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1 IN THE HOUSE

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

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 con-
6 struction 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 con-
12 struction 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 by adding a new subsection to read:

28 (b) A municipality that establishes standards under (a) of this
29 section is liable to a property owner for the cost of removing

1 plumbing installed in compliance with a municipal standard if the
2 plumbing is held to violate a state standard and for the cost of
3 replacing the plumbing with plumbing that conforms to state standards,
4 and shall hold the state harmless from liability for any damages
5 arising from the use of the plumbing methods or materials that con-
6 formed to municipal standards but did not conform to state standards.

7 * Sec. 5. AS 18.60.740(1) is amended to read:

8 (1) "code" means the 1985 editions of the Uniform Plumbing
9 Code, the Uniform Solar Energy Code, and the Uniform Swimming Pool,
10 Spa and Hot Tub Code [1979 EDITION], adopted at the 54th [49th] Annual
11 Conference, September, 1983 [1978], International Association of
12 Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, as modified and adopted in AS 18.-
13 60.705;

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

19 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
20 10.070(c).