

connected to the commission's sanitary sewerage system, within the sanitary district or on premises connected to the commission's system. The commission shall require that any person, firm or corporation engaged in or holding himself or itself out to the public as engaged in sewer cleaning within the sanitary district or on premises connected to the commission's sanitary sewerage system, be licensed by the commission, and may require a bond of the licensee to insure compliance with and adherence to the rules and regulations adopted by the commission. The commission may prescribe qualifications and examine applicants concerning their competency and qualifications for a license hereunder, and may require a reasonable fee for the license and renewals thereof in an amount not more than one-half [(1/2)] of the fee charged for a master plumber's license. In order to qualify for a sewer cleaner's license a person need not be a master plumber, but the license for sewer cleaning shall not permit or authorize any installation, maintenance, extension, removal or alteration of any pipe, sanitary fixture or other sewer apparatus, nor shall a license for sewer cleaning authorize the licensee to engage in the plumbing business unless he be otherwise qualified and possess the license required of plumbers. No further license shall be required of a master plumber, however, to engage in sewer cleaning activities. No person, firm, or corporation shall engage in the business of sewer cleaning of sewer pipes or appurtenances thereof connected to the commission's sanitary sewerage system unless he or it first obtains a license from the commission, but this provision shall not apply to nor prohibit the cleaning by any person, firm or corporation of a sewer or sanitary fixture of any dwelling, commercial or industrial establishment or premise owned or operated by it or him; provided, however, that no test or other demonstration of qualification shall be required of any person who is engaged in the sewer cleaning business on June 1, 1961, and who has been actively engaged in such business since January 1, 1961, and who makes application to the commission on or before December 31, 1961, and such person shall be granted a license by the commission upon making application therefor and paying the fee and filing the bond which may be required by the commission.

(b) Any person, firm or corporation failing to comply with the provisions of this section or violating the regulations adopted hereunder by the commission shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable, as are other misdemeanors under this [subtitle] ARTICLE, as specified in section [83-108] 18-7.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed or applied to require a sewer cleaner's license of a person who is performing any of the work described herein on and to his own property, or to prevent a person from performing any of such work on or to his own property.