

By Mr. Galvin of Boston, petition of William F. Galvin relative to the rules and regulations pertaining to the State Board of Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS.

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 13 of Chapter 142 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by Chapter 249 of the Acts of 1978 is hereby further
3 amended by striking out said section in its entirety and inserting in
4 place thereof the following new Section 13:—

5 In all cities and towns, the examiners shall make and from time
6 to time in like manner alter, amend, and repeal rules and regula-
7 tions relative to the construction, alteration, repair and inspection
8 of plumbing in such cities and towns, which rules and regulations
9 shall be reasonable, uniform and based on generally accepted
10 standards of plumbing practice; provided, however, that the appli-
11 cation of such rules and regulations may be varied by the examiners
12 in a particular city or town upon petition of the board of health
13 or health department thereof. The examiners shall adopt a regula-
14 tion requiring all cities and towns to use a uniform application for
15 a permit to perform plumbing work.

16 The examiners shall make and from time to time in like manner
17 alter, amend, and repeal rules and regulations relative to gas fitting
18 in buildings throughout the commonwealth, and relative to lique-
19 fied petroleum gas fitting containers and regulating equipment in
20 such buildings, which rules shall be reasonable, uniform, based on
21 generally accepted standards of engineering practice, and designed

22 to prevent fire, explosion, injury and death, and not inconsistent
23 with rules and regulations relative to the distribution of natural gas
24 which are promulgated pursuant to chapter one hundred and
25 sixty-four or the provisions of chapter one hundred and forty-two
26 or the rules and regulations made under the authority thereof. Any
27 person aggrieved by a ruling interpreting the rules and regulations
28 made under this paragraph, including any person aggrieved by any
29 such rule made by the building commissioner of Boston, may
30 appeal to the examiners in writing within ten days after such
31 ruling; and, subject to the provisions of chapter thirty A relative to
32 adjudicatory proceedings, said examiners shall hear and decide
33 such appeal. Subject to said provisions of chapter thirty A, such
34 decision shall be final and binding upon, and complied with by, all
35 parties in interest.