

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO.

BY

AN ACT

RELATING TO ; AMENDING SECTION 54-2602, IDAHO CODE, TO _____;
_____ ; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-2620,
IDAHO CODE, TO _____.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1: That Section 54-2902, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-2602. EXCEPTIONS. (1) Certificate of competency requirements of this chapter shall not be deemed to apply to:

- (a) Any person who does plumbing work in a single or duplex family dwelling, including accessory buildings, quarters and grounds in connection with such dwelling; provided that such person owns or is a contract purchaser of the premises, and provided further that such person shall comply with the minimum standards and rules applicable to plumbing practices provided by this chapter.
- (b) Farm buildings located outside the incorporated limits of any city unless such buildings are connected to a public water or sewer system; and a farm building is hereby defined to be a structure located on agricultural zoned property and designed and constructed to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock or other horticultural products and includes sheds, barns, corrals or fences. This definition does not include a place for human habitation or a place of regular employment where agricultural products are extracted, processed, treated or packaged; a place used by the public; or conditioned livestock housing.
- (c) Logging, mining or construction camps when plumbing installations are made to conform with the recommendations of the department of health and welfare.
- (d) Piping systems in industrial processing plants located outside the incorporated limits of any city unless such systems are connected to a public water or sewer system.
- (e) Work on plumbing systems on premises owned or operated by an employer who regularly employs maintenance or construction plumbers, provided that alterations, extensions and new construction shall comply with the minimum standards and rules applicable to plumbing practices provided by this chapter.
- (f) Nothing contained in this section or any other provision of this code shall be construed or applied to require a sewer contractor, sewage disposal contractor, or any excavating or utility contractor who generally engages in the business of installing,

altering or repairing sewers, private and public sewage disposal systems, and water distribution and/or drainage lines outside the foundation walls of any building or structure, to obtain a valid contractor's certificate of competency or to employ only journeymen plumbers possessing a valid journeyman plumber's certificate of competency or registration, or to in any way require that his employees be registered, licensed or declared competent by the board.

(g) Water treatment installations and repairs when installed in residential or business properties, provided the same, when installed, repaired or completed, shall be inspected by a designated, qualified and properly identified agent of the division of building safety as to quality of workmanship and compliance with the applicable provisions of this chapter.

(h) Plumbing work within modular buildings as defined in section 39-4301, Idaho Code, that are constructed in the state of Idaho for installation on building sites outside the state; provided however, that no modular building shall be installed on a building site in the state of Idaho until it has been approved and bears the insignia of approval of the division as being in compliance with the requirements set forth in section 39-4304, Idaho Code.

(i) Individuals holding a current installer license pursuant to the provisions of chapter 21, title 44, Idaho Code, may make connections from manufactured home or mobile home sewer or water facilities to existing sewer or water facilities on site.

(ii) Individuals licensed pursuant to chapter 10, title 54, Idaho Code, or chapter 50, title 54, Idaho Code, as follows:

(i) Individuals holding a current HVAC or electrical license may install electrical circuitry from the disconnecting means to a water heater and electrical connections to the water heater as long as the disconnect is in sight from the unit and the circuit from the disconnecting means to the water heater is no more than fifty (50) feet long.

(ii) Individuals holding a current HVAC license may install gas piping and piping for hydronic systems.

(iii) Individuals holding a current HVAC license may install boilers that are not otherwise subject to inspection by the industrial commission or its authorized agent.

(2) To the extent that an electrical or HVAC installation permit issued by the Idaho division of building safety includes any part of a plumbing installation, the permit issued and inspection performed shall be sufficient to satisfy the permitting and inspecting requirements of this chapter if all required permit fees have been paid.

(3) Apprentice registration requirements shall not apply to high school students enrolled in an educational program recognized by the board in which the performance of plumbing installation is a formal component of the program. The exemption is limited to students performing residential installations as part of such program under the constant on-the-job supervision of a licensed journeyman plumber, and a permit for the work is obtained from the authority having jurisdiction. Work hours performed by such students shall not apply toward apprentice work requirements.

(4) Any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation making water treatment installations and/or repairs in accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall maintain a surety bond in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

SECTION 2: That Section 54-2620, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-2620. PERMITS REQUIRED — EXCEPTIONS. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation to do, or cause or permit to be done, after the adoption of this act, whether acting as principal, agent or employee, any construction, installation, improvement, extension or alteration of any plumbing system in any building, residence or structure, or service lines thereto, in the state of Idaho, without first procuring a permit from the division of building safety authorizing such work to be done, except:

(1) Within the boundaries of incorporated cities, including those specially chartered, where such work is regulated and enforced by an ordinance or code equivalent to this chapter;

(2) Within such additional area within five (5) miles of the city limits over which such city has elected to exercise jurisdiction relative to building drains and building sewers pursuant to section 50-606, Idaho Code, on buildings, residences and structures being converted from an on-site sewage disposal system to a sewage disposal system supplied by the city, where such work is regulated and enforced by an ordinance or code equivalent to this chapter. Cities shall provide the division of building safety written notice of the area over which such jurisdiction will be exercised. No city may exercise such jurisdiction within the limits of another city unless both cities have agreed by ordinance to allow such jurisdiction. For purposes of this chapter building drain and building sewer will be defined according to the definition found in the uniform plumbing code or as adopted by the board, pursuant to section 54-2601, Idaho Code.

Permits shall be issued only to a person, ~~or holding a valid certificate of competency;~~ to a firm, copartnership, association or corporation represented by a person holding a valid certificate of competency; ~~or to a person who does his own or for work in a family dwelling as defined in~~ excepted from the certificate of competency requirements of this chapter pursuant to section 54-2602(1)(a), (1)(e), (1)(f), (1)(g), or (1)(i) Idaho Code, except that p. Permits shall not be required for plumbing work as defined in section 54-2602(1)(b), (1)(c) ~~and or~~ (1)(d), Idaho Code.

Provided, a licensed plumber is hereby authorized, after making application for permit and pending receipt of permit, to proceed and complete improvements or alterations to plumbing systems, when the cost of said improvement or alteration does not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500). Inspection of such work shall be the responsibility of the permit holder pending an official inspection, which shall be made within sixty (60) days after notification of inspection.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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FISCAL NOTE

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