



Substitute Senate Bill No. 562

Public Act No. 06-157

AN ACT ESTABLISHING LIMITED CONTRACTOR AND JOURNEYMAN GAS HEARTH INSTALLER LICENSES AND DEFINING GAS HEARTH PRODUCT WORK.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, with the advice and assistance of the appropriate boards established pursuant to section 20-331 of the general statutes, shall adopt regulations consistent with sections 20-332 and 21a-7 of the general statutes, to establish limited contractor and journeyman gas hearth installer licenses and requisite training requirements regarding hearth product work, as defined in section 20-330 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act. Such regulations shall be adopted by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the holder of an occupational license which allows the performance of gas piping work, gas burner work or gas hearth product work from performing gas hearth product work. A holder of such license shall not be required to obtain a limited contractor or journeyman gas hearth installer license.

Sec. 2. Section 20-330 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (22) as follows (*Effective October 1,*

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2006):

(NEW) (22) "Gas hearth product work" means the installation, service or repair of a propane or natural gas fired fireplace, fireplace insert, stove or log set and associated venting and piping that simulates a flame of a solid fuel fire. "Gas hearth product work" does not include (A) fuel piping work, (B) the servicing of fuel piping, or (C) work associated with pressure regulating devices, except for appliances gas valves.

Sec. 3. Section 20-420 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

(a) No person shall hold himself or herself out to be a contractor or salesperson without first obtaining a certificate of registration from the commissioner as provided in this chapter, except that an individual or partner, or officer or director of a corporation registered as a contractor shall not be required to obtain a salesperson's certificate. No certificate shall be given to any person who holds himself or herself out to be a contractor that performs radon mitigation unless such contractor provides evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the contractor is certified as a radon mitigator by the National Radon Safety Board or the National Environmental Health Association. No certificate shall be given to any person who holds himself or herself out to be a contractor that performs removal or replacement of any residential underground heating oil storage tank system unless such contractor provides evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the contractor (1) has completed a hazardous material training program approved by the Department of Environmental Protection, (2) has presented evidence of liability insurance coverage of one million dollars, and (3) has presented evidence of a surety bond in an amount not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

(b) No contractor shall employ any salesman to procure business

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from an owner unless the salesman is registered under this chapter.

(c) No individual shall act as a home improvement salesman for an unregistered contractor.

(d) On and after July 1, 2008, a home improvement contractor shall not perform gas hearth product work, as defined in subdivision (22) of section 20-330 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, unless such home improvement contractor holds a limited contractor or journeyman gas hearth installer license pursuant to section 1 of this act.

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