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Idaho State Plumbing Code Gets Governor’s Signature

Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter today signed House Bill 466, which provides for implementation of the new Idaho State Plumbing Code (ISPC) effective July 1, 2012. The measure passed the Idaho Senate without dissent on Friday, March 2, 2012. It had earlier passed the Idaho House with unanimous support.

Invited guests at the signing in Governor Otter’s ceremonial office included past and present members of the Idaho Plumbing Board, DBS Administrator Kelly Pearce, representatives of the Idaho Association of Cities and Treasure Valley Master Plumbers Association, and members of the Idaho Legislature.

Development of the ISPC began in 2008 at the direction of the Idaho Plumbing Board. Those collaborating in its development included representatives from the Idaho plumbing industry along with city and county building officials from throughout the state. The code has as its basis the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC). The UPC has been the minimum standard for plumbing installations in Idaho for more than 30 years.

The soon-to-be law identifies the ISPC as the statewide minimum standard for plumbing installations in Idaho and establishes procedures by which cities electing to establish a Plumbing Code Enforcement Program may amend the code to suit their particular needs so long as such amendments provide at least an equivalent level of protection to that contained in the ISPC. Adoption of the new code is supported by the Idaho Association of Cities, the Idaho Association of Building Officials and the Treasure Valley Master Plumbers Association.

Upon implementation, the ISPC will be made available for free viewing and reference via the Internet. Copies of the code will also be available for sale in binder form and on Compact Disc. Further details about code availability are forthcoming.

Special hand-crafted ballpoint pens bearing Governor Otter’s laser-inscribed signature were presented to those attending the signing ceremony. The pens were made of wood taken from an elm tree that once stood on the Capitol grounds and were created by Mr. Leon Duce of the Idaho Association of Cities and Rep. Max Black (R-Boise), chairman of the House Business Committee.

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