

**Testimony of Frank J. DaCato  
In Support of  
Raised Bill No. 6296**

Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan, members of the Public Safety and Security Committee, first I would like to thank you for taking the time to hear me today. My Name is Frank DaCato and I am the training coordinator for Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 777. I am also a member of the State Plumbing Board and Apprenticeship Council. I am here today to ask you to support bill 6296, "An Act Adopting the National Electrical Code, the International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code and the International Fuel Gas Code".

As someone involved in teaching and the construction professions, I believe that it important that we keep our building codes current to reflect all of the new technologies within the construction trades. Currently we are using the 2003 editions of the Plumbing and Mechanical codes which were adopted in 2006. Since then there has been a 2006 edition and a 2009 edition with a 2012 edition scheduled to come our next year. Some of our current NFPA codes such as NFPA 31 and NFPA 54 go back to the 90's. I believe that it is time to update our codes and have a vehicle which will allow for the adoption of new codes within a year of when they come out.

Once again thank you for your time. I will try and answer any questions you may have.