
HOUSE BILL 1851

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1 AN ACT Relating to plumbing; amending RCW 18.106.010; adding a new
2 section to chapter 18.106 RCW; creating a new section; providing an
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.106.010 and 1983 c 124 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

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

- 10 (1) "Advisory board" means the state advisory board of plumbers;
11 (2) "Department" means the department of labor and industries;
12 (3) "Director" means the director of department of labor and
13 industries;
14 (4) "Irrigation systems installer" means a person who, within the
15 scope of his or her employment, is required to install nonpotable water
16 systems, but does not include plumbers licensed or certified by the
17 department of labor and industries;

1 (5) "Journeyman plumber" means any person who has been issued a
2 certificate of competency by the department of labor and industries as
3 provided in this chapter;

4 ~~((+5))~~ (6) "Secretary" means the secretary of health;

5 (7) "Specialty plumber" means anyone who has been issued a
6 specialty certificate of competency limited to installation,
7 maintenance, and repair of the plumbing of single family dwellings,
8 duplexes, and apartment buildings which do not exceed three stories;

9 ~~((+6))~~ (8) "Plumbing" means ~~((that))~~ the craft involved in
10 ~~((installing, altering, repairing and renovating))~~ the installation,
11 alteration, repair, and renovation of the potable water ((systems and
12 liquid waste systems within a building)) distribution and supply piping
13 from the water meter and all plumbing fixtures and drainage systems,
14 including respective joints and connections, devices, receptacles, and
15 appurtenances within the building: PROVIDED, That installation in a
16 water system of water softening or water treatment equipment shall not
17 be within the meaning of plumbing as used in this chapter. Plumbing
18 does not include piping, joints, connections, devices, receptacles, or
19 appurtenances installed downstream of a backflow prevention assembly
20 separating a potable water supply line from an irrigation system if no
21 part of the irrigation system is used as a source of water for human
22 consumption.

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

25 (1) The secretary and director shall jointly establish separate
26 certification requirements for backflow prevention assembly and
27 crossflow connection installers and backflow prevention assembly and
28 crossflow connection testers.

29 (a) The director shall establish minimum requirements by rule
30 adopted according to chapter 34.05 RCW for education, on the job
31 training, and continuing education for backflow prevention assembly and
32 crossflow connection installers.

33 (b) The secretary shall establish minimum requirements by rule
34 adopted according to chapter 34.05 RCW for education, on the job
35 training, and continuing education for backflow prevention assembly and
36 crossflow connection testers.

37 (2) The director shall certify those persons who have been working
38 as irrigation/landscape systems installers for one year or more as

1 backflow prevention assembly installers prior to the effective date of
2 this act if the person applies for certification within six months of
3 the effective date of this act.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** It is not the intent of this act to affect
5 the current scope of work for testers and maintainers in the servicing
6 and repair of backflow assembly installation.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
9 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
10 effect July 1, 1993.

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