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A law which has far reaching implications for the revolution Cuban has been passed in one of Cuba's six province. The law will allow carpenters, plumbers, auto mechanics, bricklayers and other skilled persons to contract their services on a private basis.

The law specifically refers to persons who work in factories or shops. All factories and shops and Cuba are owned by the government. The new law allows a person with a craft to take out a license for 5 dollars a month and to, then contract himself out to do jobs after working hours or on the weekend. There is however a stipulation in the law that the mechanic, bricklayer or what have you will not hire any ONE TO WORK FOR HIM. It is legal however, for members of the family for whom the journeyman is working to help him.

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The new law is an indication that the Cuban government still does not have the necessary skilled labor power to homes and cars. incentive as its driving force, it is expected that many skilled workers will take advantage of the law in order to raise their incomes. The law at this moment is only being applied in one Cuban province, matanzas. It is considered a pilot plan and it is predicted that within a year, the law which allows skilled men to hire themselves out will be applied to Cuba as a whole. on a private basis.

This is Lionel Martin in Havana for CBC radio news.

Cuba Law Allowing Carpenters, Plumbers and Other Skilled Persons to Work on a Private Basis