

HOUSE BILL No. 5435

March 8, 2016, Introduced by Reps. Lauwers, Victory and VerHeulen and referred to the Committee on Workforce and Talent Development.

A bill to amend 2002 PA 733, entitled
"State plumbing act,"
by amending section 15 (MCL 338.3525).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 15. (1) A person shall not engage in or work at the
2 business of a plumbing contractor, master plumber, journey plumber,
3 or apprentice plumber unless licensed or registered by the
4 department. Except as provided in subsections (2), (3), (4), and
5 (5), plumbing shall be performed by a licensed master or journey
6 plumber. A licensed master plumber shall be in charge and
7 responsible for proper installation and conformance with the code.
8 Plumbing shall not be performed unless the plumbing contractor who
9 is responsible has secured a permit from the state or a

1 governmental subdivision authorized to issue permits.

2 (2) A license is not required for **ANY OF** the following work:

3 (a) Minor repair work.

4 (b) The installation of a building sewer or water service pipe
5 ~~provided that IF~~ a permit is secured from the responsible enforcing
6 agency, ~~and REQUIRED~~ inspections are performed, ~~The installations~~
7 ~~shall comply~~ **AND THE INSTALLATION COMPLIES** with the applicable
8 code.

9 (c) The installation of domestic water treatment and filtering
10 equipment that requires modification to an existing cold water
11 distribution supply and associated waste piping in buildings if a
12 permit is secured, required inspections **ARE** performed, and the
13 installation complies with the applicable code. If the enforcing
14 agency determines **THAT** a violation **OF THE APPLICABLE CODE** exists,
15 ~~it shall be corrected by the responsible installer~~ **SHALL CORRECT**
16 **THE VIOLATION.**

17 (D) **THE REPLACEMENT OF A DOMESTIC WATER HEATER IN A 1-FAMILY**
18 **OR 2-FAMILY DWELLING THAT REQUIRES MODIFICATION TO AN EXISTING HOT**
19 **AND COLD WATER DISTRIBUTION SUPPLY BY A MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR**
20 **LICENSED IN A CLASSIFICATION LISTED IN SECTION 6(3)(A), (B), (D),**
21 **(E), (F), (G), OR (H) OF THE FORBES MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ACT,**
22 **1984 PA 192, MCL 338.976, IF A PERMIT IS SECURED, REQUIRED**
23 **INSPECTIONS ARE PERFORMED, AND THE INSTALLATION COMPLIES WITH THE**
24 **APPLICABLE CODE.**

25 (3) A homeowner may install his or her own plumbing, building
26 sewer, or private sewer in his or her single-family dwelling if a
27 permit is secured.

1 (4) ~~The~~ **A LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE** installation of
2 medical gas piping ~~providing~~ **IF** the installation ~~shall be~~ **IS**
3 performed under the supervision of a licensed plumbing contractor.

4 (5) This act does not prevent a person from performing any
5 activities within the scope of licensure or registration under any
6 other licensure or registration act or applicable codes for that
7 licensed or registered professional adopted pursuant to law.

8 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
9 after the date it is enacted into law.