

# 45:14C-28

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2003                    **CHAPTER:** 205  
**NJSA:** 45:14C-28            (Medical gas piping installation – certification)  
**BILL NO:** A82                    (Substituted for S1249/1278)

**SPONSOR(S):** Thompson and Conaway

**DATE INTRODUCED:** Pre-filed

**COMMITTEE:**            **ASSEMBLY:** Regulated Professions

**SENATE:** ----

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**            **ASSEMBLY:** June 23, 2002  
**SENATE:** December 11, 2003

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** January 7, 2004

### FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (1st reprint enacted)  
(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

#### A82

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 5 of original bill) [Yes](#)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

**SENATE:** No

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** Yes [11-01-2002](#)  
[06-27-2003](#)

#### S1249/1278

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT \(S1249\)](#): (Begins on page 5 of original bill) [Yes](#)

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT \(S1278\)](#): (Begins on page 5 of original bill) [Yes](#)  
Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A82

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** No

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

[FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:](#) [Yes](#)

[LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:](#) [Yes](#)

Identical to fiscal estimate for A82 dated 06-27-2003

[FINAL VERSION \(SCS 1<sup>st</sup> reprint\):](#) [Yes](#)

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P.L. 2003, CHAPTER 205, *approved January 7, 2004*  
Assembly, No. 82 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning certification of persons installing medical gas  
2 piping in certain facilities by the State Board of Examiners of  
3 Master Plumbers and amending and supplementing P.L.1968, c.362.  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

7  
8 1. (New section) a. No person shall install, improve, repair or  
9 maintain medical gas piping unless certified by the State Board of  
10 Examiners of Master Plumbers in accordance with the provisions of  
11 this act.

12 b. No person shall provide instruction regarding the installation,  
13 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping unless  
14 certified by the State board in accordance with the provisions of this  
15 act.

16 For purposes of this act, "medical gas piping" means that medical  
17 gas piping within a health care facility licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,  
18 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), located after the source valve and intended  
19 for patient use.  
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21 2. (New section) a. Except as provided in subsection b. of this  
22 section, to be eligible to be certified to install, improve, repair or  
23 maintain medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral  
24 character and submit to the State board satisfactory evidence that he:

25 (1) <sup>1</sup>[Is] (a) is<sup>1</sup> a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who  
26 has successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and  
27 approved by the United States Department of Labor <sup>1</sup>[, or];<sup>1</sup>

28 <sup>1</sup>(b) is<sup>1</sup> an apprentice plumber who has successfully completed not  
29 less than three years of an apprenticeship program accredited and  
30 approved by the United States Department of Labor <sup>1</sup>[, or];<sup>1</sup>

31 <sup>1</sup>(c) is<sup>1</sup> a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing  
32 contractor<sup>1</sup>; or

33 (d) is certified in his area of expertise in accordance with the  
34 National Fire Protection Association standards<sup>1</sup>;

35 (2) <sup>1</sup>[Has] has<sup>1</sup> successfully completed not less than 32 hours of  
36 classroom training relating to the most recent edition of the Standard  
37 on Gas <sup>1</sup>and<sup>1</sup> Vacuum Systems issued by the National Fire Protection

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Assembly ARP committee amendments adopted June 16, 2003.

1 Association; and

2 (3) <sup>1</sup>[Has] (a) has<sup>1</sup> passed an examination offered by the National  
3 Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a  
4 substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that  
5 demonstrates the applicant's competence to install, improve, repair and  
6 maintain medical gas piping<sup>1</sup>;

7 (b) has passed an examination as a brazer offered by the American  
8 Welding Society, and has successfully completed a training program  
9 in the installation of medical gas piping approved by a major medical  
10 gas producer; or

11 (c) is certified in accordance with the appropriate American Society  
12 of Sanitary Engineering standards for the operations being performed<sup>1</sup>.

13 The successful completion of any such examination <sup>1</sup>provided for  
14 in this paragraph<sup>1</sup> may have been accomplished before the effective  
15 date of this act.

16 b. To be eligible to be certified to perform only brazing duties  
17 incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of  
18 medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral character and  
19 submit to the State board satisfactory evidence that he:

20 (1) <sup>1</sup>[Is] (a) is<sup>1</sup> a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who  
21 has successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and  
22 approved by the United States Department of Labor <sup>1</sup>[, or];<sup>1</sup>

23 <sup>1</sup>(b) is<sup>1</sup> an apprentice plumber who has successfully completed not  
24 less than three years of an apprenticeship program accredited and  
25 approved by the United States Department of Labor <sup>1</sup>[, or];<sup>1</sup>

26 <sup>1</sup>(c) is<sup>1</sup> a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing  
27 contractor<sup>1</sup>; or

28 (d) is certified in his area of expertise in accordance with the  
29 National Fire Protection Association standards<sup>1</sup>;

30 (2) <sup>1</sup>[Has] has<sup>1</sup> successfully completed not less than 20 hours of  
31 classroom training relating to the performance of brazing duties  
32 required in the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of  
33 medical gas piping; and

34 (3) <sup>1</sup>[Has] (a) has<sup>1</sup> passed an examination offered by the National  
35 Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a  
36 substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that  
37 demonstrates the applicant's competence in performing brazing duties  
38 incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of  
39 medical gas piping<sup>1</sup>;

40 (b) has passed an examination as a brazer offered by the American  
41 Welding Society and has successfully completed a training program in  
42 the brazing of medical gas piping approved by a major medical gas  
43 producer; or

44 (c) is certified in accordance with the appropriate American  
45 Society of Sanitary Engineering standards for the operations being  
46 performed<sup>1</sup>.

1 The successful completion of any such examination <sup>1</sup>provided for  
2 in this paragraph<sup>1</sup> may have been accomplished before the effective  
3 date of this act.

4  
5 3. (New section) To be eligible for certification to provide  
6 instruction regarding the installation, improvement, repair or  
7 maintenance of medical gas piping, an applicant shall fulfill the  
8 following requirements:

9 a. Be licensed as a master plumber or journeyman plumber in this  
10 State, or be a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing  
11 contractor; <sup>1</sup>or<sup>1</sup>

12 b. Have been actively engaged in the practice of  
13 <sup>1</sup>[plumbing] installing medical gas piping or be certified in his area of  
14 expertise in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association  
15 standards<sup>1</sup> for at least five <sup>1</sup>consecutive<sup>1</sup> years preceding the date of  
16 application for certification as an instructor;

17 c. Have successfully completed not less than 40 hours of  
18 instructional training in the field of medical gas piping installation,  
19 improvement, repair and maintenance as approved by the State board;  
20 and

21 d. <sup>1</sup>[Passed] (1) passed<sup>1</sup> an examination offered by the National  
22 Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a  
23 substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that  
24 demonstrates the applicant's competence to teach in the field of  
25 medical gas piping installation, improvement, repair and maintenance<sup>1</sup>;

26 (2) passed an examination as a brazer offered by the American  
27 Welding Society and has successfully completed a training program in  
28 instructional training approved by a major medical gas producer; or

29 (3) is certified in accordance with the appropriate American Society  
30 of Sanitary Engineering standards for the operations being performed<sup>1</sup>.

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32 4. (New section) a. The State board shall issue a certificate of  
33 certification to any applicant who, in the opinion of the State board,  
34 has satisfactorily met the requirements of this act.

35 b. The State board shall by rule or regulation establish, prescribe  
36 or change the fees for certificates or other services provided by the  
37 State board pursuant to the provisions of this act. Certificates for  
38 persons certified to install, improve, repair or maintain medical gas  
39 piping, or certified as instructors regarding the installation,  
40 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping shall be  
41 issued for a period of three years and be renewable. Certificates for  
42 persons performing only brazing duties incidental to the installation,  
43 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping shall be  
44 issued for a period of one year and be annually renewable.

45 c. Fees shall be established, prescribed or changed by the State  
46 board to the extent necessary to defray all proper expenses incurred by

1 the State board and any staff employed to administer this act, except  
2 that fees shall not be fixed at a level that will raise amounts in excess  
3 of the amount estimated to be so required.

4 d. All fees and any fines imposed by the State board shall be paid  
5 to the State board and shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer and  
6 become part of the General Fund.

7  
8 5. (New section) a. Any person who engaged in the installation,  
9 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping for not less  
10 than three <sup>1</sup>consecutive<sup>1</sup> years preceding the enactment date of this act  
11 may acquire certification as provided in subsection a. of section 2 of  
12 this act if that person has <sup>1</sup>[passed the examination required] met the  
13 requirements specified<sup>1</sup> in <sup>1</sup>[subparagraph] paragraph<sup>1</sup> (3) of  
14 subsection a. of section 2 of this act no later than two years following  
15 the enactment date of this act.

16 b. Any person who performed only brazing duties incidental to the  
17 installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping  
18 for not less than three <sup>1</sup>consecutive<sup>1</sup> years preceding the enactment  
19 date of this act may acquire certification as provided in subsection b.  
20 of section 2 of this act if that person has <sup>1</sup>[passed the examination  
21 required] met the requirements specified<sup>1</sup> in <sup>1</sup>[subparagraph]  
22 paragraph<sup>1</sup> (3) of subsection b. of section 2 of this act no later than  
23 two years following the enactment date of this act.

24  
25 <sup>1</sup>6. (New section) The provisions of this act shall not apply to any  
26 electrical contractor licensed by the Board of Examiners of Electrical  
27 Contractors pursuant to P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.), and any  
28 person in his employ while performing the duties of his employment,  
29 who is acting within the scope of his profession or occupation.<sup>1</sup>

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31 <sup>1</sup>[6.] 7.<sup>1</sup> Section 10 of P.L.1968, c.362 (C.45:14C-10) is amended  
32 to read as follows:

33 10. The State board shall keep a register of all applications for  
34 State licenses and certificates of certification, which register shall  
35 show: (a) name, age and residence of the applicant, (b) date of  
36 application, (c) principal place of business of applicant, (d) name and  
37 address of employer firm or corporation, if not self-employed, (e)  
38 whether or not an examination was required, (f) whether the applicant  
39 was accepted or rejected, (g) the number of the license or certificate  
40 of certification, if issued, (h) the date of the action of the State board,  
41 and (i) any other information prescribed by the State board.

42 (cf: P.L.1968, c.362, s.10)

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44 <sup>1</sup>[7.] 8.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately, except that section  
45 1 shall remain inoperative for 720 days following enactment.

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3 Requires certification of persons installing medical gas piping in

4 licensed health care facilities.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 82

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2002 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman SAMUEL D. THOMPSON  
District 13 (Middlesex and Monmouth)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblymen Wisniewski, Asselta, Doria, DiGaetano and Sarlo**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires certification of persons installing medical gas piping in licensed health care facilities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/15/2002)**



1 AN ACT concerning certification of persons installing medical gas  
2 piping in certain facilities by the State Board of Examiners of  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
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9 maintain medical gas piping unless certified by the State Board of  
10 Examiners of Master Plumbers in accordance with the provisions of  
11 this act.

12 b. No person shall provide instruction regarding the installation,  
13 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping unless  
14 certified by the State board in accordance with the provisions of this  
15 act.

16 For purposes of this act, "medical gas piping" means that medical  
17 gas piping within a health care facility licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,  
18 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), located after the source valve and intended  
19 for patient use.

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21 2. (New section) a. Except as provided in subsection b. of this  
22 section, to be eligible to be certified to install, improve, repair or  
23 maintain medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral  
24 character and submit to the State board satisfactory evidence that he:

25 (1) Is a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who has  
26 successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and  
27 approved by the United States Department of Labor, or an apprentice  
28 plumber who has successfully completed not less than three years of  
29 an apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United  
30 States Department of Labor, or a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed  
31 by a plumbing contractor;

32 (2) Has successfully completed not less than 32 hours of classroom  
33 training relating to the most recent edition of the Standard on Gas  
34 Vacuum Systems issued by the National Fire Protection Association;  
35 and

36 (3) Has passed an examination offered by the National Inspection  
37 Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a substantially  
38 equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates  
39 the applicant's competence to install, improve, repair and maintain  
40 medical gas piping. The successful completion of any such  
41 examination may have been accomplished before the effective date of  
42 this act.

43 b. To be eligible to be certified to perform only brazing duties

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**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of  
2 medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral character and  
3 submit to the State board satisfactory evidence that he:

4 (1) Is a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who has  
5 successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and  
6 approved by the United States Department of Labor, or an apprentice  
7 plumber who has successfully completed not less than three years of  
8 an apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United  
9 States Department of Labor, or a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed  
10 by a plumbing contractor;

11 (2) Has successfully completed not less than 20 hours of classroom  
12 training relating to the performance of brazing duties required in the  
13 installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping;  
14 and

15 (3) Has passed an examination offered by the National Inspection  
16 Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a substantially  
17 equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates  
18 the applicant's competence in performing brazing duties incidental to  
19 the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas  
20 piping. The successful completion of any such examination may have  
21 been accomplished before the effective date of this act.

22

23 3. (New section) To be eligible for certification to provide  
24 instruction regarding the installation, improvement, repair or  
25 maintenance of medical gas piping, an applicant shall fulfill the  
26 following requirements:

27 a. Be licensed as a master plumber or journeyman plumber in this  
28 State, or be a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing  
29 contractor;

30 b. Have been actively engaged in the practice of plumbing for at  
31 least five years preceding the date of application for certification as an  
32 instructor;

33 c. Have successfully completed not less than 40 hours of  
34 instructional training in the field of medical gas piping installation,  
35 improvement, repair and maintenance as approved by the State board;  
36 and

37 d. Passed an examination offered by the National Inspection  
38 Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a substantially  
39 equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates  
40 the applicant's competence to teach in the field of medical gas piping  
41 installation, improvement, repair and maintenance.

42

43 4. (New section) a. The State board shall issue a certificate of  
44 certification to any applicant who, in the opinion of the State board,  
45 has satisfactorily met the requirements of this act.

46 b. The State board shall by rule or regulation establish, prescribe

1 or change the fees for certificates or other services provided by the  
2 State board pursuant to the provisions of this act. Certificates for  
3 persons certified to install, improve, repair or maintain medical gas  
4 piping, or certified as instructors regarding the installation,  
5 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping shall be  
6 issued for a period of three years and be renewable. Certificates for  
7 persons performing only brazing duties incidental to the installation,  
8 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping shall be  
9 issued for a period of one year and be annually renewable.

10 c. Fees shall be established, prescribed or changed by the State  
11 board to the extent necessary to defray all proper expenses incurred by  
12 the State board and any staff employed to administer this act, except  
13 that fees shall not be fixed at a level that will raise amounts in excess  
14 of the amount estimated to be so required.

15 d. All fees and any fines imposed by the State board shall be paid  
16 to the State board and shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer and  
17 become part of the General Fund.

18  
19 5. (New section) a. Any person who engaged in the installation,  
20 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping for not less  
21 than three years preceding the enactment date of this act may acquire  
22 certification as provided in subsection a. of section 2 of this act if that  
23 person has passed the examination required in subparagraph (3) of  
24 subsection a. of section 2 of this act no later than two years following  
25 the enactment date of this act.

26 b. Any person who performed only brazing duties incidental to the  
27 installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping  
28 for not less than three years preceding the enactment date of this act  
29 may acquire certification as provided in subsection b. of section 2 of  
30 this act if that person has passed the examination required in  
31 subparagraph (3) of subsection b. of section 2 of this act no later than  
32 two years following the enactment date of this act.

33  
34 6. Section 10 of P.L.1968, c.362 (C.45:14C-10) is amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 10. The State board shall keep a register of all applications for  
37 State licenses and certificates of certification, which register shall  
38 show: (a) name, age and residence of the applicant, (b) date of  
39 application, (c) principal place of business of applicant, (d) name and  
40 address of employer firm or corporation, if not self-employed, (e)  
41 whether or not an examination was required, (f) whether the applicant  
42 was accepted or rejected, (g) the number of the license or certificate  
43 of certification, if issued, (h) the date of the action of the State board,  
44 and (i) any other information prescribed by the State board.

45 (cf: P.L.1968, c.362, s.10)

1 7. This act shall take effect immediately, except that section 1 shall  
2 remain inoperative for 720 days following enactment.

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5 STATEMENT

6  
7 This bill provides for the certification by the State Board of  
8 Examiners of Master Plumbers of persons installing, improving,  
9 repairing or maintaining certain medical gas piping within licensed  
10 health care facilities. The bill stipulates that, two years following its  
11 enactment, only persons certified in accordance with its provisions will  
12 be permitted to install, improve, repair or maintain medical gas piping.  
13 The bill applies only to persons who are engaging in these activities  
14 which involve medical gas piping located after the source valve and  
15 intended for patient use within licensed health care facilities, or who  
16 are providing instruction to individuals who engage in such activities  
17 involving medical gas piping located after the source valve and  
18 intended for patient use within licensed health care facilities.

19 To be eligible for certification to install, improve, repair or maintain  
20 medical gas piping, or to perform only brazing duties incidental to the  
21 installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of gas piping, an  
22 applicant must be a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who has  
23 successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and  
24 approved by the United States Department of Labor, or an apprentice  
25 plumber who has successfully completed not less than three years of  
26 an apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United  
27 States Department of Labor, or a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed  
28 by a plumbing contractor.

29 In addition, to be eligible for certification to install, improve, repair  
30 or maintain medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral  
31 character, shall have successfully completed not less than 32 hours of  
32 classroom training relating to the most recent edition of the Standard  
33 on Gas Vacuum Systems issued by the National Fire Protection  
34 Association and shall have passed an examination offered by the  
35 National Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or  
36 a substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board,  
37 that demonstrates the applicant's competence to install, improve, repair  
38 and maintain medical gas piping.

39 To be eligible for certification to perform only brazing duties  
40 incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of  
41 medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral character, shall  
42 have successfully completed not less than 20 hours of classroom  
43 training relating to brazing duties required in the installation,  
44 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping and shall  
45 have passed an examination offered by the NITC, or a substantially  
46 equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates

1 the applicant's competence in performing brazing duties incidental to  
2 the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas  
3 piping.

4 The bill also provides that to be eligible for certification to provide  
5 instruction regarding the installation, improvement, repair or  
6 maintenance of medical gas piping, an applicant shall: be licensed as  
7 a master plumber or journeyman plumber in this State, or be a pipe  
8 fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing contractor; have been  
9 actively engaged in the practice of plumbing for at least five years  
10 preceding the date of application for certification as an instructor; have  
11 successfully completed not less than 40 hours of instructional training;  
12 and have passed an examination offered by the NITC, or a  
13 substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that  
14 demonstrates the applicant's competence to teach in the field of  
15 medical gas piping installation, improvement, repair and maintenance.

16 The bill also provides for a "grandfathered" certification for persons  
17 who have three or more years of experience in the installation,  
18 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping prior to the  
19 enactment date of the bill and pass an examination offered by the  
20 NITC no later than two years following the enactment date of this bill.

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS AND  
INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 82**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 16, 2003

The Assembly Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably, and with committee amendments, Assembly Bill No. 82.

This bill, as amended by the committee, provides for the certification by the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers of persons installing, improving, repairing or maintaining certain medical gas piping within licensed health care facilities. The bill applies only to persons who are engaging in those activities which involve medical gas piping located after the source valve and intended for patient use within licensed health care facilities, or who are providing instruction to individuals who engage in such activities involving medical gas piping located after the source valve and intended for patient use within licensed health care facilities.

To be eligible for certification to install, improve, repair or maintain medical gas piping, or to perform only brazing duties incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral character and must be a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who has successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United States Department of Labor, or an apprentice plumber who has successfully completed not less than three years of an apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United States Department of Labor, or a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing contractor, or is certified in his area of expertise in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association standards.

In addition, to install, improve, repair or maintain medical gas piping, an applicant shall have successfully completed not less than 32 hours of classroom training relating to the most recent edition of the Standard on Gas and Vacuum Systems issued by the National Fire Protection Association and shall have passed an examination offered by the National Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates the applicant's competence to install,

improve, repair and maintain medical gas piping. As amended by the committee, the bill provides that to be eligible for certification, as an alternative to passing the NITC examination or substantially equivalent examination, an applicant may have passed an American Welding Society examination as a brazer and successfully completed a training program in installation of medical gas piping approved by a major medical gas producer, or the applicant may be certified in accordance with the appropriate American Society of Sanitary Engineering standards for the operations being performed.

Furthermore, to be eligible for certification to perform only brazing duties incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping, an applicant shall have successfully completed not less than 20 hours of classroom training relating to brazing duties required in the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping and shall have passed an examination offered by the NITC, or a substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates the applicant's competence in performing brazing duties incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping. The bill, as amended, also provides that to be eligible for certification to perform only brazing duties, as an alternative to passing the NITC examination or substantially equivalent examination, an applicant may have passed an American Welding Society examination as a brazer and successfully completed a training program in the brazing of medical gas piping approved by a major medical gas producer, or the applicant may be certified in accordance with the appropriate American Society of Sanitary Engineering standards for the operations being performed.

The bill also provides that to be eligible for certification to provide instruction regarding the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping, an applicant shall: (1) be licensed as a master plumber or journeyman plumber in this State, or be a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing contractor, or have been actively engaged in the practice of installing medical gas piping or be certified in his area of expertise in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association standards for at least five consecutive years preceding the date of application for certification as an instructor; (2) have successfully completed not less than 40 hours of instructional training; and (3) have passed an examination offered by the NITC, or a substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates the applicant's competence to teach in the field of medical gas piping installation, improvement, repair and maintenance. As amended by the committee, the bill provides that to be eligible for certification as an instructor, as an alternative to passing the NITC examination or substantially equivalent examination, an applicant may have passed an American Welding Society examination as a brazer and successfully completed a training program in instructional training approved by a major medical gas producer, or the applicant may be certified in accordance with the appropriate American Society of

Sanitary Engineering standards for the operations being performed.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2002-2003 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The amendments add alternate qualifications allowing for certification to install, improve, repair or maintain medical gas piping. Similarly, the amendments add these alternate qualifications for certification to perform only brazing duties, and to provide instruction regarding the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping.

The amendments also change the "grandfathered" certification process by requiring three or more years of consecutive experience, rather than simply three years of experience, preceding the enactment date of the bill, in the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping. Persons acquiring certification through grandfathering must also meet the other requirements of the bill by passing the required examination or obtaining the required certification, no later than two years following the enactment date of the bill. The amendments similarly require three consecutive years of practice for persons who performed only brazing duties.

In addition, the amendments stipulate that the provisions of this bill shall not apply to any electrical contractor licensed by the Board of Electrical Contractors, and any person in his employ while performing the duties of his employment, who is acting within the scope of his profession or occupation.



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 82**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**210th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: NOVEMBER 1, 2002

**SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Requires certification of persons installing medical gas piping in licensed health care facilities.

**Type of Impact:** None

**Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal
<b>State Revenue</b>	Bill permits fees sufficient to cover costs, if necessary.		

- ! Requires person installing, improving or repairing medical gas piping to be certified by the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.
- ! Requires applicants for certification to have completed relevant training programs and to be either a certified plumber or, in the case of a person who performs only brazing duties, to have completed three years in an accredited apprenticeship program.
- ! Permits board to establish fees for certification and other services sufficient to defray cost of administering certification program.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

Assembly Bill No. 82 of 2002 requires the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers to certify persons installing, improving, repairing or maintaining medical gas piping. The bill requires applicants for certification to be a master plumber or a journeyman plumber and to have completed 32 hours of relevant classroom training in gas vacuum systems. A person who performs only brazing duties is required to have completed 20 hours of classroom training related to the brazing of medical gas piping and to have completed at least three years of an accredited apprenticeship program. The bill permits the State Board to establish fees for certification and other services sufficient to defray all proper expenses incurred in administering

the certification program. A provision is included that exempts individuals who engage in the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping for not less than three years preceding the enactment from the training requirement, however they are still required to attain certification.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

Information provided informally by the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, for a similar bill in a previous legislative session, indicated that approximately 1,100 of the board's 7,000 members, who work with medical gas piping, would be candidates for certification under this bill. To become eligible for certification, an applicant would be required to provide the board with proof that he had completed the training and examination required by the bill. The training would be acquired at a vocational school at the applicant's expense. The board estimates that its additional administrative costs to certify these individuals would be minimal. The Office of Legislative Services concurs, and notes that the bill permits the board to establish a certification fee, if necessary, to defray any additional expenses.

Section: *Law and Public Safety*

Analyst: *Kristin Alice Brunner*  
*Assistant Fiscal Analyst*

Approved: *Alan R. Kooney*  
*Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

## ASSEMBLY, No. 82

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 210th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 27, 2003

#### SUMMARY

**Synopsis:** Requires certification of persons installing medical gas piping in licensed health care facilities.

**Type of Impact:** None.

**Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal
<b>State Revenue</b>	Bill permits fees sufficient to cover costs, if necessary.		

- ! Requires person installing, improving or repairing medical gas piping to be certified by the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.
- ! Requires applicants for certification have completed relevant training programs and to have specific qualifications according their level of expertise.
- ! Permits board to establish fees for certification and other services sufficient to defray cost of administering certification program.

#### BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 82 (1R) of 2003 requires the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers to certify persons installing, improving, repairing or maintaining medical gas piping. The bill requires applicants for certification to be a master plumber or a journeyman plumber and to have completed 32 hours of relevant classroom training in gas vacuum systems. A person who performs only brazing duties is required to have completed 20 hours of classroom training related to the brazing of medical gas piping and to have completed at least three consecutive years of an accredited apprenticeship program. The bill permits the State Board to establish fees for certification and other services sufficient to defray all proper expenses incurred in administering the certification program. A provision is included that exempts individuals who

engage in the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping for not less than three consecutive years proceeding the enactment of the training requirement, however they are still required to attain certification, no later than two years following the enactment date of the bill.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

Information provided informally by the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, for a similar bill in a previous legislative session, indicated that approximately 1,100 of the board's 7,000 members, who work with medical gas piping, would be candidates for certification under this bill. To become eligible for certification, an applicant would be required to provide the board with proof that he had completed the training and examination required by the bill. The training would be acquired at a vocational school at the applicant's expense. The board estimates that its additional administrative costs to certify these individuals would be minimal. The Office of Legislative Services concurs, and notes that the bill permits the board to establish a certification fee, if necessary, to defray any additional expenses.

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*Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

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**SENATE, No. 1249**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**210th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED MARCH 7, 2002

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOHN J. MATHEUSSEN**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Senator JOHN O. BENNETT**

**District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires certification of persons installing medical gas piping in licensed health care facilities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/8/2002)**

1 AN ACT concerning certification of persons installing medical gas  
2 piping in certain facilities by the State Board of Examiners of  
3 Master Plumbers and amending and supplementing P.L.1968, c.362.

4  
5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

7  
8 1. (New section) a. No person shall install, improve, repair or  
9 maintain medical gas piping unless certified by the State Board of  
10 Examiners of Master Plumbers in accordance with the provisions of  
11 this act.

12 b. No person shall provide instruction regarding the installation,  
13 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping unless  
14 certified by the State board in accordance with the provisions of this  
15 act.

16 For purposes of this act, "medical gas piping" means that medical  
17 gas piping within a health care facility licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,  
18 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), located after the source valve and intended  
19 for patient use.

20  
21 2. (New section) a. Except as provided in subsection b. of this  
22 section, to be eligible to be certified to install, improve, repair or  
23 maintain medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral  
24 character and submit to the State board satisfactory evidence that he:

25 (1) Is a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who has  
26 successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and  
27 approved by the United States Department of Labor, or an apprentice  
28 plumber who has successfully completed not less than three years of  
29 an apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United  
30 States Department of Labor, or a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed  
31 by a plumbing contractor;

32 (2) Has successfully completed not less than 32 hours of classroom  
33 training relating to the most recent edition of the Standard on Gas  
34 Vacuum Systems issued by the National Fire Protection Association;  
35 and

36 (3) Has passed an examination offered by the National Inspection  
37 Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a substantially  
38 equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates  
39 the applicant's competence to install, improve, repair and maintain  
40 medical gas piping. The successful completion of any such  
41 examination may have been accomplished before the effective date of  
42 this act.

43 b. To be eligible to be certified to perform only brazing duties

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of  
2 medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral character and  
3 submit to the State board satisfactory evidence that he:

4 (1) Is a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who has  
5 successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and  
6 approved by the United States Department of Labor, or an apprentice  
7 plumber who has successfully completed not less than three years of  
8 an apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United  
9 States Department of Labor, or a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed  
10 by a plumbing contractor;

11 (2) Has successfully completed not less than 20 hours of classroom  
12 training relating to the performance of brazing duties required in the  
13 installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping;  
14 and

15 (3) Has passed an examination offered by the National Inspection  
16 Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a substantially  
17 equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates  
18 the applicant's competence in performing brazing duties incidental to  
19 the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas  
20 piping. The successful completion of any such examination may have  
21 been accomplished before the effective date of this act.

22

23 3. (New section) To be eligible for certification to provide  
24 instruction regarding the installation, improvement, repair or  
25 maintenance of medical gas piping, an applicant shall fulfill the  
26 following requirements:

27 a. Be licensed as a master plumber or journeyman plumber in this  
28 State, or be a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing  
29 contractor;

30 b. Have been actively engaged in the practice of plumbing for at  
31 least five years preceding the date of application for certification as an  
32 instructor;

33 c. Have successfully completed not less than 40 hours of  
34 instructional training in the field of medical gas piping installation,  
35 improvement, repair and maintenance as approved by the State board;  
36 and

37 d. Passed an examination offered by the National Inspection  
38 Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a substantially  
39 equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates  
40 the applicant's competence to teach in the field of medical gas piping  
41 installation, improvement, repair and maintenance.

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43 4. (New section) a. The State board shall issue a certificate of  
44 certification to any applicant who, in the opinion of the State board,  
45 has satisfactorily met the requirements of this act.

46 b. The State board shall by rule or regulation establish, prescribe

1 or change the fees for certificates or other services provided by the  
2 State board pursuant to the provisions of this act. Certificates for  
3 persons certified to install, improve, repair or maintain medical gas  
4 piping, or certified as instructors regarding the installation,  
5 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping shall be  
6 issued for a period of three years and be renewable. Certificates for  
7 persons performing only brazing duties incidental to the installation,  
8 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping shall be  
9 issued for a period of one year and be annually renewable.

10 c. Fees shall be established, prescribed or changed by the State  
11 board to the extent necessary to defray all proper expenses incurred by  
12 the State board and any staff employed to administer this act, except  
13 that fees shall not be fixed at a level that will raise amounts in excess  
14 of the amount estimated to be so required.

15 d. All fees and any fines imposed by the State board shall be paid  
16 to the State board and shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer and  
17 become part of the General Fund.

18

19 5. (New section) a. Any person who engaged in the installation,  
20 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping for not less  
21 than three years preceding the enactment date of this act may acquire  
22 certification as provided in subsection a. of section 2 of this act if that  
23 person has passed the examination required in subparagraph (3) of  
24 subsection a. of section 2 of this act no later than two years following  
25 the enactment date of this act.

26 b. Any person who performed only brazing duties incidental to the  
27 installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping  
28 for not less than three years preceding the enactment date of this act  
29 may acquire certification as provided in subsection b. of section 2 of  
30 this act if that person has passed the examination required in  
31 subparagraph (3) of subsection b. of section 2 of this act no later than  
32 two years following the enactment date of this act.

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34 6. Section 10 of P.L.1968, c.362 (C.45:14C-10) is amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 10. The State board shall keep a register of all applications for  
37 State licenses and certificates of certification, which register shall  
38 show: (a) name, age and residence of the applicant, (b) date of  
39 application, (c) principal place of business of applicant, (d) name and  
40 address of employer firm or corporation, if not self-employed, (e)  
41 whether or not an examination was required, (f) whether the applicant  
42 was accepted or rejected, (g) the number of the license or certificate  
43 of certification, if issued, (h) the date of the action of the State board,  
44 and (i) any other information prescribed by the State board.

45 (cf: P.L.1968, c.362, s.10)



1 7. This act shall take effect immediately, except that section 1 shall  
2 remain inoperative for 720 days following enactment.  
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5 STATEMENT  
6

7 This bill provides for the certification of persons installing,  
8 improving, repairing or maintaining medical gas piping by the State  
9 Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers. The bill stipulates that, two  
10 years following its enactment, only persons certified in accordance  
11 with its provisions will be permitted to install, improve, repair or  
12 maintain medical gas piping.

13 "Medical gas piping" is specified as that medical gas piping within  
14 a licensed health care facility, located after the source valve and  
15 intended for patient use.

16 To be eligible for certification to install, improve, repair or maintain  
17 medical gas piping, or to perform only brazing duties incidental to the  
18 installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of gas piping, an  
19 applicant must be a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who has  
20 successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and  
21 approved by the United States Department of Labor, or an apprentice  
22 plumber who has successfully completed not less than three years of  
23 an apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United  
24 States Department of Labor, or a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed  
25 by a plumbing contractor.

26 In addition, to be eligible for certification to install, improve, repair  
27 or maintain medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral  
28 character, shall have successfully completed not less than 32 hours of  
29 classroom training relating to the most recent edition of the Standard  
30 on Gas Vacuum Systems issued by the National Fire Protection  
31 Association and shall have passed an examination offered by the  
32 National Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or  
33 a substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board,  
34 that demonstrates the applicant's competence to install, improve, repair  
35 and maintain medical gas piping.

36 To be eligible for certification to perform only brazing duties  
37 incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of  
38 medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral character, shall  
39 have successfully completed not less than 20 hours of classroom  
40 training relating to brazing duties required in the installation,  
41 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping and shall  
42 have passed an examination offered by the NITC, or a substantially  
43 equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates  
44 the applicant's competence in performing brazing duties incidental to  
45 the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas  
46 piping.

1       The bill also provides that to be eligible for certification to provide  
2 instruction regarding the installation, improvement, repair or  
3 maintenance of medical gas piping, an applicant shall: be licensed as  
4 a master plumber or journeyman plumber in this State, or be a pipe  
5 fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing contractor; have been  
6 actively engaged in the practice of plumbing for at least five years  
7 preceding the date of application for certification as an instructor; have  
8 successfully completed not less than 40 hours of instructional training;  
9 and have passed an examination offered by the NITC, or a  
10 substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that  
11 demonstrates the applicant's competence to teach in the field of  
12 medical gas piping installation, improvement, repair and maintenance.

13       The bill also provides for a "grandfathered" certification for persons  
14 who have three or more years of experience in the installation,  
15 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping prior to the  
16 enactment date of the bill and pass an examination offered by the  
17 NITC no later than two years following the enactment date of this bill.

**SENATE, No. 1278**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**210th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED MARCH 7, 2002

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOSEPH CONIGLIO**

**District 38 (Bergen)**

**Senator RICHARD J. CODEY**

**District 27 (Essex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires certification of persons installing medical gas piping in licensed health care facilities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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2 piping in certain facilities by the State Board of Examiners of  
3 Master Plumbers and amending and supplementing P.L.1968, c.362.

4  
5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

7  
8 1. (New section) a. No person shall install, improve, repair or  
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10 Examiners of Master Plumbers in accordance with the provisions of  
11 this act.

12 b. No person shall provide instruction regarding the installation,  
13 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping unless  
14 certified by the State board in accordance with the provisions of this  
15 act.

16 For purposes of this act, "medical gas piping" means that medical  
17 gas piping within a health care facility licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,  
18 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), located after the source valve and intended  
19 for patient use.

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21 2. (New section) a. Except as provided in subsection b. of this  
22 section, to be eligible to be certified to install, improve, repair or  
23 maintain medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral  
24 character and submit to the State board satisfactory evidence that he:

25 (1) Is a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who has  
26 successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and  
27 approved by the United States Department of Labor, or an apprentice  
28 plumber who has successfully completed not less than three years of  
29 an apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United  
30 States Department of Labor, or a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed  
31 by a plumbing contractor;

32 (2) Has successfully completed not less than 32 hours of classroom  
33 training relating to the most recent edition of the Standard on Gas  
34 Vacuum Systems issued by the National Fire Protection Association;  
35 and

36 (3) Has passed an examination offered by the National Inspection  
37 Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a substantially  
38 equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates  
39 the applicant's competence to install, improve, repair and maintain  
40 medical gas piping. The successful completion of any such  
41 examination may have been accomplished before the effective date of  
42 this act.

43 b. To be eligible to be certified to perform only brazing duties

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7 plumber who has successfully completed not less than three years of  
8 an apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United  
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12 training relating to the performance of brazing duties required in the  
13 installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping;  
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16 Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a substantially  
17 equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates  
18 the applicant's competence in performing brazing duties incidental to  
19 the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas  
20 piping. The successful completion of any such examination may have  
21 been accomplished before the effective date of this act.

22

23 3. (New section) To be eligible for certification to provide  
24 instruction regarding the installation, improvement, repair or  
25 maintenance of medical gas piping, an applicant shall fulfill the  
26 following requirements:

27 a. Be licensed as a master plumber or journeyman plumber in this  
28 State, or be a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing  
29 contractor;

30 b. Have been actively engaged in the practice of plumbing for at  
31 least five years preceding the date of application for certification as an  
32 instructor;

33 c. Have successfully completed not less than 40 hours of  
34 instructional training in the field of medical gas piping installation,  
35 improvement, repair and maintenance as approved by the State board;  
36 and

37 d. Passed an examination offered by the National Inspection  
38 Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a substantially  
39 equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates  
40 the applicant's competence to teach in the field of medical gas piping  
41 installation, improvement, repair and maintenance.

42

43 4. (New section) a. The State board shall issue a certificate of  
44 certification to any applicant who, in the opinion of the State board,  
45 has satisfactorily met the requirements of this act.

46 b. The State board shall by rule or regulation establish, prescribe

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7 persons performing only brazing duties incidental to the installation,  
8 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping shall be  
9 issued for a period of one year and be annually renewable.

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11 board to the extent necessary to defray all proper expenses incurred by  
12 the State board and any staff employed to administer this act, except  
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14 of the amount estimated to be so required.

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22 certification as provided in subsection a. of section 2 of this act if that  
23 person has passed the examination required in subparagraph (3) of  
24 subsection a. of section 2 of this act no later than two years following  
25 the enactment date of this act.

26 b. Any person who performed only brazing duties incidental to the  
27 installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping  
28 for not less than three years preceding the enactment date of this act  
29 may acquire certification as provided in subsection b. of section 2 of  
30 this act if that person has passed the examination required in  
31 subparagraph (3) of subsection b. of section 2 of this act no later than  
32 two years following the enactment date of this act.

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34 6. Section 10 of P.L.1968, c.362 (C.45:14C-10) is amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 10. The State board shall keep a register of all applications for  
37 State licenses and certificates of certification, which register shall  
38 show: (a) name, age and residence of the applicant, (b) date of  
39 application, (c) principal place of business of applicant, (d) name and  
40 address of employer firm or corporation, if not self-employed, (e)  
41 whether or not an examination was required, (f) whether the applicant  
42 was accepted or rejected, (g) the number of the license or certificate  
43 of certification, if issued, (h) the date of the action of the State board,  
44 and (i) any other information prescribed by the State board.

45 (cf: P.L.1968, c.362, s.10)

1       7. This act shall take effect immediately, except that section 1 shall  
2 remain inoperative for 720 days following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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7       This bill provides for the certification by the State Board of  
8 Examiners of Master Plumbers of persons installing, improving,  
9 repairing or maintaining certain medical gas piping within licensed  
10 health care facilities. The bill stipulates that, two years following its  
11 enactment, only persons certified in accordance with its provisions will  
12 be permitted to install, improve, repair or maintain medical gas piping.  
13 The bill applies only to persons who are engaging in these activities  
14 which involve medical gas piping located after the source valve and  
15 intended for patient use within licensed health care facilities, or who  
16 are providing instruction to individuals who engage in such activities  
17 involving medical gas piping located after the source valve and  
18 intended for patient use within licensed health care facilities.

19       To be eligible for certification to install, improve, repair or maintain  
20 medical gas piping, or to perform only brazing duties incidental to the  
21 installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of gas piping, an  
22 applicant must be a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who has  
23 successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and  
24 approved by the United States Department of Labor, or an apprentice  
25 plumber who has successfully completed not less than three years of  
26 an apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United  
27 States Department of Labor, or a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed  
28 by a plumbing contractor.

29       In addition, to be eligible for certification to install, improve, repair  
30 or maintain medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral  
31 character, shall have successfully completed not less than 32 hours of  
32 classroom training relating to the most recent edition of the Standard  
33 on Gas Vacuum Systems issued by the National Fire Protection  
34 Association and shall have passed an examination offered by the  
35 National Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or  
36 a substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board,  
37 that demonstrates the applicant's competence to install, improve, repair  
38 and maintain medical gas piping.

39       To be eligible for certification to perform only brazing duties  
40 incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of  
41 medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral character, shall  
42 have successfully completed not less than 20 hours of classroom  
43 training relating to brazing duties required in the installation,  
44 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping and shall  
45 have passed an examination offered by the NITC, or a substantially  
46 equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates

1 the applicant's competence in performing brazing duties incidental to  
2 the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas  
3 piping.

4 The bill also provides that to be eligible for certification to provide  
5 instruction regarding the installation, improvement, repair or  
6 maintenance of medical gas piping, an applicant shall: be licensed as  
7 a master plumber or journeyman plumber in this State, or be a pipe  
8 fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing contractor; have been  
9 actively engaged in the practice of plumbing for at least five years  
10 preceding the date of application for certification as an instructor; have  
11 successfully completed not less than 40 hours of instructional training;  
12 and have passed an examination offered by the NITC, or a  
13 substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that  
14 demonstrates the applicant's competence to teach in the field of  
15 medical gas piping installation, improvement, repair and maintenance.

16 The bill also provides for a "grandfathered" certification for persons  
17 who have three or more years of experience in the installation,  
18 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping prior to the  
19 enactment date of the bill and pass an examination offered by the  
20 NITC no later than two years following the enactment date of this bill.



SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE, Nos. 1249 and 1278**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 9, 2002

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably a Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill Nos. 1249 and 1278.

This substitute provides for the certification of persons installing, improving, repairing or maintaining medical gas piping by the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers. The substitute stipulates that, two years following its enactment, only persons certified in accordance with its provisions will be permitted to install, improve, repair or maintain medical gas piping.

"Medical gas piping" is specified as that medical gas piping within a licensed health care facility, located after the source valve and intended for patient use.

To be eligible for certification to install, improve, repair or maintain medical gas piping, or to perform only brazing duties incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of gas piping, an applicant must be a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who has successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United States Department of Labor, or an apprentice plumber who has successfully completed not less than three years of an apprenticeship program accredited and approved by the United States Department of Labor, or a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing contractor.

In addition, to be eligible for certification to install, improve, repair or maintain medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral character, shall have successfully completed not less than 32 hours of classroom training relating to the most recent edition of the Standard on Gas Vacuum Systems issued by the National Fire Protection Association and shall have passed an examination offered by the National Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates the applicant's competence to install, improve, repair and maintain medical gas piping.

To be eligible for certification to perform only brazing duties

incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral character, shall have successfully completed not less than 20 hours of classroom training relating to brazing duties required in the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping and shall have passed an examination offered by the NITC, or a substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates the applicant's competence in performing brazing duties incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping.

The substitute also provides that to be eligible for certification to provide instruction regarding the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping, an applicant shall: be licensed as a master plumber or journeyman plumber in this State, or be a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing contractor; have been actively engaged in the practice of plumbing for at least five years preceding the date of application for certification as an instructor; have successfully completed not less than 40 hours of instructional training; and have passed an examination offered by the NITC, or a substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that demonstrates the applicant's competence to teach in the field of medical gas piping installation, improvement, repair and maintenance.

The substitute also provides for a "grandfathered" certification for persons who have three or more years of experience in the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping prior to the enactment date of the substitute and pass an examination offered by the NITC no later than two years following the enactment date of this substitute.

This substitute is identical to Assembly Bill No. 82 (Thompson), which is pending before the Assembly Regulated Professions Committee.

STATEMENT TO  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE, Nos. 1249 and 1278**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed By Senator Coniglio )

ADOPTED: JUNE 16, 2003

These amendments would expand eligibility for certification by the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers to install, improve, repair or maintain medical gas piping to persons who are not plumbers or pipe or steam fitters, but who are certified in their area of expertise in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association standards.

The amendments provide that to be eligible for certification (if the person is not a plumber or pipe or steam fitter), an applicant shall have passed an American Welding Society examination as a brazer and successfully completed a training program in installation approved by a major medical gas producer, or the applicant shall be certified in accordance with the appropriate American Society of Sanitary Engineering standards for the operation being performed.

Similarly, the amendments add these alternate qualifications for certification to perform only brazing duties, and to provide instruction regarding the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping. Amendments also provide that to be certified as an instructor (if the applicant is not a master or journeyman plumber or a pipe or steam fitter employed by a plumbing contractor), the applicant shall have been actively engaged in the practice of installing medical gas piping for at least five consecutive years.

The amendments also provide that if an applicant meets the requirements of the bill (by passing the required examination or obtaining the required certification, no later than two years following the enactment date of the substitute), and has engaged in the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping for not less than three consecutive years (rather than three years) preceding the enactment date of the substitute, the applicant may acquire certification. Amendments similarly require three consecutive year of practice for persons who performed only brazing duties.

The amendments also provide that the provisions of the bill shall not apply to any electrical contractor licensed by the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors, and any person in his employ while performing the duties of his employment, who is acting within the scope of his profession or occupation.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 82

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

210th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 27, 2003

## SUMMARY

**Synopsis:** Requires certification of persons installing medical gas piping in licensed health care facilities.

**Type of Impact:** None.

**Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs

### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal
<b>State Revenue</b>	Bill permits fees sufficient to cover costs, if necessary.		

- ! Requires person installing, improving or repairing medical gas piping to be certified by the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.
- ! Requires applicants for certification have completed relevant training programs and to have specific qualifications according their level of expertise.
- ! Permits board to establish fees for certification and other services sufficient to defray cost of administering certification program.

## BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 82 (1R) of 2003 requires the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers to certify persons installing, improving, repairing or maintaining medical gas piping. The bill requires applicants for certification to be a master plumber or a journeyman plumber and to have completed 32 hours of relevant classroom training in gas vacuum systems. A person who performs only brazing duties is required to have completed 20 hours of classroom training related to the brazing of medical gas piping and to have completed at least three consecutive years of an accredited apprenticeship program. The bill permits the State Board to establish fees for certification and other services sufficient to defray all proper expenses incurred in administering the certification program. A provision is included that exempts individuals who

engage in the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping for not less than three consecutive years proceeding the enactment of the training requirement, however they are still required to attain certification, no later than two years following the enactment date of the bill.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

Information provided informally by the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, for a similar bill in a previous legislative session, indicated that approximately 1,100 of the board's 7,000 members, who work with medical gas piping, would be candidates for certification under this bill. To become eligible for certification, an applicant would be required to provide the board with proof that he had completed the training and examination required by the bill. The training would be acquired at a vocational school at the applicant's expense. The board estimates that its additional administrative costs to certify these individuals would be minimal. The Office of Legislative Services concurs, and notes that the bill permits the board to establish a certification fee, if necessary, to defray any additional expenses.

Section: *Law and Public Safety*

Analyst: *Kristin A. Brunner*  
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Approved: *Alan R. Kooney*  
*Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE, Nos. 1249 and 1278**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**210th LEGISLATURE**

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ADOPTED MAY 9, 2002

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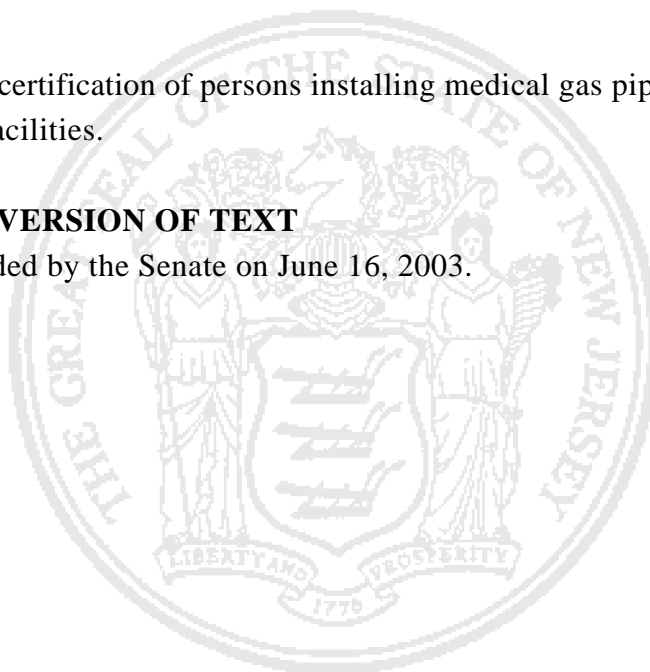
**Senators Allen and Palaia**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires certification of persons installing medical gas piping in licensed health care facilities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the Senate on June 16, 2003.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/1/2002)**

1 **AN ACT** concerning certification of persons installing medical gas  
2 piping in certain facilities by the State Board of Examiners of  
3 Master Plumbers and amending and supplementing P.L.1968,  
4 c.362.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. (New section) a. No person shall install, improve, repair or  
10 maintain medical gas piping unless certified by the State Board of  
11 Examiners of Master Plumbers in accordance with the provisions of  
12 this act.

13 b. No person shall provide instruction regarding the installation,  
14 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping unless  
15 certified by the State board in accordance with the provisions of this  
16 act.

17 For purposes of this act, "medical gas piping" means that medical  
18 gas piping within a health care facility licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,  
19 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), located after the source valve and intended  
20 for patient use.

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22 2. (New section) a. Except as provided in subsection b. of this  
23 section, to be eligible to be certified to install, improve, repair or  
24 maintain medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral  
25 character and submit to the State board satisfactory evidence that he:

26 (1) <sup>1</sup>**[Is]** (a) is<sup>1</sup> a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who  
27 has successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and  
28 approved by the United States Department of Labor<sup>1</sup> **[, or]** <sup>1</sup>:

29 <sup>1</sup>(b) is<sup>1</sup> an apprentice plumber who has successfully completed  
30 not less than three years of an apprenticeship program accredited and  
31 approved by the United States Department of Labor<sup>1</sup> **[, or]** <sup>1</sup>:

32 <sup>1</sup>(c) is<sup>1</sup> a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing  
33 contractor<sup>1</sup>, or

34 (d) is certified in his area of expertise in accordance with the  
35 National Fire Protection Association standards<sup>1</sup>;

36 (2) <sup>1</sup>**[Has]** has<sup>1</sup> successfully completed not less than 32 hours of  
37 classroom training relating to the most recent edition of the Standard  
38 on Gas <sup>1</sup>and<sup>1</sup> Vacuum Systems issued by the National Fire Protection  
39 Association; and

40 (3) <sup>1</sup>**[Has]**(a) has<sup>1</sup> passed an examination offered by the National  
41 Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate floor amendments adopted June 16, 2003.

1 substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that  
2 demonstrates the applicant's competence to install, improve, repair and  
3 maintain medical gas piping<sup>1</sup>;

4 (b) has passed an examination as a brazer offered by the American  
5 Welding Society, and has successfully completed a training program  
6 in the installation of medical gas piping approved by a major medical  
7 gas producer; or

8 (c) is certified in accordance with the appropriate American  
9 Society of Sanitary Engineering standards for the operations being  
10 performed<sup>1</sup>.

11 The successful completion of any such examination <sup>1</sup>provided for  
12 in this paragraph<sup>1</sup> may have been accomplished before the effective  
13 date of this act.

14 b. To be eligible to be certified to perform only brazing duties  
15 incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of  
16 medical gas piping, an applicant shall be of good moral character and  
17 submit to the State board satisfactory evidence that he:

18 (1) <sup>1</sup>[Is] (a) is<sup>1</sup> a master plumber, or a journeyman plumber who  
19 has successfully completed an apprenticeship program accredited and  
20 approved by the United States Department of Labor<sup>1</sup> [, or] <sup>1</sup>;

21 <sup>1</sup>(b) is<sup>1</sup> an apprentice plumber who has successfully completed not  
22 less than three years of an apprenticeship program accredited and  
23 approved by the United States Department of Labor<sup>1</sup> [, or] <sup>1</sup>;

24 <sup>1</sup>(c) is<sup>1</sup> a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing  
25 contractor<sup>1</sup>; or

26 (d) is certified in his area of expertise in accordance with the  
27 National Fire Protection Association standards<sup>1</sup>;

28 (2) <sup>1</sup>[Has] has<sup>1</sup> successfully completed not less than 20 hours of  
29 classroom training relating to the performance of brazing duties  
30 required in the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of  
31 medical gas piping; and

32 (3) <sup>1</sup>[Has] (a) has<sup>1</sup> passed an examination offered by the National  
33 Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a  
34 substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that  
35 demonstrates the applicant's competence in performing brazing duties  
36 incidental to the installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of  
37 medical gas piping<sup>1</sup>;

38 (b) has passed an examination as a brazer offered by the American  
39 Welding Society and has successfully completed a training program in  
40 the brazing of medical gas piping approved by a major medical gas  
41 producer; or

42 (c) is certified in accordance with the appropriate American  
43 Society of Sanitary Engineering standards for the operations being  
44 performed<sup>1</sup>.

45 The successful completion of any such examination <sup>1</sup>provided for  
46 in this paragraph<sup>1</sup> may have been accomplished before the effective



1 date of this act.

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3 3. (New section) To be eligible for certification to provide  
4 instruction regarding the installation, improvement, repair or  
5 maintenance of medical gas piping, an applicant shall fulfill the  
6 following requirements:

7 a. Be licensed as a master plumber or journeyman plumber in this  
8 State, or be a pipe fitter or steam fitter employed by a plumbing  
9 contractor; <sup>1</sup>or<sup>1</sup>

10 b. Have been actively engaged in the practice of  
11 <sup>1</sup>[plumbing] installing medical gas piping or be certified in his area of  
12 expertise in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association  
13 standards<sup>1</sup> for at least five <sup>1</sup>consecutive<sup>1</sup> years preceding the date of  
14 application for certification as an instructor;

15 c. Have successfully completed not less than 40 hours of  
16 instructional training in the field of medical gas piping installation,  
17 improvement, repair and maintenance as approved by the State board;  
18 and

19 d. <sup>1</sup>[Passed] (1) passed<sup>1</sup> an examination offered by the National  
20 Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC), or a  
21 substantially equivalent examination approved by the State board, that  
22 demonstrates the applicant's competence to teach in the field of  
23 medical gas piping installation, improvement, repair and maintenance<sup>1</sup>;

24 (2) passed an examination as a brazer offered by the American  
25 Welding Society and has successfully completed a training program in  
26 instructional training approved by a major medical gas producer; or

27 (3) is certified in accordance with the appropriate American  
28 Society of Sanitary Engineering standards for the operations being  
29 performed<sup>1</sup>.

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31 4. (New section) a. The State board shall issue a certificate of  
32 certification to any applicant who, in the opinion of the State board,  
33 has satisfactorily met the requirements of this act.

34 b. The State board shall by rule or regulation establish, prescribe  
35 or change the fees for certificates or other services provided by the  
36 State board pursuant to the provisions of this act. Certificates for  
37 persons certified to install, improve, repair or maintain medical gas  
38 piping, or certified as instructors regarding the installation,  
39 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping shall be  
40 issued for a period of three years and be renewable. Certificates for  
41 persons performing only brazing duties incidental to the installation,  
42 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping shall be  
43 issued for a period of one year and be annually renewable.

44 c. Fees shall be established, prescribed or changed by the State  
45 board to the extent necessary to defray all proper expenses incurred by  
46 the State board and any staff employed to administer this act, except

1 that fees shall not be fixed at a level that will raise amounts in excess  
2 of the amount estimated to be so required.

3 d. All fees and any fines imposed by the State board shall be paid  
4 to the State board and shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer and  
5 become part of the General Fund.

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7 5. (New section) a. Any person who engaged in the installation,  
8 improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping for not less  
9 than three <sup>1</sup>consecutive<sup>1</sup> years preceding the enactment date of this act  
10 may acquire certification as provided in subsection a. of section 2 of  
11 this act if that person has <sup>1</sup>[passed the examination required] met the  
12 requirements specified<sup>1</sup> in <sup>1</sup>[subparagraph] paragraph<sup>1</sup> (3) of  
13 subsection a. of section 2 of this act no later than two years following  
14 the enactment date of this act.

15 b. Any person who performed only brazing duties incidental to the  
16 installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of medical gas piping  
17 for not less than three <sup>1</sup>consecutive<sup>1</sup> years preceding the enactment  
18 date of this act may acquire certification as provided in subsection b.  
19 of section 2 of this act if that person has <sup>1</sup>[passed the examination  
20 required] met the requirements specified<sup>1</sup> in <sup>1</sup>[subparagraph]  
21 paragraph<sup>1</sup> (3) of subsection b. of section 2 of this act no later than  
22 two years following the enactment date of this act.

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24 <sup>1</sup>6. (New section) The provisions of this act shall not apply to any  
25 electrical contractor licensed by the Board of Examiners of Electrical  
26 Contractors pursuant to P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.), and any  
27 person in his employ while performing the duties of his employment,  
28 who is acting within the scope of his profession or occupation.<sup>1</sup>

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30 <sup>1</sup>[6.] 7.<sup>1</sup> Section 10 of P.L.1968, c.362 (C.45:14C-10) is  
31 amended to read as follows:

32 10. The State board shall keep a register of all applications for  
33 State licenses and certificates of certification, which register shall  
34 show: (a) name, age and residence of the applicant, (b) date of  
35 application, (c) principal place of business of applicant, (d) name and  
36 address of employer firm or corporation, if not self-employed, (e)  
37 whether or not an examination was required, (f) whether the applicant  
38 was accepted or rejected, (g) the number of the license or certificate  
39 of certification, if issued, (h) the date of the action of the State board,  
40 and (i) any other information prescribed by the State board.  
41 (cf: P.L.1968, c.362, s.10)

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43 <sup>1</sup>[7.]8.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately, except that section  
44 1 shall remain inoperative for 720 days following enactment.