

thereafter, on or before the first day of May; and said board, at any time, may require, on any application for renewal, any applicant to pass another examination before issuing any renewal, or may issue any renewal without requiring any other examination, as said board in each case, from year to year, may deem proper; but no charge shall be made for the issuing of permits or renewals of permits to apprentices. Said commissioners may fix the requirements of the competency and qualification of applicants, whether of master plumbers or of journeyman plumbers, as different standards, in their judgment, for different parts of the State, and may accordingly limit the certificates so as to permit the holder thereof to do plumbing work only in certain specified sections of the State, as said commissioners may determine. Whenever by any of the general or local laws of this State it is or shall be provided that a permit shall be granted to anyone qualified to work at the plumbing business or to do plumbing work, however the same may be designated, or that certain appointments shall be given to or certain duties shall be performed by one qualified to do plumbing work, or any other reference is made to one qualified to do work which shall be included under the term "plumbing work," however the same shall be designated, then such general or local laws shall be held to refer only to one qualified to work at the plumbing business under his own direction; that is, one holding a certificate authorized to be called a "master plumber's certificate," and shall not be held to refer to a journeyman plumber or to an apprentice. Said commissioners may revoke any certificate or permit which, after notice to the holder and hearing they may determine has been obtained by fraud or misrepresentation, or has been issued by mistake or inadvertence, and said commissioners may revoke or suspend for such time as they may deem proper the operation of any certificate or permit when the said commissioners, after notice to the holder and a hearing, shall determine that the holder thereof has used such certificate or permit contrary to the provisions of this sub-title, or to any rules or regulations of said commissioners adopted in pursuance of the provisions of this sub-title, or contrary to the limitations contained in said certificates or permit, or has violated any of the provisions of this sub-title. Nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to prevent incorporated gas companies from making connections of gas appliances for domestic purposes.

1929, ch. 362.

325. The provisions of this sub-title shall not apply to Montgomery and Prince George's Counties except as hereinafter provided. In Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission shall have the sole power to grant certificates to persons desiring to work at the plumbing business in said counties, provided that the fees to be charged for said certificates shall not exceed the fees as fixed in this sub-title. The said Commission shall have the power to make such rules and regulations as to the installation of plumbing in said counties as it may deem necessary for the public health, and shall have and exercise within the said Montgomery and Prince George's Counties all the authority and power conferred upon the State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing by this sub-title. Provided, however, that nothing in this section shall affect the certificates heretofore issued by the Commissioners of Practical Plumbing, but all persons who have such certificates shall have and exercise all the rights and privileges which a holder of such