HOUSE BILL 68

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO APPRENTICESHIPS; REQUIRING A ONE-TO-ONE RATIO OF
APPRENTICE TO JOURNEYMAN FOR CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRADES;
PROVIDING THAT THE APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL WILL FORMULATE
STANDARDS TO ENSURE A ONE-TO-ONE APPRENTICE TO JOURNEYMAN
RATIO; REQUIRING APPRENTICES TO BE SUPERVISED BY CERTIFIED
JOURNEYMEN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 50-7-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957,
Chapter 219, Section 4) is amended to read:

"50-7-4. DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL.--

A. The council shall formulate standards to
safeguard the welfare of apprentices, giving consideration to
standards advocated by the [bureau] office of apprenticeship of
the employment and training administration of the United States

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1 department of labor; [and] provided that in no case shall the

2 ratio of apprentice to journeyman exceed one-to-one for trade

3 program standards registered in the building and construction

4 industry trades. The council shall formulate such additional

5 policies as may be necessary to carry out the intent and

6 purposes of [the act] Sections 50-7-1 through 50-7-7 NMSA 1978.

7 The council shall prescribe its own rules of procedure.

8   B. For trade classifications requiring journeyman

9 certification, each apprentice shall be supervised on a one-to-

10 one basis by an individual who:

11   (1) has obtained a journeyman certificate of

12 competence in the journeyman classification that the individual

13 will be supervising; and

14   (2) is recognized by the construction

15 industries division of the regulation and licensing department

16 as properly certified to engage in the journeyman

17 classification that the individual will be supervising."

18   SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the

19 provisions of this act is July 1, 2025.

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