

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 113

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PLUMBING AND PLUMBERS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2606, IDAHO
 2 CODE, TO REVISE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE IDAHO PLUMBING
 3 BOARD AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND AMENDING
 4 SECTION 54-2617, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURE FOR RENEWAL
 5 OF A PLUMBING CONTRACTOR OR JOURNEYMAN CERTIFICATE OF
 6 COMPETENCY, TO PROVIDE TIMING AND PROCEDURE FOR RENEWAL OF
 7 A PLUMBING SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR AND SPECIALTY JOURNEYMAN
 8 CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

11 SECTION 1. That Section 54-2606, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to
 12 read as follows:

13 54-2606. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE IDAHO PLUMBING BOARD. (1) The
 14 board shall have the general administration and supervision of the design, construction,
 15 installation, improvement, extension and alteration of plumbing and plumbing systems, except
 16 that which has been heretofore and hereinafter exempted from the jurisdiction of this board,
 17 in connection with all buildings, residences and structures in this state including buildings,
 18 residences and structures owned by the state or any political subdivision thereof.

19 (2) The division of building safety shall enforce the minimum standards and
 20 requirements therefor as provided by this chapter.

21 (3) The board may exercise such powers and duties as are reasonably necessary to carry
 22 out the provisions of this chapter, and it may among other things:

23 (a) Establish the fees to be charged for permits and inspections of plumbing systems.

24 (b) Hold public meetings and attend or be represented at such meetings, within or
 25 without the state, prepare and publish rules pertaining to this chapter, and such other
 26 information as may be necessary, and furnish copies thereof to those engaged in the
 27 business, trade, practice or work of plumbing and pipefitting and to the public upon
 28 request.

29 (c) Furnish standards and procedures and prescribe reasonable rules for examinations,
 30 qualification and certification of plumbing contractors and journeymen and apprentice
 31 plumbers not herein prescribed, including the establishment of continuing education
 32 requirements for journeymen and plumbing contractors.

33 (d) Require the furnishing of a compliance bond by plumbing contractors in an amount
 34 not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the contractor classification or evidence
 35 of such coverage by a corporate industry group bond acceptable to the board.

36 (~~e~~) Furnish standards and procedures and prescribe reasonable rules to provide for
 37 the certification of specialty contractors, specialty journeymen, and specialty apprentices,
 38 including the furnishing of a compliance bond in an amount not to exceed two thousand

1 dollars (\$2,000) for the specialty contractor classification or evidence of coverage by a
 2 corporate industry group bond acceptable to the board.

3 ~~(e)~~ Establish by administrative rule civil penalties not to exceed one thousand dollars
 4 (\$1,000) for each count or separate offense, to be paid for violations of this chapter and
 5 rules of the Idaho plumbing board; and to establish by administrative rule the process
 6 by which appeals from the imposition of civil penalties may be heard. The board is
 7 authorized to affirm, reject, decrease or increase the penalty imposed; however, the board
 8 shall not increase any penalty imposed to an amount exceeding one thousand dollars
 9 (\$1,000) for each individual count or separate offense.

10 SECTION 2. That Section 54-2617, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to
 11 read as follows:

12 54-2617. CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION – RENEWAL – RULES FOR STAGGERED
 13 SCHEDULE. (1) Certificates of competency shall be issued for a period of three (3) years, and
 14 shall expire three (3) years from the date of issue, unless sooner revoked or suspended.

15 (2) A certificate of competency for plumbing contractor or journeyman may be renewed
 16 at any time during the month prior to its expiration by providing proof of completion of the
 17 continuing education requirements as established by the board and compliance with all other
 18 renewal requirements of statute or rule. A certificate of competency for plumbing specialty
 19 contractor and specialty journeyman may be renewed at any time during the month prior to its
 20 expiration by compliance with all renewal requirements of statute or rule.

21 (3) Failure of any holder to timely renew a certificate of competency shall cause lapse
 22 of the certificate, but it may be revived within one (1) year without examination only upon
 23 payment of the full initial fee.

24 ~~(3)~~ The board shall promulgate rules to provide for a staggered schedule of issuing and
 25 renewing certificates of competency.