

2 **ESHB 2172** - S AMD 268  
3 By Senator Prentice

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 18.106.010 and 1997 c 326 s 2 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the  
10 following words and phrases as hereinafter used in this chapter shall  
11 have the following meaning:

12 (1) "Advisory board" means the state advisory board of plumbers;

13 (2) "Department" means the department of labor and industries;

14 (3) "Director" means the director of department of labor and  
15 industries;

16 (4) "Journeyman plumber" means any person who has been issued a  
17 certificate of competency by the department of labor and industries as  
18 provided in this chapter;

19 (5) "Medical gas piping" means oxygen, nitrous oxide, high pressure  
20 nitrogen, medical compressed air, and medical vacuum systems;

21 (6) "Medical gas piping installer" means a journeyman plumber who  
22 has been issued a medical gas piping installer endorsement;

23 (7) "Plumbing" means that craft involved in installing, altering,  
24 repairing and renovating potable water systems, liquid waste systems,  
25 and medical gas piping systems within a building. Installation in a  
26 water system of water softening or water treatment equipment is not  
27 within the meaning of plumbing as used in this chapter;

28 (8) "Specialty plumber" means anyone who has been issued a  
29 specialty certificate of competency limited to:

30 (a) Installation, maintenance, and repair of the plumbing of  
31 single-family dwellings, duplexes, and apartment buildings that do not  
32 exceed three stories; or

33 (b) Maintenance and repair of backflow prevention assemblies.

34 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.106.040 and 1977 ex.s. c 149 s 4 are each amended  
35 to read as follows:

1       (1) Upon receipt of the application and evidence set forth in RCW  
2 18.106.030, the director shall review the same and make a determination  
3 as to whether the applicant is eligible to take an examination for the  
4 certificate of competency. To be eligible to take the examination:

5       (a) Each applicant for a journeyman plumber's certificate of  
6 competency shall furnish written evidence that he or she has ~~((either))~~  
7 completed a course of study in the plumbing trade in the armed services  
8 of the United States or at a school accredited by the coordinating  
9 council on occupational education~~((+))~~, or ~~((that he))~~ has had four or  
10 more years of experience under the direct supervision of a licensed  
11 journeyman plumber.

12       (b) Each applicant for a specialty plumber's certificate of  
13 competency under RCW 18.106.010(8)(a) shall furnish written evidence  
14 that he or she has ~~((either))~~ completed a course of study in the  
15 plumbing trade in the armed services of the United States or at a  
16 school accredited by the ~~((commission for vocational education or its  
17 designee))~~ work force training and education coordinating board under  
18 chapter 28C.10 RCW, or that he or she has had at least three years  
19 practical experience in ~~((his))~~ the specialty. ~~((No other requirement  
20 for eligibility may be imposed.))~~

21       (c) Each applicant for a specialty plumber's certificate of  
22 competency under RCW 18.106.010(8)(b) shall furnish written evidence  
23 that he or she is eligible to take the examination. These eligibility  
24 requirements shall be adopted by rule by the director pursuant to  
25 subsection (2)(b) of this section.

26       (2)(a) The director shall establish reasonable rules ~~((and  
27 regulations))~~ for the examinations to be given applicants for  
28 certificates of competency. In establishing ~~((said))~~ the rules,  
29 ~~((regulations, and criteria,))~~ the director shall consult with the  
30 state advisory board of plumbers as established in RCW 18.106.110.

31       (b) The director shall establish reasonable criteria by rule for  
32 determining an applicant's eligibility to take an examination for the  
33 certificate of competency for specialty plumbers under subsection  
34 (1)(c) of this section. In establishing the criteria, the director  
35 shall consult with the state advisory board of plumbers as established  
36 in RCW 18.106.110. These rules must take effect by July 1, 2002.

37       (3) Upon determination that the applicant is eligible to take the  
38 examination, the director shall so notify ~~((him))~~ the applicant,  
39 indicating the time and place for taking the same.

1        (4) No other requirement for eligibility may be imposed.

2        NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 18.106 RCW  
3 to read as follows:

4        (1) Those actively certified by the department of health on or  
5 before July 1, 2001, as backflow assembly testers and registered as a  
6 contractor under chapter 18.27 RCW or employed by a registered  
7 contractor, may perform maintenance and repair of backflow prevention  
8 assemblies, without being a certified plumber under this chapter, until  
9 January 1, 2003. For the purposes of this section, "maintenance and  
10 repair" include cleaning and replacing internal parts of an assembly,  
11 but do not include installing or replacing backflow prevention  
12 assemblies.

13        (2) After January 1, 2003, backflow assembly testers exempted under  
14 subsection (1) of this section are required to meet the eligibility  
15 requirements for a specialty plumber's certificate of competency under  
16 RCW 18.106.040(1)(c).

17        NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 19.27 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19        The owner of a building classified as a group R, division 3  
20 occupancy, as defined in the state building code adopted under this  
21 chapter, shall have the backflow prevention assembly tested by a  
22 department of health certified backflow assembly tester:

23        (1) At the time of installation, repair, or relocation, if required  
24 by the local official, board, department, or agency authorized to  
25 administer and enforce the provisions of the uniform plumbing code as  
26 adopted under this chapter; or

27        (2) When such official, board, department, or agency finds that  
28 cross-connection control within the property lines of the premises may  
29 fail to prevent pollution or contamination of the domestic water  
30 supply."

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34 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "assemblies;" strike the  
35 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.106.010 and

1 18.106.040; adding a new section to chapter 18.106 RCW; and adding a  
2 new section to chapter 19.27 RCW."

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