

# Legislative Analysis



## BOILER INSTALLERS AND REPAIRERS

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**House Bill 4897 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. David W. Martin**

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**House Bill 4898 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Ann Bollin**

**Committee: Regulatory Reform**  
**Complete to 9-24-25**

### SUMMARY:

House Bills 4897 and 4898 would each amend the Skilled Trades Regulation Act to provide classifications of boiler installer licenses (HB 4897) and boiler repairer licenses (HB 4898).<sup>1</sup> For ease of reference, the bills are described together below. Each bill can take effect regardless of whether the other is enacted.

House Bill 4897 would provide for the classification of boiler installer licenses as follows:

- **Class 2B** boiler installer license, under which an individual could do the following:
  - Install a low-pressure boiler of any capacity or firing rate.
  - Install a power boiler with a capacity of up to 5,000 pounds of steam per hour.
  - Install or replace nonboiler external piping.
- **Class 3B** boiler installer license, under which an individual could do the following:
  - Perform work covered by a class 2B boiler installer license.
  - Install a power boiler with a capacity of up to 300,000 pounds of steam per hour.
- **Class 4B** boiler installer license, under which an individual could do the following:
  - Perform work covered by a class 2B or 3B boiler installer license.
  - Install a power boiler of any capacity or firing rate, except a boiler that uses a nuclear heat source.
- **Class 5B** boiler installer license, under which an individual could do the following:
  - Perform work covered by a class 2B, 3B, or 4B boiler installer license.
  - Install a boiler that uses a nuclear heat source.
  - Install the parts, appurtenances, or system components of a boiler that uses a nuclear heat source.
- **Class P** boiler installer license, under which an individual could install, replace, or repair nonboiler external piping.

House Bill 4898 would provide for the classification of boiler repairer licenses as follows:

- **Class I** boiler repairer license, under which an individual could repair a low-pressure boiler, a hot water supply boiler, and a fire tube boiler of any pressure.
- **Class II** boiler repairer license, under which an individual could do the following:
  - Perform work covered by a class I boiler repairer license.
  - Repair a high-pressure boiler.
  - Repair or replace nonboiler external piping.

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<sup>1</sup> For current licensing information: <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bcc/sections/licensing-section/exam-lic/boiler-examination-licensing-registration-application-information>

- **Class III** boiler repairer license, under which an individual could do the following:
  - Perform work covered by a class I or II boiler repairer license.
  - Repair or field-erect a boiler of any pressure, except a boiler that uses a nuclear heat source.
- **Class IV** boiler repairer license, under which an individual could do the following:
  - Perform work covered by a class I, II, or III boiler repairer license.
  - Erect and repair a boiler that uses a nuclear heat source.
  - Erect and repair the parts, source, appurtenances, or system components of a boiler that uses a nuclear heat source.
- **Class P** boiler repairer license, under which an individual could install or repair nonboiler external piping.

As with current license requirements, a person would not be eligible for a required permit to install, alter, or repair a boiler, as applicable, without being appropriately licensed as described above, and a person could not perform work requiring a permit unless the person is either licensed for the work or directly supervised by someone who is.

Each bill would require the Department of Licensure and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to develop and issue rules to determine the requirements for each license classification described above, as applicable. An applicant for licensure would have to meet the relevant requirements to be issued a boiler installer license or a boiler repairer license, as applicable.

HB 4897: MCL 339.5939 and proposed MCL 339.5926, 339.5926a, and 339.5926b

HB 4898: MCL 339.5941 and proposed MCL 339.5928, 339.5928a, and 339.5928b

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bills 4897 and 4898 would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. House Bill 4897 would modify the classes of licenses for boiler installers, and House Bill 4898 would modify the classes of licenses for boiler repairers. Currently, the classes are outlined in the Skilled Trades Regulation Rules in the Administrative Code. These bills would largely maintain the same categories of allowed activities but would change the class type pertaining to each set of activities. The department could incur costs associated with updating application and informational materials to reflect the changes as well as promulgating new rules, though any increases in costs are likely to be minimal and absorbed by existing appropriations.

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