

Existing law provides that whoever violates the provisions of existing law relating to the performance of plumbing work and the licensing of plumbers shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, or imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both.

New law authorizes the La. State Plumbing Board, upon receipt of a complaint from a consumer for whom the work was performed, 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, an amount not more than \$5,000.

New law requires the monies collected 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.

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

Effective upon signature of governor (June 20, 2011).

(Amends R.S. 37:1374)