
DIGEST

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HB No. 418

Abstract: Authorizes the La. State Plumbing Board, upon receipt of a complaint from a consumer for whom the work was performed, to fine any person performing plumbing work without a license an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Present law provides that whoever violates the provisions of present law shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, or imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that, upon receipt of a complaint from a consumer for whom the work was performed, the La. State Plumbing Board shall have the authority to fine any person, or employing entity, who performs plumbing work or engages in the business of plumbing while not possessing a license or endorsement issued by the board or otherwise in violation of proposed law, an amount not more than \$5,000.

Proposed law requires the monies collected pursuant to proposed law to be used by the board in a manner consistent with the provisions of law regarding the use of licensing fees collected by the board.

Proposed law provides that nothing in proposed law shall be construed to supersede the existing exceptions to the licensing requirement.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:1374)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Made technical corrections.
2. Specified that the maximum fine that may be levied by the board is \$5,000.
3. Required the monies collected through fines to be used in a similar fashion as the monies collected through licensing fees.
4. Specified that proposed law does not supersede existing exemptions to the licensing

requirement.

5. Specified that the complaint which forms the basis upon which a person performing unlicensed plumbing work is fined must be from the consumer for whom the work was performed.