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## Bill Summary

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H.F. 754 specifies that the commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry, rather than the Commissioner of Health, shall license plumbers in the state. The bill also establishes a restricted journeyman plumber license for any person who applies to the commissioner of Labor and Industry and provides evidence of having at least two years of practical plumbing experience in the plumbing trade prior to applying for a license. A restricted master plumbing license shall be granted to any person who applies to the commissioner and provides evidence of having at least four years of practical plumbing experience in the plumbing trade prior to application. Applications for the licenses must be submitted prior to January 1, 2008, and may be renewed annually for as long as the licensee engages in the plumbing trade. Failure to renew a license within 12 months of its expiration will result in permanent forfeiture of the restricted licenses. The licenses cannot be sold or transferred. Cities and towns are authorized to require a license for persons performing building sewer or water service installation who have completed pipe laying training as set forth by the commissioner.

Restricted master plumbers and restricted journeyman plumbers may engage in the plumbing trade only in cities and towns with a population of 5,000 or fewer based on the federal census.

The bill also specifies that any contract between a sales representative dealing in plumbing equipment or supplies and a principal purporting to waive any part of the Termination of Sales Representatives Act, is void.