

February 22, 2005

**S 178. AMEND CERTAIN LIC. REQS/PLUMB'G/HEAT'G CONTR. AMENDING CERTAIN LAWS RELATING TO LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PLUMBING AND HEATING CONTRACTORS.**

As title indicates, amends GS 87-21(b)(6) to require that licensing examinations be conducted in two parts, a business and law portion and a technical portion, and that examination applications and information be provided to applicants at no cost. Requires that State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors offer examinations by computer within 10 days (was, 30) after application approval and allow applicants to obtain examination results immediately upon completion of computerized examination. Provides that person failing examination may not retake it until after 30 days (was, 90 days) from last examination and requires that person be given up to six months to retake the failed portion of examination. Deletes requirement that applicant who fails examination three times receive additional education before a retake is permitted and replaces it with requirement that such applicants wait one year before retaking any portion of examination. Clarifies that "heating, group number three" systems apply to those with a mechanical refrigeration system capacity, not total building load capacity, of 15 tons or less. Amends GS 87-22 to require that during the initial license year, plumbing and heating contractor license fees be prorated monthly from January 1<sup>st</sup> until November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Intro. by Tillman.**

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April 6, 2005

**S 178. AMEND CERTAIN LIC. REQS/PLUMB'G/HEAT'G CONTR.** Intro. 2/22/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes clarification of "heating, group number three" systems. Amends GS 87-21(b)(6) to require that requests for examination applications and information be made available online. Deletes reductions in time deadline for offering examinations after application approval and for waiting period to retake examinations. Clarifies that applicants who fail any part of examination three times may retake that part of the examination and reinstates provision authorizing State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors to require that these applicants receive additional education before a retake is permitted. Amends GS 87-22 to replace proposed license fee proration provision with new provision requiring proration only for persons who obtain a license on or after October 1 (was, required monthly proration from January 1 until last day of November). Amends GS 87-22.1 to clarify that Board may charge fee up to \$150 to take any part of an examination, but to provide that current fee for examination will be \$100 until Board adopts different rule. Makes technical changes. Effective January 1, 2006.

June 30, 2005

**SL 2005-131 (S 178). AMEND CERTAIN LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS/PLUMBING/HEATING CONTRACTORS. AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN LAWS RELATING TO LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PLUMBING AND HEATING CONTRACTORS.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 2/22/05 and 4/6/05. Enacted June 29, 2005. Effective January 1, 2006.