



KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Eric Gibson
Director

March 24, 2025

Commissioner Max Fuller
Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction
500 Mero Street, First Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: Licensed Tradesmen Shortage

Dear Commissioner Fuller:

One challenge to the recovery and rebuilding efforts for those impacted by the floods and severe weather events beginning February 14, 2025 (FEMA-4860-DR-KY) continues to be the insufficient number of available Kentucky licensed electricians, plumbers, and HVAC technicians. As a result, I am taking the following action:

Pursuant to KRS 39A.070(3) and Executive Order 2025-095 paragraph 6, the Division of Emergency Management directs the Department of Housing, Building and Construction to allow out-of-state electricians, plumbers, and HVAC technicians who are not licensed in Kentucky to perform volunteer work in Kentucky to assist with the rebuilding efforts related to the severe weather events beginning February 14, 2025 (FEMA-4860-DR-KY), in the following counties: Breathitt, Clay, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Simpson, and Woodford.

This directive is limited to electricians, plumbers, and HVAC technicians who are licensed in their home state, in good standing with his or her licensing jurisdiction, and are offering services on a volunteer basis. Any electrical, plumbing, or HVAC work performed by an out-of-state electrician, plumber, or HVAC technician under this directive shall be permitted and inspected by a Kentucky inspector. Tradesmen who hold a license in their home state would not be eligible to perform for-profit work without the applicable Kentucky license.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Gibson".

Eric Gibson
Director
Kentucky Division of Emergency Management

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