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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 63 (L&C)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the plumbing code; and providing
7 for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 18.60.705 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 18.60.705. PLUMBING CODE. The following publications are
11 adopted [DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SHALL ADOPT,] as the official minimum
12 plumbing code for the state: [,]

13 (1) the Uniform Plumbing Code, 1985 [1979] edition, adopted
14 at the 54th [49TH] Annual Conference, September, 1983 [1978], Interna-
15 tional Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, chs. 1 - 13
16 and appendices, Useful Tables, and Installation Standards, but ex-
17 cluding Part I, Administration, pages 1a - 6a, and subject to AS 18.-
18 60.710 - 18.60.740 and the changes specified in (b) of this section;

19 (2) the Uniform Solar Energy Code, 1985 edition, adopted at
20 the 54th Annual Conference, September, 1983, International Association
21 of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, chs. 1 - 9 and appendices, but
22 excluding Part I, Administration, pages 3 - 9; and

23 (3) the Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code, 1985
24 edition, adopted at the 54th Annual Conference, September, 1983.
25 International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, chs.
26 1 - 5, but excluding Part I, Administration, pages 1 - 9.

27 * Sec. 2. AS 18.60.705 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

28 (b) The 1985 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code adopted under
29 (a)(1) of this section is adopted with the following changes:

1 (1) on page 37, chapter 4, Drainage Systems, section 401,
2 Materials, subsection (a), sub-subsection (2), all material is ex-
3 cluded and the following language is adopted:

4 "(2) ABS or PVC installations may not be used in a
5 hotel or motel and are limited to residential combustible
6 construction of two stories or less."

7 (2) on page 45, chapter 5, Vents and Venting, section 503,
8 Materials, subsection (a), sub-subsection (2), all material is ex-
9 cluded and the following language is adopted:

10 "(2) ABS or PVC installations may not be used in a
11 hotel or motel and are limited to residential combustible
12 construction of two stories or less."

13 (3) on page 75, chapter 10, Water Distribution, section
14 1004, Materials, subsection (a), the second and third sentences are
15 excluded and the following language is adopted:

16 "Asbestos-cement, PE, or PVC water pipe that is manufactured
17 to recognized standards may be used for cold water distribution
18 systems outside a building. CPVC and PB water pipe and tubing
19 may be used for hot and cold water distribution systems within a
20 residential combustible building of two stories or less other
21 than a hotel or motel."

22 * Sec. 3. AS 18.60.715 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

23 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, CPVC, PVC, and
24 PB plastic pipes may be used for fire control sprinkler systems. The
25 department may approve other types of plastic pipes for use in fire
26 control sprinkler systems.

27 * Sec. 4. AS 18.60.735 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 18.60.735. BOROUGH OR CITY REGULATION. AS 18.60.705 -
29 18.60.740 do not affect the authority of a [ANY] municipality to

1 establish [PRESCRIBE] by ordinance, rule or order, standards for the
2 municipality's [THEIR RESPECTIVE] areas of jurisdiction that are no
3 less stringent than those established under AS 18.60.705. This chap-
4 ter is not intended to duplicate or preempt code administration or
5 enforcement by municipalities. An [ANY] organized municipality or
6 unorganized village, whether or not the municipality or village is
7 within an organized borough, having a population of less than 5,000
8 [2,500 POPULATION] is exempt from AS 18.60.705 - 18.60.740 [THE PRO-
9 VISIONS OF THIS ACT].

10 * Sec. 5. AS 18.60.735 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 (b) A municipality that establishes standards under (a) of this
12 section is liable to a property owner for the cost of removing plumb-
13 ing installed in compliance with a municipal standard if the plumbing
14 is held to violate a state standard and for the cost of replacing the
15 plumbing with plumbing that conforms to state standards, and shall
16 hold the state harmless from liability for any damages arising from
17 the use of the plumbing methods or materials that conformed to municip-
18 al standards but did not conform to state standards.

19 * Sec. 6. AS 18.60.740(1) is amended to read:

20 (1) "code" means the 1985 editions of the Uniform Plumbing
21 Code, the Uniform Solar Energy Code, and the Uniform Swimming Pool,
22 Spa and Hot Tub Code [1979 EDITION], adopted at the 54th [49th] Annual
23 Conference, September, 1983 [1978], International Association of
24 Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, as modified and adopted in AS 18.-
25 60.705;

26 * Sec. 7. Notwithstanding secs. 1, 2, and 6 of this Act, the installa-
27 tion of a plastic pipe, made from a substance permitted under the official
28 state plumbing code as amended by this Act, in a plumbing or drainage
29 system before the effective date of this Act may not be held to violate the

1 official state plumbing code as amended by this Act.

2 * Sec. 8. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
3 10.070(c).

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