

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 27

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PLUMBERS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2602, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS REGARDING CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 54-2602, 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 personnel performing repairs or replacements, provided that alterations, extensions repairs and new construction replacements shall comply with the minimum standards and rules applicable to plumbing practices provided by this chapter. Alterations, extensions or new construction on such premises shall be performed by a licensed journeyman plumber who works in the employ and under the direction of a plumbing contractor.

(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 sew-

1 ers, private and public sewage disposal systems, and water distribu-  
2 tion and/or drainage lines outside the foundation walls of any build-  
3 ing or structure, to obtain a valid contractor's certificate of compe-  
4 tency or to employ only journeymen plumbers possessing a valid journey-  
5 man plumber's certificate of competency or registration, or to in any  
6 way require that his employees be registered, licensed or declared com-  
7 petent by the board.

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

14 (h) Plumbing work within modular buildings as defined in section  
15 39-4301, Idaho Code, that are constructed in the state of Idaho for in-  
16 stallation on building sites outside the state; provided however, that  
17 no modular building shall be installed on a building site in the state of  
18 Idaho until it has been approved and bears the insignia of approval of  
19 the division as being in compliance with the requirements set forth in  
20 section 39-4304, Idaho Code.

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

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

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

31 (iii) Individuals holding a current HVAC license may install boil-  
32 ers that are not otherwise subject to inspection by the industrial  
33 commission or its authorized agent.

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

39 (3) Any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation making  
40 water treatment installations and/or repairs in accordance with the provi-  
41 sions of this chapter shall maintain a surety bond in the amount of two thou-  
42 sand dollars (\$2,000).