

## CHAPTER LXXX.

[S. B. No. 152.]

## RELATING TO HOUSE DRAINAGE AND PLUMBING.

AN ACT to regulate the sanitary construction of house drainage and plumbing, in cities of first class.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Plumber must  
be licensed.

SECTION 1. That any person, firm or corporation now, or that may hereafter be engaged in, or working at the business in cities of first class, this state, either as a master or employing plumber or as a journeyman plumber, shall first secure a license therefor, in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Board of health  
to examine  
and license.

SEC. 2. Any person desiring to engage in or work at the business of plumbing, either as a master or employing plumber, or as a journeyman plumber, in any city of 5,000 or more, shall apply to the president of the board of health or other officer having jurisdiction in the locality where he intends to engage in or work at such business, and shall at such time and place as may be designated by the board of examiners hereinafter provided for, to whom such application shall be referred, be examined as to his qualifications for such business. In case of a firm or corporation, the examination or licensing of any one member of such firm or the manager of such corporation shall satisfy the requirements of this act.

City of first  
class shall  
have a board of  
examiners.

SEC. 3. There shall be in every city of the first class, having a system of water supply and sewerage, a board of examiners consisting of the president of the board of health, the inspector of plumbing of said city or town, if any there be, and three members who shall be practical plumbers (two shall be master plumbers, one shall be a journeyman plumber); the president of the board of health and the inspector of plumbing shall be members, *ex officio*, of said board and serve without compensation: *Provided*, That in localities where the required number of plumbers cannot be secured, such vacancies may be filled by the appointment of reputable physicians. Said members shall be appointed by the board of health; if there be no board

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of health or health officer of said city or town, the mayor of said city or town shall, within three months from and after the passage of this act, appoint said board of examiners for the term of one year, said appointment to date from the first day of July, 1897, and thereafter annually, and said appointed members of such board shall serve without compensation: *Provided*, That if in any city or town there is no inspector of plumbing, said board of health shall appoint a fourth member of said board of examiners, who shall be a practical plumber, and whose term of office shall be the same as heretofore provided for said three members.

SEC. 4. Said board of examiners shall, within ten days after the appointment of said members, meet and organize by the selection of a chairman, and shall designate the time and place for the examination of applicants desiring to engage in or at the business of plumbing within their respective jurisdictions. Said board shall examine said applicants as to their practical knowledge of plumbing, house drainage and plumbing ventilation, and if satisfied of the competency of the applicant, shall so verify to the board of health. Such board shall thereupon issue a license to such applicant, authorizing him to engage in or at the business of plumbing, either as a master or employing plumber, or as a journeyman plumber. The fee for a license for a master or employing plumber shall be \$5; for journeyman plumber shall be \$1. Said license shall be valid and have force in district where issued, and shall be renewed annually upon payment of one dollar.

SEC. 5. The board of health of each city mentioned in section three of this act shall, within three months from and after this act, appoint one or more inspectors of plumbing (if such appointment has not already been made), who shall be practical plumbers, and shall hold office until removed by such board of health for cause, which must be shown. The compensation of such inspectors shall be determined by the city council of said city, and be paid from the treasury of their respective cities. Said inspectors so appointed shall inspect all plumbing work for which permits are hereafter granted within their respective jurisdic-

Duties of board.

License fees

Compensation of board.

Inspectors.

tion, in process of construction, alteration or repair, and shall report to said board of health all violations of any law, ordinance or by-law relating to plumbing work, and also perform such other appropriate duties as may be required by said board.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 6. The board of health of each city of the first class in this state having a system of water supply and sewerage shall, within three months from the passage of this act, prescribe rules and regulations for the construction, alteration and inspection of plumbing and sewerage placed in or in connection with any building in such city or town, which shall be approved by ordinance by the council of such city or town, and the board of health shall further provide that no plumbing work shall be done, except in the case of repairs or leaks, without a permit being issued first therefor, upon such terms and conditions as such board of health of said city or town shall prescribe.

Penalty.

SEC. 7. Any person violating any provision of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be subject to a fine not exceeding fifty (\$50) dollars, nor less than five (\$5) dollars, for each and every violation thereof. The license of any master or journeyman plumber may be at any time revoked for incompetency, dereliction of duty or other sufficient causes, after a full and fair hearing by a majority of the examining board; but an appeal may be taken from said examining board to the state board of health, and license may be revoked by the examining board provided for in section three (3) of this act.

License moneys.

SEC. 8. All money derived from the licenses issued to applicants shall go to defray the expense of holding such examinations and other necessary expenses of the board of health at place where examination was held.

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