

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 399(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/26/02

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the licensing and regulation of mechanical administrators and to the
2 mechanical code and other building codes; annulling certain regulations adopted by the
3 Department of Community and Economic Development relating to the mechanical code
4 that applies to certain construction contractors and mechanical administrators; relating
5 to the examination of applicants for mechanical administrator licenses; and providing
6 for an effective date."

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

8 * **Section 1.** AS 08.40.490(3) is amended to read:

9 (3) "mechanical administrator" means a person who is responsible for

10 (A) installing or modifying mechanical piping and systems,
11 devices, fixtures, equipment, or other mechanical materials subject to the
12 Uniform Plumbing Code, Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa, and Hot Tub Code,
13 and Uniform Solar Energy Code [, AND THE UNIFORM MECHANICAL

1 CODE] as published by the International Association of Plumbing and
 2 Mechanical Officials and the International Conference of Building Officials
 3 **and the mechanical code adopted by the Department of Public Safety**
 4 **under AS 18.70.080**; or

5 (B) certifying that an installation or modification described in
 6 (A) of this paragraph complies with the applicable codes;

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.56.300(e)(3) is amended to read:

8 (3) "state building code" means

9 (A) for building standards, the standards set out in the version
 10 of the **building code** [UNIFORM BUILDING CODE] adopted by the
 11 Department of Public Safety under AS 18.70.080, including the provisions of
 12 that code applicable to buildings used for residential purposes containing fewer
 13 than four dwelling units, notwithstanding the exclusion of those buildings from
 14 the Department of Public Safety's jurisdiction made by AS 18.70.080(a)(2);

15 (B) for mechanical standards, the standards set out in the
 16 **mechanical code** [VERSION OF THE UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE]
 17 adopted by the Department of Public Safety under AS 18.70.080, including the
 18 provisions of that code applicable to buildings used for residential purposes
 19 containing fewer than four dwelling units, notwithstanding the exclusion of
 20 those buildings from the Department of Public Safety's jurisdiction made by
 21 AS 18.70.080(a)(2);

22 (C) for plumbing standards, the minimum plumbing code
 23 adopted for the state under AS 18.60.705; and

24 (D) for electrical standards, the minimum electrical standards
 25 prescribed by AS 18.60.580.

26 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 27 read:

28 ANNULMENT OF REGULATIONS. The following regulations adopted by the
 29 Department of Community and Economic Development establishing the mechanical code that
 30 applies to certain construction contractors and mechanical administrators are annulled: 12
 31 AAC 21.990(7) and 12 AAC 39.992(b).

1 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
2 read:

3 EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR MECHANICAL ADMINISTRATOR
4 LICENSES. On and after the effective date of this Act and through December 31, 2003,
5 notwithstanding the reference in AS 08.40.270(a) to the Uniform Mechanical Code, when
6 examining applicants for a mechanical administrator's license under AS 08.40.270(a), the
7 Department of Community and Economic Development may test the applicants on either the
8 1997 edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code published by the International Conference of
9 Building Officials or the 2000 edition of the International Mechanical Code published by the
10 International Code Council. The applicant shall select the code on which the applicant will be
11 tested.

12 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).