

SENATE No. 354

To accompany the petition of the Massachusetts State Association of Master Plumbers, Inc., by Robert T. Pender, president, for legislation to authorize the examiners of plumbers to formulate rules and regulations relative to the construction, alteration and repair of all plumbing work. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS TO FORMULATE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND REPAIR OF ALL PLUMBING WORK.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 142 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 8, as appear-
3 ing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 8.* The board of health of each town which
6 has less than five thousand inhabitants shall prescribe
7 regulations relative to plumbing under section thirteen
8 or corresponding provisions of earlier laws relative to
9 the construction, alteration, repair and inspection of
10 all plumbing work within such town, which regula-

11 tions shall be subject to the approval of the examiners
12 and the department of public health and when so
13 approved shall be published once a week for three
14 consecutive weeks in a newspaper circulated in said
15 town and thereafter shall have the force of law. Such
16 regulations may be revised by the examiners upon
17 petition of the board of health.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 142 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 13, as amended
3 by chapter 284 of the acts of 1934 and inserting in
4 place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 13.* The examiners shall, subject to the
6 approval of the department of public health, prescribe
7 regulations relative to the materials, construction,
8 alteration, inspection and repair of all plumbing work
9 within each city except Boston and each town which
10 has five thousand inhabitants or more and which now
11 has no approved plumbing by-law or ordinance. Such
12 regulations shall provide for the materials, construc-
13 tion, alteration and inspection of all pipes, tanks,
14 faucets and valves and other fixtures by and through
15 which the water, waste water or sewage is carried;
16 and shall provide that such pipes, faucets, tanks,
17 valves and other fixtures shall not be placed in any
18 building in any city or town except in accordance
19 with a plan approved by the inspector of plumbing
20 or the inspector of buildings as the case may be, if
21 any, otherwise by the board of health; and shall
22 further provide that no plumbing shall be done, ex-
23 cept to repair leaks, in any such city or town without
24 a permit being issued therefor, upon such terms and
25 conditions as such cities and towns shall prescribe.
26 Such regulations, when published once in a newspaper

27 which has a circulation in the county in which said
28 city or town is located, shall have force of law. Such
29 regulations may be revised by the examiners upon
30 petition of any city or town.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

