



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6585

House of Representatives, April 8, 2003

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. FOX of the 144th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING WELL DRILLERS AND WELL CASING EXTENSIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 25-129 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 (NEW) (g) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, with the
4 advice and assistance of the board, shall adopt regulations, in
5 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish certificates of
6 registration for limited contractor and limited journeyman well
7 casing extension. Such certificates of registration shall permit persons
8 licensed to perform plumbing and piping work pursuant to chapter
9 393 to perform well casing extension, repair and maintenance work.
10 Upon initial application, an applicant shall demonstrate knowledge of
11 well casing extension, repair and maintenance work by passing an
12 examination subject to the provisions of section 20-333. The applicant
13 shall pay a registration fee of twenty-five dollars upon initial

14 application and an annual renewal registration fee of twenty-five
15 dollars. A certificate of registration under this subsection is
16 nontransferable and expires annually.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	Less Than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill authorizes the commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to establish limited contractor and limited journeyman certificates which would allow those persons licensed to perform plumbing and piping work to also perform well casing extention, repair and maintenance work. The bill establishes an initial registration fee of \$25 and an annual registration fee of \$25.

Currently, there are 8,200 licensed plumbers. It is uncertain as to how many of these plumbers will also apply for the limited certificates established in the bill. Thus, the potential revenue gain could range from zero if none choose to apply to \$205,000 if all plumbers do apply for the certificate. The department estimates that only a few number will apply. If that assumption proves to be correct, the revenue gain is unknown but is expected to be less than \$100,000.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill authorizes the consumer protection commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the plumbing and piping work examining board, to establish by regulation limited contractor and limited journeyman certificates permitting licensed plumbers and others licensed to perform plumbing and piping work to extend, repair, and maintain well casings and extensions. Applicants must demonstrate their knowledge of well casing extension, repair, and maintenance by passing a licensing examination administered by the consumer protection department. Registration certificates are nontransferable and expire annually. The bill establishes a \$25 initial registration fee and an annual \$25 certificate renewal fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0