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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 555

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 - 13 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 of  
20 the code, and may grant exceptions from specific code provisions, where  
21 distance or other factors make implementation impractical. Specific  
22 consideration shall be given to outlying villages and sparsely  
23 populated areas to ensure that secs. 680 - 750 of this chapter will  
24 not impose an undue financial burden. The department may by regulation  
25 designate appropriate inspection to a public or private utility company.  
26 A company so designated may refuse utility connections if an instal-  
27 lation does not meet the requirements of this code.

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

1 alteration, repairs or reconstruction of buildings except as provided  
2 otherwise under 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 which  
10 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 outlet . . . . . .30  
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, each . . . . .	.30

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) No regulation may be promulgated under (a) of this section  
25 which duplicates, conflicts with, or is inconsistent with AS 18.60.680 -  
26 18.60.750.