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DEFINITIONS; SCOPE OF PRACTICE; WITHDRAWAL OF BONA FIDE REPRESENTATIVE

Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.3 and 3.2

Adopted New Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.4

Proposed: April 5, 2004 at 36 N.J.R. 1718(b).

Adopted: July 22, 2004 by the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, Alexander J. Tucciarone, Chairman.

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Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:14C-7.

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Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because there are no applicable Federal laws or standards applicable to the subject matter of the adopted amendments and new rule.

Full text of the adoption follows :

<< NJ ADC 13:32-1.3 >>

13:32-1.3 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: ...

"Plumbing" means the practice, materials and fixtures used in the installation, maintenance, extension, alteration, repair and removal of all piping, plumbing fixtures, plumbing appliances and plumbing apparatus in connection with any of the following: sanitary drainage, storm facilities and building sewers to their respective final connection to an approved point of disposal, venting systems, public and private water supply systems of any premises to and within the property line of any building or structure to their final connection with an approved supply system. "Plumbing" also means the practice and materials used in the installation, maintenance, extension, alteration, repair or removal of stormwater, refrigeration and air conditioning drains, liquid waste or sewage. "Plumbing" does not include the final connection to an approved point of disposal or an approved supply system which extends beyond three feet of a building or structure. ...

<< NJ ADC 13:32-1.4 >>

13:32-1.4 Scope of practice

(a) This section prescribes the permissible scope of plumbing practice which shall include that which is defined as plumbing in N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.3.

(b) Plumbing shall be performed by a master plumber, an authorized plumbing contractor, or by employees working under the supervision of a master plumber as permitted by N.J.S.A. 45:14C-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 13:32-3.3.

(c) For purposes of this section, the following shall also be considered within the scope of the practice of plumbing and shall only be performed by individuals designated in (b) above:

1. Performing of plumbing work, including minor work and ordinary repairs even though a permit is not required;
2. Installation and service of storm, sanitary, and water piping to the final point of connection within three feet of the exterior of a building or structure located on private property;
3. Installation of the water service and backflow preventer for fire suppression systems and water sprinkler systems;
4. Plumbing work performed at a place of business by employees of that business on property owned by the business;
5. Disconnection and sealing of water and sewer lines;
6. Installation and service of all direct and indirect drain piping associated with mechanical equipment that is connected to a sewer system;
7. Installation and completion of plumbing, at no cost, notwithstanding that the property is owned by a nonprofit organization;
8. Installation or disconnection of water filtration or water softening equipment, water heaters, humidifiers, ice making equipment or backflow preventers;
9. Installation of water piping on the house side of a well water compression tank; and
10. Installation and service of storm, sanitary and water piping between buildings or structures on a property.

(d) For purposes of this section, the following is not within the scope of the practice of plumbing and may be performed by individuals who are not licensed master plumbers:

1. The clearance of stoppages and installation or removal of a cleanout or cleanout equivalent necessary to clear the stoppage;
2. The installation and service of storm, sanitary, and water piping from the final point of connection more than three feet from the exterior of a building or structure located on private property;
3. The installation, service, and maintenance of fire suppression systems and lawn sprinkler systems downstream from a back flow prevention device;
4. The installation, service, and maintenance of gas and hydronic piping;
5. The demolition or removal of plumbing, provided the water and sewer utilities are first disconnected and sealed outside the building;
6. The installation and service of transmission piping by water or sewer utilities; and
7. The installation and service of water lines to mechanical equipment downstream from a back flow prevention device.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. A single-family home owner who performs plumbing work in his or her own dwelling; and

2. Plumbing work performed by full-time employees of a public agency on property owned by that agency.

(f) A licensed master plumber who performs a task which is not considered plumbing as outlined in (d) above shall perform the task in a manner consistent with professional plumbing standards.

<<+(g) An individual who is licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:4A-23 et seq. is not engaged in the unlicensed practice of plumbing when he or she is performing the tasks that he or she is licensed to perform.+>>

<< NJ ADC 13:32-3.2 >>

13:32-3.2 Bona fide representative; reporting responsibilities

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) If a bona fide representative for any firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity contemplated by N.J.S.A. 45:14C-1 et seq. withdraws as the bona fide representative, the firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity may continue to operate for 60 days without a bona fide representative provided that a licensee supervises all work to be conducted in the same manner as required by a bona fide representative pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:32-3.3(a) 3, the bona fide representative and the firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity notifies the Board within 10 days of the withdrawal of the bona fide representative and the supervising licensee notifies the Board within 10 days of being appointed as the supervising licensee.

(d) (No change.)