

SENATE BILL 699

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By: **Senators Collins and Haines**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Occupations - Plumbers - Natural Gas Fitters License**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a master natural gas fitters license and a journeyman
4 natural gas fitters license; requiring that an individual shall be licensed by the
5 State Board of Plumbing as a plumber or a natural gas fitter before providing
6 natural gas services in the State; setting certain licensing application and
7 renewal requirements; setting certain fees; requiring the holder of a master
8 natural gas fitters license to meet certain insurance requirements; requiring the
9 holder of a master natural gas fitters license to display certain information in
10 certain situations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the licensing
11 of natural gas fitters.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
14 Section 3(f)(3)(vi)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
19 Section 12-101, 12-301 through 12-303, 12-306 through 12-309, 12-310.1
20 through 12-312, 12-401, 12-403, 12-601, and 12-604
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
24 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
25 Section 12-501
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

28 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
29 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article 38A - Fires and Investigations**

2 3.

3 (f) (3) The State Fire Prevention Commission shall:

4 (vi) Define sprinkler system, provided that there is no conflict with
5 § [12-101(j)] 12-101(L) of the Business Occupations and Professions Article;6 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

7 12-101.

8 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

9 (b) "Apprentice plumber" means, unless the context requires otherwise, an
10 individual who is licensed by the Board to assist a master plumber or a holder of a
11 limited master plumber license in providing plumbing services while:12 (1) under the direction and control of the master plumber or holder of the
13 limited master plumber license; and

14 (2) in training to become a journey plumber.

15 (c) "Board" means the State Board of Plumbing.

16 (d) "Certified propane gas fitter" means an individual who has been certified
17 by the Board to provide propane gas services.18 (e) "Gas" means natural gas, propane gas, or any other gas used for any
19 purpose, including residential, medical, commercial, or industrial purposes.20 (f) "Journey plumber" means, unless the context requires otherwise, an
21 individual who is licensed by the Board to provide plumbing services while under the
22 direction and control of a master plumber or holder of a limited master plumber
23 license.24 (G) "JOURNEYMAN NATURAL GAS FITTER" MEANS, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
25 REQUIRES OTHERWISE, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO
26 PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICES WHILE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF
27 A MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE.28 [(g)] (H) (1) "License" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a
29 license issued by the Board to:

30 (i) provide plumbing services;

31 (ii) assist in providing plumbing services; [or]

32 (iii) provide propane gas services; OR

1 (IV) PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICES.

2 (2) "License" includes, unless the context requires otherwise, each of the
3 following licenses:

4 (i) a master plumber license;

5 (ii) a journey plumber license;

6 (iii) an apprentice plumber license;

7 (iv) a limited license; [and]

8 (v) a propane gas fitter certificate;

9 (VI) A MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE; AND

10 (VII) A JOURNEYMAN NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE.

11 [(h)] (I) (1) "Limited license" means a license issued by the Board as limited
12 by § 12-310 of this title to:

13 (i) provide plumbing services as a master plumber; or

14 (ii) provide plumbing services as a journey plumber.

15 (2) "Limited license" includes:

16 (i) a limited master plumber license; and

17 (ii) a limited journey plumber license.

18 [(i)] (J) "Master plumber" means, unless the context requires otherwise, an
19 individual who is licensed by the Board to provide plumbing services.

20 (K) "PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICES" MEANS TO INSTALL, REPAIR, SERVICE,
21 AND REPLACE NATURAL GAS PIPING, NATURAL GAS UTILIZATION EQUIPMENT, AND
22 ASSOCIATED ACCESSORIES.

23 [(j)] (L) (1) "Provide plumbing services" means to install, maintain, extend,
24 alter, or remove piping, a plumbing fixture, a plumbing appliance, a plumbing
25 appurtenance, or other plumbing apparatus:

26 (i) within or adjacent to a building, structure, or property; and

27 (ii) in connection with:

28 1. a public or private disposal system, sanitary drainage
29 facility, or storm drainage facility;

30 2. a venting system; or

1 (4) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, AN INDIVIDUAL
2 SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICES BEFORE
3 THE INDIVIDUAL MAY PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICES IN THE STATE.

4 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, this section does not apply
5 to an individual who personally provides plumbing services in the residence of the
6 individual.

7 (2) An individual may not provide plumbing services that make a final
8 connection between the residence of the individual and a public or private disposal
9 system or water supply system.

10 (c) This section does not apply to an employee of a gas company regulated by
11 the Public Service Commission while making a connection to a gas appliance for
12 domestic purposes or while installing, repairing, maintaining, replacing, or
13 performing any other work on a natural gas, propane gas, or other gas distribution
14 system.

15 (d) This section does not apply to an individual performing work that is only
16 incidental to the licensee providing or assisting in providing plumbing services.

17 (e) This section does not apply to an individual who, without compensation,
18 provides plumbing services that the Board defines by regulation to be only incidental
19 plumbing services.

20 (f) This section does not apply to an employee of a building owner, manager, or
21 maintenance company who provides plumbing services that the Board defines by
22 regulation to be only minor plumbing repair services.

23 (g) This section does not apply to an individual who is licensed as an appliance
24 installer in Allegany County, Frederick County, Garrett County, or Washington
25 County while acting within the scope of the license.

26 (h) This section does not apply to an individual who is licensed in Washington
27 County to work as or for a septic system installer or an on-site utility contractor
28 installing water or sewer service in the County at least 5 feet from a building being
29 served.

30 (i) Subsection (a)(3) of this section does not apply to an individual licensed by
31 the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration
32 Contractors while servicing an existing propane gas OR NATURAL GAS appliance if the
33 individual has completed a manufacturer's training course certifying competence to
34 work on that particular type of appliance.

35 12-302.

36 (a) In this section, "licensed master plumber" means an individual who holds:

37 (1) a master plumber license or a limited master plumber license issued
38 by the Board;

1 (2) a master plumber license issued by the Baltimore County Plumbing
2 Board;

3 (3) a master plumber license issued by the Washington Suburban
4 Sanitary Commission; or

5 (4) a master plumber license issued by another state, if the individual
6 became licensed in that state after passing an examination that is equivalent to the
7 examination for a master plumber license given in this State.

8 (b) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the
9 requirements of this section.

10 (c) (1) An applicant for a journey plumber license:

11 (i) 1. shall have held, for a period of at least 4 years, an
12 apprentice plumber license or a license of equal stature, as determined by the Board,
13 that is issued by another state; and

14 2. during that period, shall have completed at least 7,500
15 hours of training in providing plumbing services under the direction and control of a
16 licensed master plumber; and

17 (ii) shall have completed at least 32 hours of training in the testing
18 of backflow prevention devices, in a manner approved by the Board.

19 (2) The Board may allow the applicant to apply up to 1,500 hours of
20 accredited, approved school study toward the experience requirement of paragraph
21 (1)(i)2 of this subsection.

22 (d) An applicant for a master plumber license:

23 (1) shall have completed at least 3,750 hours of training in providing
24 plumbing services as a journey plumber licensed in this State or another state and
25 under the direction and control of a licensed master plumber;

26 (2) (i) if an applicant resides in this State, shall have a journey
27 plumber license for at least 2 years; or

28 (ii) shall have been licensed in another state as a journey plumber
29 after:

30 1. completing at least 7,500 hours of training in providing
31 plumbing services under the direction and control of a licensed master plumber; and

32 2. passing a written examination that is equivalent to the
33 examination for a journey plumber license given in this State; and

34 (3) shall have completed at least 32 hours of training in the testing of
35 backflow prevention devices, in a manner approved by the Board.

1 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, an applicant for a master
2 plumber license or a journey plumber license shall pass an examination given by the
3 Board under this subtitle.

4 (f) An applicant for a propane gas fitter certificate shall:

5 (1) hold a current certification of completion of the National Propane
6 Gas Association Certified Training Program for Distribution Systems Operations;

7 (2) hold a gas fitters license from a county or municipal corporation
8 authorizing the individual to provide propane gas services under a licensing program
9 that is in existence prior to July 1, 1995 and that is acceptable to the Board; or

10 (3) otherwise demonstrate qualifications that are satisfactory to the
11 Board and that are at least equivalent to the qualifications required by the National
12 Propane Gas Association Certified Training Program for Distribution Systems
13 Operations.

14 (G) AN APPLICANT FOR A MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE SHALL:

15 (1) HOLD A GAS FITTERS LICENSE FROM A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL
16 CORPORATION AUTHORIZING THE INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICES
17 UNDER A LICENSING PROGRAM THAT IS IN EXISTENCE PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1999 AND
18 THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD;

19 (2) PASS A WRITTEN EXAMINATION GIVEN BY THE BOARD AND MEET
20 ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD; OR

21 (3) COMPLETE A NATURAL GAS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM THAT IS
22 OFFERED BY A THIRD PARTY AND IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

23 12-303.

24 An applicant for a license shall:

25 (1) submit to the Board an application on the form that the Board
26 provides; and

27 (2) except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, pay to the Board or the
28 Board's designee an examination fee:

29 (i) for a master plumber license or a journey plumber license, in an
30 amount set by the Board, not to exceed the cost of the required examination;

31 (ii) for an apprentice plumber license of \$15; [or]

32 (iii) for a propane gas fitter certificate of \$25; OR

33 (IV) FOR A MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE OR A
34 JOURNEYMAN NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE, IN AN AMOUNT SET BE THE BOARD,
35 NOT TO EXCEED THE COST OF THE REQUIRED EXAMINATION.

1 12-306.

2 (a) If an applicant qualifies for a journey plumber license, a master plumber
3 license, a limited license, or a propane gas fitter certificate under this subtitle, the
4 Board shall send the applicant a notice that states that:

5 (1) the applicant has qualified for a license; and

6 (2) the Board will issue a license to the applicant on receipt of:

7 (i) if contracting in the name of the applicant or another person to
8 provide plumbing services, proof of the liability insurance as required under § 12-501
9 of this title; and

10 (ii) a license fee of:

11 1. \$70 for a master plumber license or a limited master
12 plumber license;

13 2. \$35 for a journey plumber license or a limited journey
14 plumber license; [or]

15 3. \$35 for a propane gas fitter certificate;

16 4. \$70 FOR A MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE; OR

17 5. \$35 FOR A JOURNEYMAN NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE.

18 (b) On payment of the appropriate license fee and, if applicable, receipt of the
19 proof of the insurance required under § 12-501 of this title, the Board shall issue a
20 license to each applicant who meets the requirements of this subtitle.

21 (c) (1) Any master plumber, journey plumber, or apprentice holding a valid
22 license is eligible to participate in a Board-approved cross connection/backflow
23 prevention certification program to be certified as an approved cross
24 connection/backflow prevention technician.

25 (2) Only a master plumber or journey plumber possessing certification
26 shall be authorized to certify the installation and testing of mechanical cross
27 connection control devices.

28 (3) For the purpose of certification of the installation and testing of
29 mechanical cross connection control devices, a local jurisdiction may adopt
30 regulations or enact laws that have qualifications comparable to or more stringent
31 than paragraph (2) of this subsection.

32 12-307.

33 (a) While a master plumber license is in effect, it authorizes the licensee to
34 provide plumbing services.

1 (b) While a journey plumber license is in effect, it authorizes the licensee to
2 provide plumbing services only under the direction and control of a master plumber or
3 a holder of a limited master plumber license.

4 (c) While an apprentice plumber license is in effect, it authorizes the licensee
5 to assist in providing plumbing services only under the direction and control of a
6 master plumber or a holder of a limited master plumber license.

7 (d) While a propane gas fitter certificate is in effect, it authorizes the
8 certificate holder to provide propane gas services and to directly supervise others in
9 the provision of those services in every political subdivision of the State.

10 (E) WHILE A MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE IS IN EFFECT, IT
11 AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICES.

12 (F) WHILE A JOURNEYMAN NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE IS IN EFFECT, IT
13 AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICES ONLY UNDER THE
14 DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF A LICENSED MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTER.

15 12-308.

16 (a) Unless a license is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this section,
17 the license expires on the first May 1 that comes:

18 (1) after the effective date of the license; and

19 (2) in an odd-numbered year.

20 (b) At least 1 month before a license expires, the Board shall mail to the
21 licensee, at the last known address of the licensee:

22 (1) a renewal application form; and

23 (2) a notice that states:

24 (i) the date on which the current license expires;

25 (ii) the date by which the Board must receive the renewal
26 application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

27 (iii) the amount of the renewal fee.

28 (c) Before a license expires, the licensee may renew it for an additional 2-year
29 term, if the licensee:

30 (1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

31 (2) pays to the Board a renewal fee of:

32 (i) \$70 for a master plumber license or a limited master plumber
33 license;

- 1 (ii) \$35 for a journey plumber license or a limited journey plumber
2 license;
- 3 (iii) \$15 for an apprentice plumber license; [or]
- 4 (iv) \$35 for a propane gas fitter certificate; [and]
- 5 (V) \$35 FOR A MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE; OR
- 6 (VI) \$15 FOR A JOURNEYMAN NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE; AND
- 7 (3) submits to the Board:

8 (i) if contracting in the name of the licensee or another person to
9 provide plumbing services, proof of the liability insurance required under § 12-501 of
10 this title; and

11 (ii) a renewal application on the form that the Board provides.

12 (d) The Board shall renew the license of and issue a renewal certificate to each
13 licensee who meets the requirements of this section.

14 (e) The Secretary may determine that licenses and certificates issued under
15 this subtitle shall expire on a staggered basis.

16 12-309.

17 (a) The Board shall reinstate the license of an individual who has failed to
18 renew the license for any reason if the individual:

19 (1) applies to the Board for reinstatement within 4 years after the
20 license expires; and

21 (2) meets the renewal requirements for the appropriate license under §
22 12-308 of this subtitle.

23 (b) The Board may not reinstate a journey plumber license, a master plumber
24 license, a limited license, [or] a propane gas fitter certificate, A MASTER NATURAL
25 GAS FITTERS LICENSE, OR A JOURNEYMAN NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE of an
26 individual who for any reason fails to apply for reinstatement within 4 years after the
27 license expired unless the individual:

28 (1) meets the renewal requirements for the appropriate license under §
29 12-308 of this subtitle; and

30 (2) passes the appropriate examination for obtaining a license under this
31 subtitle.

1 12-310.1.

2 (A) A person who is engaged in the business of providing propane gas services
3 under § 12-401(b) of this title shall meet the insurance requirements set forth in §
4 12-501 of this title.

5 (B) A PERSON WHO HOLDS A MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE AND
6 PROVIDES NATURAL GAS SERVICES UNDER § 12-401(C) OF THIS TITLE SHALL MEET
7 THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN § 12-501 OF THIS TITLE.

8 12-311.

9 (a) (1) Each master plumber shall display:

10 (i) the master plumber license and the license number
11 conspicuously in the principal place of business of the master plumber; and

12 (ii) the license number of the master plumber license on each
13 vehicle used on the job for providing plumbing services.

14 (2) Each holder of a limited master plumber license shall display:

15 (i) the limited master plumber license and the license number
16 conspicuously in the principal place of business of the holder of the limited master
17 plumber license; and

18 (ii) the license number of the limited master plumber license on
19 each vehicle used on the job for providing plumbing services.

20 (3) Each holder of a propane gas fitter certificate shall display:

21 (i) the propane gas fitter certificate and the certificate number
22 conspicuously in the principal place of business of the certificate holder; and

23 (ii) the certificate number of the propane gas fitter certification on
24 each vehicle used on the job in providing propane gas services.

25 (4) EACH HOLDER OF A MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE SHALL
26 DISPLAY:

27 (I) THE MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE AND THE
28 LICENSE NUMBER CONSPICUOUSLY IN THE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THE
29 LICENSE HOLDER; AND

30 (II) THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS
31 LICENSE ON EACH VEHICLE USED ON THE JOB FOR PROVIDING NATURAL GAS
32 SERVICES.

33 (b) Each licensee shall give the Board and any appropriate licensing authority
34 written notice of any change of name, address, or employment from that which

1 appears on the current license, at least 10 working days before the change is to take
2 effect.

3 12-312.

4 (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 12-313 of this subtitle, the Board
5 may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, or suspend or revoke a
6 license if the applicant or licensee:

7 (1) fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for
8 the applicant or licensee or for another;

9 (2) fraudulently or deceptively uses a license;

10 (3) is guilty of gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct while
11 providing plumbing services or assisting in providing plumbing services;

12 (4) is guilty of violating the State Plumbing Code or applicable local
13 plumbing code while providing plumbing services or assisting in providing plumbing
14 services;

15 (5) under the laws of the United States or of any state, is convicted of:

16 (i) a felony; or

17 (ii) a misdemeanor that is directly related to the fitness and
18 qualification of the applicant or licensee to provide plumbing services;

19 (6) is guilty of an unfair or deceptive trade practice, as defined in §
20 13-301 of the Commercial Law Article;

21 (7) fails to train and control adequately any person who, while under the
22 direction and control of the master plumber or holder of a limited master plumber
23 license, sells or gives estimates for providing plumbing services;

24 (8) fails to maintain the liability insurance required under § 12-501 of
25 this title for a master plumber, holder of a limited master plumber license who
26 contracts to provide plumbing services on behalf of the master plumber, holder of a
27 limited master plumber license, or another, [or] holder of a propane gas fitter
28 certificate, OR HOLDER OF A MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE; or

29 (9) is guilty of violating § 12-605 of this title.

30 (b) The Board shall consider the following facts in the granting, denial,
31 renewal, suspension, or revocation of a license or the reprimand of a licensee when an
32 applicant or licensee is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor described in subsection
33 (a)(5) of this section:

34 (1) the nature of the crime;

1 (2) the relationship of the crime to the activities authorized by the
2 license;

3 (3) with respect to a felony, the relevance of the conviction to the fitness
4 and qualification of the applicant or licensee to provide plumbing services;

5 (4) the length of time since the conviction; and

6 (5) the behavior and activities of the applicant or licensee before and
7 after the conviction.

8 12-401.

9 (a) A person may engage in the business of providing plumbing services if:

10 (1) the person is a master plumber or holder of a limited master plumber
11 license; or

12 (2) the person:

13 (i) designates a master plumber or holder of a limited master
14 plumber license who actively directs, controls, and is responsible for all plumbing
15 services; and

16 (ii) otherwise provides the plumbing services in accordance with
17 this title.

18 (b) A person may engage in the business of providing propane gas services if:

19 (1) the person is the holder of a propane gas fitter certificate; or

20 (2) the person:

21 (i) designates a holder of a propane gas fitter certificate who
22 actively directs, controls, and is responsible for all propane gas services; and

23 (ii) otherwise provides the propane gas services in accordance with
24 this title.

25 (C) A PERSON MAY ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING NATURAL GAS
26 SERVICES IF:

27 (1) THE PERSON IS THE HOLDER OF A MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS
28 LICENSE; OR

29 (2) THE PERSON:

30 (I) DESIGNATES A HOLDER OF A MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS
31 LICENSE WHO ACTIVELY DIRECTS, CONTROLS, AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL
32 NATURAL GAS SERVICES; AND

1 (II) OTHERWISE PROVIDES NATURAL GAS SERVICES IN
2 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE.

3 12-403.

4 (a) (1) Before a master plumber or holder of a limited master plumber
5 license may provide plumbing services through a person who engages in the business
6 of providing plumbing services under this subtitle, [or] a holder of a propane gas
7 fitter certificate may provide propane gas services through a person who engages in
8 the business of providing propane gas services under this subtitle, OR A HOLDER OF A
9 MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE MAY PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICES
10 THROUGH A PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING NATURAL GAS
11 SERVICES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, the master plumber, holder of a limited master
12 plumber license [or], holder of a propane gas fitter certificate, OR HOLDER OF A
13 MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE shall submit to the Board a notice stating
14 the intent of the master plumber, holder of a limited master plumber license, [or]
15 holder of a propane gas fitter CERTIFICATE, OR HOLDER OF A MASTER NATURAL GAS
16 FITTERS LICENSE to do so.

17 (2) The notice shall include:

18 (i) the name of the master plumber, holder of a limited master
19 plumber license, [or] holder of a propane gas fitter certificate, OR HOLDER OF A
20 MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE submitting the notice;

21 (ii) a statement that the named individual has been designated as
22 the master plumber, holder of a limited master plumber license, [or] holder of a
23 propane gas fitter certificate, OR HOLDER OF A MASTER NATURAL GAS FITTERS
24 LICENSE of the person;

25 (iii) the address of the principal place of business of the person;

26 (iv) any trade or fictitious name that the person intends to use
27 while conducting the business of the person;

28 (v) the name of the person who carries insurance as required under
29 § 12-501 of this title; and

30 (vi) any other information that the Board requires by regulation.

31 (b) The Board may set by regulation procedures for keeping current
32 information about any person through whom plumbing services are provided.

33 12-501.

34 (a) A master plumber or holder of a limited master plumber license may not
35 contract to provide plumbing services on behalf of the master plumber, holder of a
36 limited master plumber license, or another person who engages in the business of
37 providing plumbing services unless the plumbing work of the master plumber or

1 holder of a limited master plumber license is covered by liability insurance, including
2 completed operations:

3 (1) for bodily injury in the amount of at least \$300,000; and

4 (2) for property damage in the amount of at least \$100,000.

5 (b) (1) The insurance required under this section may be bought:

6 (i) by a master plumber or holder of a limited master plumber
7 license; or

8 (ii) for a master plumber or holder of a limited master plumber
9 license, by the person who engages in the business of providing plumbing services and
10 employs the master plumber or holder of a limited master plumber license.

11 (2) The insurance requirement of this section is not met for work that a
12 master plumber or holder of a limited master plumber license does outside the scope
13 of employment for the person who carries the insurance.

14 (c) An apprentice plumber, journey plumber, or holder of a limited journey
15 plumber license need not obtain separate insurance while providing or assisting in
16 providing plumbing services within the scope of the license.

17 (d) (1) An applicant for a master plumber license or limited master plumber
18 license shall submit proof of the insurance required under this section to the Board
19 with the license application.

20 (2) The Board may not issue a master plumber license or limited master
21 plumber license to an applicant to whom the insurance requirements of this section
22 would apply unless the applicant submits proof of the insurance.

23 (e) Unless an applicant meets the insurance requirements of this section, the
24 Board may not renew the master plumber license or limited master plumber license of
25 the applicant to whom the insurance requirements of this section would apply.

26 (f) A master plumber or holder of a limited master plumber license shall give
27 the Board notice of the cancellation of insurance at least 10 days before the effective
28 date of the cancellation.

29 (g) If a county, municipal corporation, special taxing district, or other political
30 subdivision requires a master plumber, holder of a limited master plumber license, or
31 other person who engages in the business of providing plumbing services to execute a
32 surety bond under local plumbing requirements, the person may satisfy the bond
33 requirement by submitting proof of the insurance required under this section.

34 (h) The Board shall specify on the master plumber license or limited master
35 plumber license whether the master plumber or holder of the limited master plumber
36 license meets the insurance requirements of this section.

1 12-601.

2 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not provide,
3 attempt to provide, or offer to provide plumbing services unless licensed by the Board
4 to provide plumbing services.

5 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not assist, attempt
6 to assist, or offer to assist in providing plumbing services in the State unless licensed
7 by the Board to provide or assist in providing plumbing services.

8 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not provide,
9 attempt to provide, or offer to provide propane gas services unless licensed by the
10 Board to provide plumbing services or certified by the Board to provide propane gas
11 services.

12 (D) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, A PERSON MAY NOT
13 PROVIDE, ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE, OR OFFER TO PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICES
14 UNLESS LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO PROVIDE PLUMBING SERVICES OR NATURAL
15 GAS SERVICES.

16 12-604.

17 Unless authorized under this title to provide plumbing services, a person may
18 not represent to the public, by use of a title, including "master plumber", "registered
19 plumber", "licensed master plumber", "holder of limited master plumber license",
20 "licensed journey plumber", "journey plumber", "holder of a limited journey plumber
21 license", [or] "holder of a propane gas fitter certificate", "HOLDER OF A MASTER
22 NATURAL GAS FITTERS LICENSE", OR "HOLDER OF A JOURNEYMAN NATURAL GAS
23 FITTERS LICENSE", by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise,
24 that the person is authorized to provide plumbing services in the State.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2000.