

**178.01 PURPOSES.**

The purposes of this chapter are: to open to all people regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, disability, status with regard to public assistance, or age the opportunity to obtain training and on-the-job learning that will equip them for profitable employment and citizenship; to establish as a means to this end, a program of voluntary apprenticeship under approved apprenticeship agreements providing facilities for their training and guidance in the arts, skills, and crafts of industry and trade or occupation, with concurrent, supplementary instruction in related subjects; to promote apprenticeship opportunities under conditions providing adequate training and on-the-job learning and reasonable earnings; to relate the supply of skilled workers to employment demands; to establish standards for apprentice training; to establish an Apprenticeship Advisory Board to assist in effectuating the purposes of this chapter; to provide for a Division of Apprenticeship within the Department of Labor and Industry; to establish a procedure for the determination of apprenticeship agreement controversies; and to accomplish related ends.

**History:** (4260-31) 1939 c 363 s 1; 1974 c 144 s 1; 2003 c 128 art 11 s 4; 2007 c 135 art 7 s 1; 2007 c 140 art 11 s 1; 2010 c 280 s 2; 2012 c 295 art 1 s 1; 2023 c 53 art 1 s 7; 2024 c 110 art 4 s 2