

PERMITS TO APPRENTICES. The 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 the Commissioners may determine. Any person appointed or employed by the State, a county, or any local government to inspect plumbing or drainage work may not have any pecuniary interest in any plumbing business, and, upon such appointment or employment, shall relinquish his master's or journeyman's certificate to the Board. Upon termination of the appointment or employment, the person may reactivate his master's or journeyman's certificate without examination by written request to the Board and payment of the appropriate renewal fee. The Board may issue identification receipts or cards to inspectors who have relinquished their certificates. In cases of emergency in which it would be impractical to require two years' experience, one year's experience as a journeyman plumber will qualify the applicant for a master's certificate. Whenever by any of the general or local laws of this State it is 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 is 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 may not be held to refer to a journeyman plumber or to an apprentice. The 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. The Commissioners may revoke or suspend for such time as they may deem proper the operation of any certificate or permit when the Commissioners, after notice to the holder and a hearing, determine that the holder has used the certificate or permit contrary to the provisions of this subtitle, or to any rules or regulations of the Commissioners adopted in pursuance of the provisions of this subtitle, or contrary to the limitations contained in the certificates or permit, or has violated any of the provisions of this subtitle. Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to prevent incorporated gas companies from making connections of gas appliances for domestic purposes. The Board of Commissioners shall prescribe rules and regulations for the issuance of a certificate, on a reciprocal basis, to any plumber presenting a master plumber's certificate issued by a board or agency of any subdivision or official body of this State, for the current year, when the standards of competency or fitness