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- 1** **Water conditioning installation.** Modifies the definition of water conditioning installation to include installation made in a water distribution system that has been initially established by a licensed plumber with the appropriate bypass, shut-off, or isolation valve and which does not involve piping larger than two inches or a direct connection without an air gap to a soil or waste pipe. Water conditioning installation in a single family residential unit may involve a licensed master or journeyman plumber or a water conditioning master or journeyman installing a bypass, shut-off, or isolation valve and extending piping for treated or untreated water to established fixtures.
- 2** **Water conditioning services.** Modifies the definition of water conditioning service to mean repair and maintenance of an existing water conditioning installation including media loading, adjustment, or exchange of any components within the installation, but not including any plumbing involving untreated water to or treated water from an existing installation.
- 3** **Direct supervision.** Defines direct supervision with respect to a registered unlicensed individual to mean the presence at all times of a direct supervisor at the location where the registered unlicensed individual is working; the direct supervisor is physically present and immediately available to the registered unlicensed individual; specifies that electronic supervision does not meet the requirement of being physically present; review by the direct supervisor of the water conditioning installation work performed by the registered unlicensed persons before the installation is operated; and the determination by the direct supervisor that all water conditioning installation work performed complies with state law.

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- 4** **Direct supervisor.** Defines direct supervisor as a master plumber, journeyman plumber, water conditioning master, or water conditioning journeyman responsible for providing direct supervision of a registered unlicensed individual.
- 5** **Licensing.** Language update to reflect water conditioning servicing and installation changes.
- 6** **Registered unlicensed individuals.** Requires registration of all unlicensed water conditioning installers. Authorizes registered unlicensed persons to work in a single family residential unit only when a master or journeyman plumber, or a water conditioning master or journeyman, is available and responsible for the work. For all other water conditioning installation work, the registered unlicensed individual must be under the direct supervision of a responsible licensed master. Requires contractors to maintain records. Provides for a water conditioning journeyman exam after 875 hours of practical water conditioning installation, servicing, and training. Up to 100 hours of practical water conditioning installation and servicing prior to becoming a registered unlicensed individual may be used toward the hour requirement. Sets forth the process for registration as an unlicensed individual.