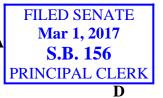
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## **SENATE BILL DRS35075-MQ-29** (01/31)

Short Title:	Plumbing & Heating Contractors Changes.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Tucker (Primary Sponsor).	
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED				
2	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TYPES OF ACTIVITY REGULATED BY THE STATE BOARD				
3	OF EX	XAMIN	ERS OF PLUMBING, HEATING, AND FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS		
4	AND	TO R	REAUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO ISSUE LICENSES FOR CERTAIN		
5	REST	RICTE	D CLASSIFICATIONS.		
6	The Gene	ral Asse	embly of North Carolina enacts:		
7		SECT	<b>TON 1.</b> G.S. 87-21 reads as rewritten:		
8	"§ 87-21.	Definit	tions; contractors licensed by Board; examination; posting license, etc.		
9	(a)	Defini	tions. – For the purpose of this Article:		
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11		(5)	Any person, firm or corporation, who for a valuable consideration, (i) verifies,		
12			inspects, evaluates, tests, installs, alters or restores, or offers to verify, inspect,		
13			evaluate, test, install, alter or restore, either plumbing, heating group number		
14			one, or heating group number two, or heating group number three, or (ii) lays		
15			out, fabricates, installs, alters or restores, or offers to lay out, fabricate, install,		
16			alter or restore fire sprinklers, or any combination thereof, as defined in this		
17			Article, shall be deemed and held to be engaged in the business of plumbing,		
18			heating, or fire sprinkler contracting; provided, however, that nothing herein		
19			shall be deemed to restrict the practice of qualified registered professional		
20			engineers. Any person who installs a plumbing, heating, or fire sprinkler system		
21			on property which at the time of installation was intended for sale or to be used		
22			primarily for rental is deemed to be engaged in the business of plumbing,		
23			heating, or fire sprinkler contracting without regard to receipt of consideration,		
24			unless exempted elsewhere in this Article.		
25	( <b>b</b> )	 Classe	a of Liconcost Elicibility and Examination of Applicants Naccessity for Liconco		
26 27	(b)	(1)	es of Licenses; Eligibility and Examination of Applicant; Necessity for License. – In order to protect the public health, comfort and safety, the Board shall		
28		(1)	establish two classes of licenses: Class I covering all plumbing, heating, and		
28 29			fire sprinkler systems for all structures, and Class II covering plumbing and		
30			heating systems in single-family detached residential dwellings.		
31		(2)	Restricted licenses or classifications. –		
32		(2)	a. The Board shall establish and issue a fuel piping license for use by		
33			persons who do not possess the required Class I or Class II plumbing or		
34			heating license, but desire to engage in the contracting or installing of		
35			fuel piping extending from an approved fuel source at or near the		
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	b.	-	ed inside the premises. a limited plumbing contractor possess the required Class I or to engage in the contracting or ther of the following: e lines or backflow preventers
		two inch diameter or smaller.	mestic water service systems of
		2. Exterior building sewer or wa diameter or smaller.	ter service piping of two inch
	с.	The Board shall establish and issue:	
			blumbing, heating group number
		one, heating group number two	, or heating group number three persons who do not possess the
		required plumbing, heating gro	oup number one, heating group number three contractor license
			llation, repair, or replacement of
		00	per one, heating group number
			hree solely as an employee of a
		State or local government agenc	
		• •	blumbing, heating group number
		6 1	, or heating group number three
			persons who do possess the
			oup number one, heating group
			number three contractor license
			in the installation, repair, or
			ing group number one, heating
		group number two, or heating	g group number three as an
		employee of a State or local go	vernment agency without listing
		their contractor license in the	e name of the State or local
			contractors who obtain the State
		6	an license shall be allowed to
		-	ler their contractor license only
		•	not actively employed with the
		-	echnician, and is on-site carrying
			personally. No work can be
			government agency in reliance
		upon the technician license when	-
	<u>d.</u>	The Board may also establish addition	onal restricted classifications to
		provide for:	
			partnership, firm, or corporation
			phase of heating, plumbing, or
		<u>fire sprinkling contracting.</u>	orthorship firm or comparation
			partnership, firm, or corporation
			phase of heating, plumbing, or
			t is an incidental part of their
		· ·	vful business other than heating,
		plumbing, or fire sprinkling cont	nacung.

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1	3. The licensing of persons desiring to engage in contracting and
2	installing fuel piping from an approved fuel source on the
3	premises to a point inside the residence.
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5	( <i>l</i> ) The provisions of this Article do not apply to a home inspector licensed under Article
6	9F of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes who does not claim to be a plumbing or heating
7	contractor or who is not acting in the capacity of a plumbing or heating contractor in the course of
8	their duties as a home inspector.
9	(m) The provisions of this Article do not apply to a certified Code-enforcement official
10	licensed under Article 9C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes who does not claim to be a
11	plumbing or heating contractor or who is not acting in the capacity of a plumbing or heating
12	contractor in the course of their duties as a Code-enforcement official."
13	<b>SECTION 2.</b> This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.