

By Mr. Berry (by request), petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 378) of the Massachusetts Association of Plumbing Heating and Cooling Contractors, Inc., by Gerald W. Jubinville, president, and Charles E. Shannon for legislation to reform the supervision of plumbing and gas fitting. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.

AN ACT TO REFORM THE SUPERVISION OF PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING.

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 hereby
2 amended by deleting the definitions of master gas fitter and master
3 plumber and inserting the following: —

4 Master gas fitter. A gas fitter, having a regular place of business
5 and who, by him/herself or other licensed gas fitters in his/her
6 employ, performs gas fitting work, subject to inspection and in
7 compliance of any law or regulation pertaining to same.

8 Master plumber. A plumber having a regular place of business
9 and who, by him/herself or other licensed plumbers in his/her
10 employ, performs plumbing and gas fitting work, subject to
11 inspection and in compliance with any law, rule, or regulation
12 pertaining to same.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 142, Section 6 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding after the third sentence the
3 following: — Pursuant to the renewal, the holder of a journeyman
4 plumber license, master plumber license, journeyman gas fitter
5 license, master gas fitter license and/or a liquified gas installer
6 license shall present to the examiners documented evidence of the
7 completion of not less than six hours, nor more than twelve hours
8 of continuing education programs designed to improve the
9 professional competence of the holder. Such programs shall be

10 completed during the licensed or certificate period immediately
11 prior to the renewal. The examiners are authorized to and shall
12 promulgate regulations for the requirements of continuing
13 education programs.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 142, Section 3 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding after the third paragraph the
3 following: —

4 Only a licensed master plumber, or master gas fitter, or any
5 journeyman who has passed the journeyman licensing exam
6 before Dec. 31, 1993 may apply for a permit to perform plumbing
7 and gas fitting work.