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ALABAMA PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS EXAMINING BOARD

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board

RULE NO. & TITLE: 720-X-11-.01, Work Permitted By Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitters

INTENDED ACTION: Amend existing rule title and amend existing rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To amend the supervisory ratio for plumbing work; to more clearly state the conditions under which an apprentice may perform plumbing work; and to remove to a separate rule the conditions under which an apprentice may perform gas work.

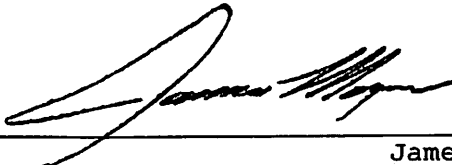
TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Views may be presented orally or in writing and should be addressed to James M. Morgan, Executive Director, Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board, 216 Aquarius Drive, Suite 319, Homewood, Alabama 35209; (205) 945-4857; or jimmy.morgan@pgfb.alabama.gov. Comments may also be submitted during the public hearing to be held at the Board's office on March 10, 2022, at 2:00 pm.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

March 10, 2022

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AMENDED RULE

720-X-11-.01 Work Permitted By Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitters Performing Plumbing Work.

(1) It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. 2015-496, as amended, Ala. Code § 34-37-1, et seq., for an Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter ("Apprentice"), certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board to perform any plumbing/gas fitting work (as defined in Ala. Code § 34-37-1), as provided in Act No. 2015-496, as amended, and as may be further defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, which is subject to the most recently adopted edition of the International Residential Code unless said Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter performs said the plumbing work under the following conditions:

(a) Thefor a company thatfor which the Apprentice is working is properly registered with the Board.

(b) The Apprentice works at all times and under the direct supervision of a certified Journeyman Plumber, Journeyman Gas Fitter, or certified Master Plumber or Master Gas Fitter.

(c) The supervising Journeyman Plumber or Master Plumber who remains on the job/work site at all times while such plumbing work is being performed by the Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter. An Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter is a trainee, therefore, it shall be unlawful, and a violation of Act No. 2015-496, as amended, for any one Journeyman Plumber, Journeyman Gas Fitter, Master Plumber or Master Gas Fitter to directly supervise on any job site more than three Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter.

(2) No Journeyman Plumber or Master Plumber shall directly supervise on any job site more than five (5) Apprentices, subject to the following conditions:

(a) When four (4) Apprentices are being supervised, at least one (1) shall have been registered by the Board for a minimum of three (3) years or be able to produce verifiable proof of three (3) years of apprentice-level experience in another state.

(b) When five (5) Apprentices are being supervised, at least one (1) shall have been registered by the Board for a minimum of three (3) years or be able to produce verifiable proof of three (3) years of apprentice-level experience in another state AND at least one (1) shall have been registered by the Board for a minimum of five (5) years or be able to produce verifiable proof of five (5) years of apprentice-level experience in another state.

(c) For any Apprentice working under the conditions of (2) (a) or (2) (b), he or she shall have taken the Board's Journeyman Plumber examination at least once.

(d) Using forms provided by the Board, any company employing an Apprentice subject to the requirements of (2) (a) or (2) (b) must submit to the Board written acknowledgment and verification of the Apprentice's satisfaction of this Rule. Failure by the company to provide such documentation is a violation attributable to the Principal Master.

(e) Any Apprentice working on any job site shall be current in his or her registration with the Board.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-37-2

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