

Committee was appointed to consider the substantive problems in the plumbers law. Accordingly, Ch. 647, Acts of 1988, was prepared to address those problems, by repealing the extant laws on plumbers and enacting, as part of a new Art. 56A, a title on plumbers. For a detailed explanation of the changes made by Ch. 647, Acts of 1988, see the Committee Comments, which the Publisher of the Code reproduced after the appropriate sections -- and, in some instances, subsections -- of former Art. 56A, §§ 3-101 through 3-702.

To the extent possible, new language added by Ch. 647 and existing law retained by Ch. 647 were conformed to the other titles proposed for inclusion on enactment of this article. Therefore, only minor changes have been necessary in the revision of this title.

During the 1988 session, the General Assembly also enacted Ch. 28, which altered the application, license, and renewal fees payable to various licensing boards within the Department, including the fees payable under the provisions of Art. 56 that then governed plumbers and real estate brokers. Section 2 of Ch. 28 directed the publishers of the Code to incorporate into Art. 56A those changes that related to real estate brokers but failed to state a similar directive as to plumbers. Thus, the changes made by Ch. 28 to former Art. 56, §§ 450 and 453(b) seemingly were abrogated when Ch. 647 repealed those former sections and replaced them with, *inter alia*, Art. 56A, §§ 3-303(2), 3-306(a)(2), and 3-308(c)(2). Nonetheless, it seemed clear that the General Assembly intended the changes made by Ch. 28 to continue in effect beyond October 1, 1988, when Ch. 647 became effective. Therefore, the changes in fees have been incorporated into the relevant sections of this title.

As to the period from October 1, 1988, to the effective date of this article, October 1, 1989, see Ch. ____, Acts of 1989.

TITLE 13. PRIVATE DETECTIVES.

SUBTITLE 1. DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

13-101. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Art. 56, § 543(a).

The only changes are in style.

(B) CERTIFICATION CARD.