

April 9, 2009

H 1409. BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION/CERTAIN WIRING. Filed 4/9/09. *TO EXEMPT CERTAIN SIMPLE WIRING ACTIVITIES AND APPLIANCE REPLACEMENT IN RESIDENCES FROM BUILDING PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS WHEN THE APPLIANCE IS OF THE SAME ELECTRICAL RATING AND REQUIRES NO CHANGE TO EXISTING ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS AND THE WORK IS PERFORMED BY A LICENSED ELECTRICIAN.*

Amends GS 143-138(b) to exempt the following work from the requirement to obtain a building permit, provided the work is performed on a one-or two-family dwelling by person licensed under GS 87-43: repair or replacement of fixtures of the same capacity, replacement of appliances of the same electrical rating, replacement of equipment with like wiring and electrical rating.

Amends GS 153A-357 and GS 160A-417 to exempt from permitting requirements the repair or replacement of electrical fixtures or the connection of an existing branch circuit to an existing appliance in a one- or two-family dwelling, provided all of the following requirements are met: (a) for appliances, the replacement is of the same electrical rating and in the same location as the original, (b) for electrical fixtures, the replacement is of the same voltage and amperage as the original, (c) the work is performed by a person licensed under GS 87-43, and (d) the original installation met the State Building Code in effect at the time of installation. Makes organizational changes.

The act is effective October 1, 2009.

Intro. by Justice.

GS 143, 153A, 160A

May 7, 2009

H 1409. BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION/CERTAIN WIRING. Filed 4/9/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Clarifies that exemptions applying to "electrical fixtures" also apply to electrical "devices" in GS 153A-357(a) and GS 160A-417(a).

May 13, 2009

H 1409. BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION/CERTAIN WIRING. Filed 4/9/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes clarifying changes to GS 143-138(b) that the repair or replacement exclusion applies to fixtures of the same type (was, of the same capacity) and that the exclusion does not apply to equipment. Amends GS 153A-357(a) and GS 160A-417(a) to provide that the exception to the requirements to obtain the required inspection permits, applying to one or two family dwellings, applies to the repair or replacement of electrical lighting fixtures (was, electrical fixtures) or devices such as receptacles and lighting switches. Provides that among the requirements to be met to qualify for the permit exception is that the repair or replacement installation meets the current edition of the State Electrical Code (was, the original installation met the version of the State Building Code in effect at the time of the installation).

June 23, 2009

H 1409. BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION/CERTAIN WIRING. Filed 4/9/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends GS 143-138(b) (state building code) to clarify that the exemption from building permit requirements applies to the repair or replacement of electrical lighting devices and fixtures of the same type, and to additionally apply the building permit exclusion to the replacement of electric water heaters with an energy use rate no greater than that of the water heater being replaced, and for which there is no change in location, capacity, type, or routing or sizing of piping. Provides that the exclusions from building permit requirements for electrical lighting devices and fixtures and electric water heaters applies only to work performed in one-or two-family dwellings by a person licensed under GS 87-43. Makes conforming changes to GS 153A-357(a) (county inspection permit requirements) and GS 160A-417(a) (municipal inspection permit requirements).

June 24, 2009

H 1409. BUILDING CODE EXCLUSIONS/CERTAIN WIRING. Filed 4/9/09. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Amends GS 153A-357(a) (counties) and GS 160A-417(a) (cities) to clarify that a permit is not required for repair or replacement of any electrical lighting fixtures or devices or for the connection of an existing branch circuit to a replacement electric water heater in any one-or-two family dwelling unit provided that, in addition to meeting other specified conditions, (1) with respect to electric water heaters, the replacement water heater is placed in the same location and is of the same *or less* capacity and electrical rating as the original and (2) with respect to electrical lighting fixtures and devices, the replacement is with a fixture or device having the same voltage and the *same or less* amperage.

June 25, 2009

H 1409. BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION/CERTAIN WIRING. Filed 4/9/09. Senate amendment #2 makes the following changes to 4th edition, as amended. Adds changes to GS 143-138, GS 153A-357, and GS 160A-417 to extend exclusions from permit requirements to cover certain work performed on all water heaters, not only electric water heaters, and to require that the excluded work be performed by a person licensed under GS 87-21. Also added the requirement that there also be no change in fuel or energy source.

August 5, 2009

H 1409. BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION/CERTAIN WIRING. Filed 4/9/09. Conference report recommends the following changes to 5th edition to reconcile matters in controversy. Modifies proposed amendments to GS 143-138(b) to conform with changes made to that statute in Section 1 of SL 2009-245. Provides in proposed amended GS 153A-357(a)(2) (counties) and GS 160A-417(a) (cities and towns) that a person is prohibited from commencing or proceeding with the installation, extension, or general repair of any plumbing system, except that in any one- or two-family dwelling unit a permit is not required for the connection of a water heater (was, for the connection of existing piping to a water heater) that is being replaced, provided that the work is performed by a licensed person under GS 87-21, *who personally examines the work at completion and ensures that a leak test has been performed on the gas piping*, in addition to meeting other specified conditions. Makes a technical change.

September 1, 2009

SL 2009-532 (H 1409). BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION/CERTAIN WIRING. AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN ELECTRICAL LIGHTING DEVICES AND FIXTURES AND WATER HEATER REPLACEMENT IN RESIDENCES FROM BUILDING PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/9/09, 5/7/09, 5/13/09, 6/23/09, 6/24/09, 6/25/09, and 8/5/09. Enacted August 28, 2009. Effective October 1, 2009.