
 DIGEST

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SB 482 Reengrossed

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Present law defines "gas fitting" as the work or business of installing, repairing, improving, altering, or removing natural gas piping, fittings, valves, or tanks used for conveying fuel gas for appliances on or in premises or in buildings annexed to real property.

Proposed law changes the property reference from real property to immovable property. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that gas fitting does not include the following:

- (1) Installation or maintenance of piping by any entity of a municipal or gas district system that is subject to the regulatory authority of the Public Service Commission, the New Orleans City Council, or the office of pipeline safety in the Dept. of Natural Resources.
- (2) Any work done by a person who is licensed by the La. Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission or any other services performed pursuant to such license.

Proposed law adds that gas fitting does not include piping connection, disconnection, or reconnection from the outlet side of the appliance shutoff valve to the appliance inlet. Further provides that the following persons or entities are not to be construed as gas fitters or master gas fitters solely due to the performance of the piping connection, disconnection, or reconnection described in proposed law:

- (1) Any person or business entity licensed by the State Licensing Board for Contractors as a mechanical contractor.
- (2) Any person or business entity classified under the heating, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors pursuant to present law (R.S. 37:2156.2).

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 37:1377(K)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Makes Act effective June 10, 2018.
2. Makes technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Legislative bureau technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the reengrossed bill:

1. Remove all provisions of proposed law relative to mechanical contractors or persons classified under the heating, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors with respect to their noninclusion within certain definitions and regulations of the State Plumbing Board.
2. Provide exclusions relative to the definition of "gas fitting". The term does not include piping connection, disconnection, or reconnection from the outlet side of the appliance shutoff valve to the appliance inlet.
3. Add that the following persons or entities are not to be construed gas fitters or master gas fitters under the purview of the State Plumbing Board due solely to their the performance of the piping connection, disconnection, or reconnection described in proposed law:
 - (a) Any person or business entity licensed by the State Licensing Board for Contractors as a mechanical contractor.
 - (b) Any person or business entity classified under the heating, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration subclassification of mechanical contractors pursuant to present law (R.S. 37:2156.2).
4. Change the effective date of proposed law from June 10, 2018 to effective upon the signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.
5. Make technical changes.