



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 199**

February Session, 2004

Substitute Senate Bill No. 440

*Senate, March 23, 2004*

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING HEARTH INSTALLERS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-330 of the general statutes, as amended by  
2 sections 1 and 2 of public act 03-83, is amended by adding subdivision  
3 (18) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

4 (NEW) (18) "Hearth product work" means the installation, service,  
5 repair or connection of a propane or natural gas-fired fireplace,  
6 fireplace insert, stove or log set that simulate the flame of a solid fuel  
7 fire and associated venting and accessories and does not include fuel  
8 piping work or the servicing of fuel piping.

9 Sec. 2. Section 20-334a of the general statutes, as amended by section  
10 1 of public act 03-134, section 1 of public act 03-261 and section 146 of  
11 public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session, is amended by adding  
12 subsection (j) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

13 (NEW) (j) A limited contractor's license and a limited

14 journeyperson's license shall be issued by the department for hearth  
15 product work to any person who has been certified as a gas specialist  
16 by the National Fireplace Institute or another entity approved by the  
17 department. No person shall perform hearth product work unless such  
18 person has obtained a license pursuant to this section. The fee for such  
19 license shall be twenty-five dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</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-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires any one who has been certified a gas specialist by the National Fireplace Institute, or another entity the department approves, to gain a limited contractor’s and a limited journeyperson’s license from the Department of Consumer Protection before performing hearth product work. Currently, there are between 20 and 30 gas specialists certified by the National Fireplace Institute. The bill sets a license fee of \$25. This will result in a minimal revenue gain.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING HEARTH INSTALLERS**

**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection (DACP) to issue a limited contractor's and limited journey person's license for hearth product work to anyone who has been certified as a gas specialist by the National Fireplace Institute or another entity the department approves and prohibits anyone from performing this work without a license. It defines "hearth product work" as installing, servicing, repairing, or connecting a propane or natural gas-fired fireplace, fireplace insert, stove, or log set that simulates a solid fuel fire and the associated venting and accessories. The bill excludes fuel piping work and servicing from hearth product work.

The bill sets a license fee of \$25.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19      Nay 0