

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY - MARCH 5, 2013

Submitted to: General Law Committee

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Re: **SB 929 – AN ACT CLARIFYING RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL GAS AND VACUUM SYSTEMS CERTIFICATIONS**

The Mechanical Contractors Association of Connecticut would like to go on record in support of SB929 to clarify that “No person shall be issued a renewal certificate until evidence is submitted to the department that such person holds a current (A) brazer certification issued in accordance with the standards of Section IX of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, and (B) installer's certification issued in accordance with American National Standards Institute-American Society of Sanitary Engineering Series 6010.”

Although the original law passed in 2002 (C.G.S. Sec. 20-334(g)) does state that a person shall not perform this work “unless such person has obtained a certificate pursuant to this subsection”, the statute is not clear in that NFPA. 99-C requires that installers of medical gas systems be certified under ASSE 6010 and section IX, Welding and Brazing Qualifications of ASME. These sections currently require the installer/brazer keep their certification by updating their Section IX braze every six (6) months and their ASSE 6010 installer certification every three (3) years.

This bill says that in order for the State of Connecticut to renew a medical gas/vacuum systems work certificate, the certificate holder must provide the state, at the time of renewal, evidence that both their installer and brazer certifications are up to date.

MCAC respectfully requests your support for this bill in the interest of public safety.

Sec. 20-330 Definitions (Occupational Licensing Chapter 393)(17) "Medical gas and vacuum systems work" means the work and practice, materials, instrumentation and fixtures used in the construction, installation, alteration, extension, removal, repair, maintenance or renovation of gas and vacuum systems and equipment used solely to transport gases for medical purposes and to remove liquids, air-gases or solids from such systems.

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