? Would you want non-TRAINED individual installing a water heater/boiler, high pressure refrigerant air conditioner or servicing a natural gas furnace in your household or business? By passing the above referenced HB 1083 we will loosen our training and safety requirements and be going backwards, not forward and NOT protecting our Local Community and State. Think about our you and your family's safety before passing this bill. It's not just simple heating and cooling any more. George D. Corey MC Mechanical Services gcorey@mcservicestl.com 314-968-8400



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This measure can only reduce the skill of the labor force and quality of installation.



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Please find below a letter from St. Louis City Mayor Jones outlining her opposition to HB 1083 & HB 368. Dear House Committee Members: Licensed mechanical tradespeople understand that the well-being of St. Louis City residents is dependent upon them. The tradespeople acquired their knowledge and skill through education, successful passage of an industry-wide exam, and on-the-job training. Public safety is a top priority in St. Louis City and we support only licensed mechanical contractors and individuals who can demonstrate that they understand and will uphold the safety standards our citizens expect and deserve. These bills not only work to prevent municipalities from implementing licensure requirements that prioritize public safety for their citizens, they would further punish cities that attempt to do so by preventing their citizens' taxpayer dollars from returning. In their current form, the bills say that while municipalities may establish their own mechanical contractor's license, they are required to recognize a statewide license in lieu of a local license. In other words, if an individual holds a state license, and that state license requires recipients to satisfy much lower safety standards than the City of St. Louis or any other municipality currently requires, the state forces the City to accept licenses reflecting lower safety standards. Further, if a municipality does not do so, the state is then required to prevent citizens' local sales tax dollars from rightfully returning to their community until the municipality agrees to accept the less-safe standards. Citizens across the state would suffer and bear the brunt of these misguided bills either way. In addition, these bills also effectively eliminate occupational, journeymen, and apprenticeship licensure. They further state that only one individual per company, regardless of the size of the company, complexity of the job, or skills and experience of their employees, has to be licensed. These bills do not ensure that work is completed safely and properly, and they deny every municipality's ability to make sure that it is. Protecting residents and consumers is a top priority for St. Louis City. Bills that allow the state to set licensure standards lower than municipalities, and hold citizens' taxpayer dollars as hostage until a municipality agrees to accept lower standards, constitute an extraordinary form of government overreach. There is simply no reason to encroach upon local governments' efforts in this way. I oppose these bills and would be happy to work with the sponsors to address the public safety concerns created by these pieces of legislation. Sincerely, Tishaura O. Jones Mayor, City of St. Louis



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WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW S FARWIG		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am opposed to this legislation as written. There is no reason to eliminate existing or not let local jurisdiction create their own license program.



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As you know, licensing is a critical component of ensuring that professionals are qualified and competent to provide service. However, these bills would significantly undermine the licensing process by allowing individuals to practice without meeting the necessary standards and qualifications. We have individual licensing requirements in St. Louis County to ensure safety standards are met and code are followed. This legislation weakens our current system. Our company employs 100 people and continue to add more taxpaying personnel every year. I do not want in out-of-state contractor to be able to buy a license and take our work and weaken our local economy.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
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The Missouri Municipal League is opposed to preemption of local licensing authority.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT GROSSMANN		PHONE NUMBER:
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This bill will not raise the bar for public safety in Missouri, it only lowers it in areas that have set a high bar. Areas like St. Louis Metro have very sophisticated mechanical systems. The St. Louis area relies on it's knowledgeable craftsmen (men and women) to properly install these mechanical systems for the safety of everyone. We have some of the best training facilities in the country. The licensing requirements in and around St. Louis set the bar high so systems in our area are being installed by the most qualified mechanics. These mechanics are installing systems that have potential for serious health and financial consequences if not installed properly (boilers / steam systems, natural gas, medical gas, flues (co2), public water, sewer, chemical manufacturing, pharmaceutical manufacturing, critical cooling systems, food grade manufacturing, ... to name a few). We need the installing mechanics to have the necessary expertise. Project managers & inspectors are necessary but can't provide the quality assurance we need. The basis of all quality management programs is to instill quality at the installer level. Eliminating a counties ability to set it's own quality standard is a huge step backwards. We need to be training mechanics to reach the bar not lower the bar so untrained mechanics can get over it. Some type of State Licensing would probably be good for business and good for the State but only if it allows for local control of quality. We have made great strides in recognizing that the construction trades are just as important as other career choices. College isn't for everyone. This bill implies that mechanical construction is a low end career that doesn't require skill and training. The craft licensing requirement is what distinguishes the skilled, trained mechanic from the unskilled, untrained worker. Sincerely, Robert Grossmann



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WITNESS NAME: ROCHELLE BONTY		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: SCOTT RAMSHAW		PHONE NUMBER: 314-355-1000	
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WITNESS NAME: SHELLEY LEE BLAKELY		PHONE NUMBER: 636-937-7500	
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WITNESS NAME: WILL MARRS		PHONE NUMBER: 417-848-8561	
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We have a good licensure system in Springfield and wish it to remain in place. We are reluctantly a part of this debate because we have not had any major safety concerns and don't see the process as overly burdensome. Should the state move to a statewide licensure system we would accept this but not without an individual licensure for all contractors to be in place.



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What is the reason for this bill? mechanical licensing with this bill will only decrease the competency of mechanical installers by not requiring all technicians to be fully trained and accredited and have PEU hours. Only having 1 person trained as a supervisor cannot handle more than 5 employees and do it correctly.



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WITNESS NAME: BRENT HEMPHILL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-0050	
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