

**BEFORE THE HVAC/R BOARD  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND LICENSING  
STATE OF ARKANSAS**

**IN RE:           JOSE RAMOS – WAIVER REQUEST**

**ORDER**

This matter came before the HVAC/R (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Refrigeration) Board on Wednesday May 11, 2022. The petitioner, Jose Ramos, seeks approval to obtain a HVAC/R registrant license which he is currently ineligible due to prior felony conviction. The HVAC/R Board has authority to waive disqualification of a license based on a criminal conviction if the Board decided that the applicant meets requirement listed in the Ark. Code Annotated § 17-3-102(b)(2). Mr. Ramos appeared before the Board via zoom for the hearing.

**FINDING OF FACT:**

1. The petitioner (“Ramos”) is requesting approval from the Board to obtain an HVAC/R registrant license, due to his prior felony conviction from March 2014 he was ineligible.
2. Ramos appeared before the Board via zoom.
3. Staff reviewed files and recommended approval based on letters of recommendation and nature of crime.


**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

1. The Board has authority to waive disqualification of a registrant license based on a criminal conviction pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 17-3-102(b)(1).
2. A basis upon which a waiver may be granted includes without limitation:
  - a. The age at which the offense was committed;
  - b. The circumstances surrounding the offense;
  - c. The length of time since the offense was committed;
  - d. Subsequent work history since the offense was committed;
  - e. Employment references since the offense was committed;
  - f. Character references since the offense was committed;
  - g. Relevance of the offense to the occupational license; and
  - h. Other evidence demonstrating that licensure of the applicant does not pose a threat to the health and safety of the public. Ark. Code Ann. § 17-3-102(b)(2).
3. In the present case, the Board was informed of the nature of the criminal conviction and the fact that Ramos's probation is to expire in March of 2024.
4. The Board voted to grant Ramos's a registrant license.

THEREFORE, the Board grant's Jose Ramos, an HVAC/R registrant license.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

HVAC/R BOARD

  
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Alan Dean, Chairman

5-12-2022  
Date

Approved by:



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