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Overview

Provides for modifications in construction codes and licensing.

Section

- 1** **Licensing.** Changes “service” to “issuance” in language related to the 30-day time period for hearing requests regarding orders to condition, limit, suspend, revoke, or deny a license, permit, registration, or certificate.
- 2** **False information.** Provides that no person may offer to perform services for which a license is required to perform those services if that person doesn’t have a license.
- 3** **Municipal ordinance.** Authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances requiring exterior work to be completed within a specified number of days, but not earlier than 180 days following issuance of a building permit.
- 4** **Rules.** Provides that the Plumbing Board may prescribe minimum and uniform standards effective for all new plumbing installation performed anywhere in the state.
- 5** **Licenses; experience.** Requires those doing plumbing inspections to be licensed plumbers with five years of experience.
- 6 -7** **Powers; duties.** Adds minimum standards for inspectors to the building code; adds water conditioning contractors and water conditioning installers and those engaged in or working at the business of water conditioning, installation, or service under the rulemaking authority of the Plumbing Board; and gives the board rulemaking authority for continuing education for plumbers and water conditioners.

- 8 **Medical gas.** Requires licensure and certification for installation, maintenance and repair of medical gas systems. Provides a temporary exemption for those currently licensed or certified. Imposes a certification fee.
- 9 **Licensure.** Provides for restricted master and journeyman plumber licensure for applications received between October 1, 2009, and October 15, 2009.
- 10 **Bond; insurance.** Deletes reference to a restricted journeyman plumber license for purposes of bond and insurance requirements under chapter 326B.
- 11 **Rulemaking.** Provides the Plumbing Board with authority to provide minimum and uniform standards for new water conditioning services and water conditioning installations performed anywhere in the state.
- 12 **Local regulations.** Adds counties to the list of local government entities that may adopt local regulations for water conditioning and removes references to localities with a population of 5,000 or more.
- 13 **Licensing.** Removes reference to a city or town with 5,000 or more in population for purposes of water conditioning licenses. Prohibits anyone from working at water conditioning installation or servicing anywhere in the state without proper licensure. Requires successful passage of examinations for contractors and installers prior to licensure.
- 14 **Rules.** Transfers rulemaking authority from the commissioner to the Plumbing Board for prescribing limitations on the alteration, extension or connection with water distribution systems. Authorizes the commissioner to require by rule the filing of plans, blueprints and specifications prior to commencement of installation.
- 15 **Fees.** Transfers rulemaking authority from the commissioner to the Plumbing Board for expiration and renewal of water conditioning licenses.
- 16 **State license.** Strikes a reference within the water conditioning installation licensing requirements for work in only cities or towns with 5,000 or more in population. The requirements would not apply to licensed master and journeymen plumbers.
- 17 **Scope.** Updates statutory references to reflect changes in the bill.
- 18 **License sanctions.** Adds owner and officer to the list of those for whom the commissioner may deny, suspend, limit, condition or revoke a license or exemption certificate or censure under conditions set for the in current law.
- 19 **License.** Strikes language related to the issuance of permits by the Department of Labor and Industry and municipalities for high pressure pipefitting installations.
- 20 **Triennial audits.** Directs the chief boiler inspector to assign triennial audits.
- 21 **School engineer.** Requires school districts to allow at least eight hours of training each year to boiler operators.
- 22 **Time limit.** Provides 18 months additional rulemaking authority for boiler engineer continuing education and educational equivalencies.
- 23 **Rules.** Directs the plumbing board to amend its rules to comply with statutory changes

made in this bill.

- 24** **Repealer.** Repeals plumbing standards agreements with municipalities regarding exemptions to licensing for persons doing business in the state prior to 1994.