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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 555 *Am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the official state plumbing code."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 18.60 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 ARTICLE 7. PLUMBING CODE.

10 Sec. 18.60.680. PLUMBING CODE. The Department of Labor shall
11 adopt, as the official minimum plumbing code for the state, the Uniform
12 Plumbing Code, 1970 edition, adopted at the 40th annual conference,
13 September, 1969, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical
14 Officials, Part II and chs. 1 - 15 and appendices, but excluding Part I,
15 Administration, pages 1a - 7a, and subject to secs. 690 - 750 of this
16 chapter.

17 Sec. 18.60.690. DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. The department is
18 responsible for the administration of the code. The department may
19 promulgate regulations designed for maximum practical implementation
20 of the code, and may grant exceptions from specific code provisions,
21 where distance or other factors make implementation impractical.
22 Specific consideration shall be given to outlying villages and
23 sparsely populated areas to ensure that secs. 680 - 750 of this chapter
24 will not impose an undue financial burden. The department may by
25 regulation designate appropriate inspection to a public or private
26 utility company. A company so designated may refuse utility connections
27 if an installation does not meet the requirements of this code.

28 Sec. 18.60.700. ADMINISTRATION. (a) The code applies to all
29 new construction, relocated buildings, and to any alterations, repairs

1 or reconstruction of buildings except as provided otherwise under
2 secs. 680 - 750 of this chapter.

3 (b) The department may inspect work installed, removed, altered,
4 or replaced on any plumbing, gas or drainage piping, plumbing fixture,
5 water heater or water treating equipment in a building or other
6 location. No permit or inspection is required for the following work:
7 the stopping of leaks in drains, soil, waste or vent pipes, the
8 clearing of stoppages in or repairing of leaks in pipe valves or
9 fixtures, repairs or alterations not of a substantive nature
10 which can be reasonably exempted from inspection.

11 (c) Nothing in secs. 680 - 750 of this chapter prohibits a person
12 from performing plumbing work on his own property.

13 Sec. 18.60.710. COST OF PERMITS. (a) If the department by
14 regulation requires permits for plumbing work, fees may not exceed the
15 following:

- 16 (1) for issuing each permit \$ 2.00
17 (2) a permit for each
18 (A) plumbing fixture or trap or set of fixtures
19 on one trap, including water, drainage piping and backflow
20 protection 1.50
21 (B) building sewer or trailer park sewer . . . 5.00
22 (C) drain in rainwater system 2.00
23 (D) cesspool 5.00
24 (E) private sewage disposal system 10.00
25 (F) water heater and/or vent 1.50
26 (G) gas piping system of one to five outlets . 1.50
27 (H) gas piping system of six or more outlets,
28 per outlet30
29 (I) industrial waste pretreatment interceptor,

1	including its trap and vent, but excluding kitchen type	
2	grease interceptors functioning as fixture traps	1.00
3	(J) installation, alteration or repair of	
4	water piping or water treating equipment	1.50
5	(K) repair or alteration of drainage or vent	
6	piping	1.50
7	(L) lawn sprinkler system or any one meter	
8	which includes backflow protection devices	2.00
9	(3) for vacuum breakers or backflow protective	
10	devices on tanks, vats, or for installation on unprotected	
11	plumbing fixtures including necessary water piping	
12	(A) one to five	2.00
13	(B) over five, each30

14 (b) The department shall keep a record of all fees collected and
15 all inspections performed.

16 Sec. 18.60.720. ENFORCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE. (a) A department
17 inspector shall give written notice to the owner of a constructed
18 premise or the contractor of a premise under construction of each
19 violation of the code. The notice of violation shall accurately
20 describe the violation and give specific reference to the section and
21 paragraph of the code. In addition, the notice shall prescribe the
22 necessary changes so that the work will comply with the code.

23 (b) In case of complaints by a contractor, builder or installer
24 charging arbitrary actions or incompetence on the part of an inspector
25 the commissioner, after reviewing written presentation of the dispute,
26 may require reinspection by a new inspector who has no connection with
27 either disputant.

28 Sec. 18.60.730. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS. A person who violates
29 a provision of the code, and who, after receiving the notification

1 required by sec. 720 of this chapter, refuses to correct the violation,
2 after proof of such violation is subject to a fine of not more than
3 \$1,000.

4 Sec. 18.60.740. BOROUGH OR CITY REGULATIONS. Secs. 680-750 of
5 this chapter do not affect the authority of any municipality to pre-
6 scribe by ordinance, rule or order, standards for their respective areas
7 of jurisdiction no less stringent than those established under sec.
8 680 of this chapter. This chapter is not intended to duplicate or
9 preempt code administration or enforcement by municipalities. Any
10 organized municipality or unorganized village having less than 2,500
11 population is exempt from the provisions of this act.

12 Sec. 18.60.750. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 680-750 of this chapter

13 (1) "code" means the Uniform Plumbing Code, 1970 edition,
14 September 1969, adopted at the 40th Annual Conference, International
15 Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials;

16 (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of labor;

17 (3) "department" means the Department of Labor;

18 (4) "inspector" means a qualified inspector employed by,
19 designated by, or under contract to the Department of Labor.

20 * Sec. 2. AS 23.05.060 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

21 (6) administer and promulgate regulations necessary to
22 carry out AS 18.60.680 - 18.60.750.

23 * Sec. 3. AS 18.05.040 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24 (b) Except when compelling public health reasons require, as
25 documented by the department, no regulation may be promulgated under
26 (a) of this section which duplicates, conflicts with, or is inconsistent
27 with AS 18.60.680 - 18.60.750.
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