

Former Art. 56, § 462C(a)(1), which allowed self-insurance to be used for coverage of a master plumber, is deleted. The Committee believed that this option should be discontinued, since self-insurance is difficult to regulate and has not proven attractive to master plumbers or holders of limited master plumber licenses.

Former Art. 56, § 462C(e), which provided an exemption for a master plumber not contracting for work and employed by another person who carries insurance, is deleted as unnecessary in light of subsections (a) and (b)(1)(ii) of this section.

Defined terms: "Apprentice plumber" § 3-101
 "Board" § 3-101 "County" § 1-101
 "Journey plumber" § 3-101 "License" § 3-101
 "Limited license" § 3-101
 "Master plumber" § 3-101 "Person" § 1-101
 "Provide plumbing services" § 3-101

3-502. REQUIRED COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PLUMBING CODE.

(A) SERVICES PROVIDED BY PERSONS.

REGARDLESS OF WHETHER PLUMBING SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FOR COMPENSATION, A PERSON WHO PROVIDES OR ASSISTS IN PROVIDING PLUMBING SERVICES SHALL COMPLY WITH THE STATE PLUMBING CODE OR ANY APPLICABLE LOCAL PLUMBING CODE.

(B) SERVICES PROVIDED IN STATE BUILDINGS.

TO ENSURE THAT PLUMBING SERVICES PROVIDED IN A STATE BUILDING MEET OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS OF THE STATE PLUMBING CODE, THE PLUMBING WORK SHALL BE INSPECTED:

(1) TO THE EXTENT MONEY IS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, BY A STATE PLUMBING INSPECTOR; OR

(2) IF NOT INSPECTED BY A STATE PLUMBING INSPECTOR, AN INSPECTOR OF THE COUNTY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHERE THE PLUMBING SERVICES ARE PROVIDED.

COMMITTEE COMMENT: Subsection (a) of this section is new language added to state expressly that which only was implied in the former law -- i.e., regardless of whether plumbing services are provided for compensation, a person must provide the plumbing services in compliance with the applicable plumbing code.