

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
House Bill No. 1048 By Representative Ponti**

May 30, 2014

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 1048 by Representative Ponti, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs and adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2014, be rejected.
2. That the set of amendments proposed by the Legislative Bureau and adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2014, be rejected.
3. That the following amendments to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 through 9 and insert the following:

"To amend and reenact R.S. 40:5, 1722(B)(2), 1723(B), 1730.22(A) and (C), 1730.26, 1730.28(A)(introductory paragraph), (1), (3)(a), and (5), and 1730.29(A)(introductory paragraph), to enact R.S. 40:4(C), (D), and (E), 1730.22.1, 1730.23(I), 1730.28(D), 1730.28.1, 1730.28.2, 1730.28.3, 1730.40.1, and 1730.40.2, to repeal R.S. 40:4(A)(7), 1722(D), 1730.22.1, 1730.28(A)(3)(h), and Part XIV (Plumbing) of Title 51, comprised of LAC 51:XIV.101 through 1813, relative to the regulation of plumbing; to require the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council to adopt certain provisions relative to plumbing; to provide for membership of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council; to create the Plumbing Transition Commission; to terminate the Plumbing Transition Commission; to provide relative to the duties of the state health officer and the Department of Health and Hospitals; to provide relative to the authority of local building officials; to provide relative to certain plumbing codes in instances of court orders or consent decrees; to provide for certain terms, conditions, procedures, prohibitions, requirements, and applicability of provisions relating to plumbing; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 11 through 21, and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 4, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 40:1730.22(A) and 1730.26 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1730.28.1, 1730.28.2, 1730.28.3, 1730.40.1, and 1730.40.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1730.22. Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council; membership; function of council; meeting requirements; immunity

A. The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council, hereinafter in this Part referred to as the "council", is hereby created and shall consist of nineteen twenty members, one of whom shall be the state health officer, or his designee. Each With the exception of the state health officer, or his designee, who shall serve by

virtue of his position, each member of the council shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. With the exception of the state health officer, or his designee, each Each term for a member of the council shall be four years where a member shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. Each member of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses and mileage incurred while attending council meetings in accordance with state travel regulations promulgated by the division of administration. Reimbursement shall be limited to mileage and expenses for the attendance of twelve meetings per calendar year.

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§1730.26. Adoption and promulgation of certain building codes and standards as ~~state uniform construction code~~ State Uniform Construction Code; procedures

The council shall review, adopt, modify, and promulgate the building codes referenced in R.S. 40:1730.28 and 1730.28.1 of this Part, provided that:

(1) The council shall promulgate rules and regulations to modify portions of the ~~state uniform construction code~~ State Uniform Construction Code referenced in R.S. 40:1730.28 of this Part ~~under~~ pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. Such rules and regulations may include, but not be limited to use of certain mapping systems regarding soil testing.

(2)(a) The council shall promulgate rules and regulations to adopt portions of the State Uniform Construction Code referenced in R.S. 40:1730.28.1 pursuant to the procedures established by the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 49:968(B)(12), the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the House Committee on Commerce, and the House Committee on Health and Welfare, shall have oversight of the initial adoption of the portions of the State Uniform Construction Code referenced in R.S. 48:1730.28.1.

(b) The ~~Senate and House committees on commerce~~ Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce shall receive notice of intent to modify portions of the ~~state uniform construction code~~ State Uniform Construction Code and shall have oversight of any such modifications ~~under~~ pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

(2) (3) The council shall review, evaluate, and update the ~~state uniform construction code~~ State Uniform Construction Code no later than five years from the date of publication of the appropriate code as provided for in R.S. 40:1730.28. The council shall submit the updated ~~state uniform construction code~~ State Uniform Construction Code to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs for oversight and approval. Additionally, the council shall provide the members of each house of the legislature a summary of the major proposed changes to the International Residential Code at the time of submission to the oversight committees.

(4) The council shall, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, adopt or modify, or both, provisions of the State Uniform Construction Code to satisfy the requirements of any consent decree or order relative to maintaining or building a public sewage system which is entered in a federal court of competent jurisdiction. Such provisions shall specify in which municipalities or parishes the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Paragraph shall apply.

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§1730.28.1. Mandatory adoption of plumbing provisions of certain nationally recognized codes and standards; amendments; effective date

A. Notwithstanding R.S. 40:1730.28, the council shall evaluate, adopt, and amend the latest editions of the following as part of the State Uniform Construction Code:

- (1) The International Building Code, Chapter 29-Plumbing Systems.
- (2) The International Residential Code, Part VII-Plumbing.
- (3) The International Plumbing Code.

B. The codes listed in Subsection A of this Section as adopted by the council shall become effective January 1, 2016.

C. (1)(a) The Plumbing Transition Commission, provided for in R.S. 40:1730.22.1, hereinafter in this Section referred to as the "commission", may provide the council with amendments to include in the plumbing provisions adopted pursuant to this Section.

(i) The council shall include amendments in the plumbing provisions adopted pursuant to this Section that are provided by the commission pursuant to R.S. 40:1730.22.1(B)(2)(a).

(ii) The council shall vote, in accordance with the voting requirements in R.S. 40:1730.28(B), on whether or not to include amendments which are provided pursuant to R.S. 40:1730.22.1(B)(2)(b) in the plumbing provisions adopted pursuant to this Section.

(b) The council shall be in receipt of all amendments from the commission to be included in the plumbing provisions to be adopted pursuant to this Section by June 15, 2015. The commission shall not provide any further amendments to the council for the plumbing provisions adopted pursuant to this Section after June 15, 2015.

D. Nothing in this Section nor any provisions adopted pursuant to this Section shall lessen the licensing qualifications and requirements provided in R.S. 37:1361 et seq.

§1730.28.2. State Uniform Construction Code; requirements and prohibitions

A. The State Uniform Construction Code shall:

(1) Require methods of back flow prevention to prevent contaminated water from flowing back into the public water system.

(2) Prohibit plumbing vent systems using air admittance valves.

(3) Require that a trap seal primer valve be installed where a trap seal is subject to loss by evaporation.

B. The council shall adopt rules and regulations in accordance with R.S. 40:1730.26(2)(a) to implement the provisions of this Section. Any modifications to the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Section shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40:1730.26(2)(b).

§1730.28.3. Authority of the Department of Health and Hospitals

A. Nothing in this Part or any provision adopted pursuant to this Part shall prohibit the Department of Health and Hospitals from the following:

(1) Regulating stored water temperatures through enforcement of the Sanitary Code.

(2) Regulating medical gas and medical vacuum systems.

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§1730.40.1. Plumbing provisions of or adopted pursuant to this Part; court orders or consent decrees

Any order or consent decree relative to maintaining or building a public sewage system which is entered in a federal court of competent jurisdiction shall supercede the plumbing provisions of this Part or plumbing provisions adopted pursuant to this Part.

§1730.40.2. Plumbing provisions; manufactured housing

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, all manufactured homes that are built to federal construction standards shall only be subject to the plumbing provisions in federal law. Manufactured homes shall not be subject to state plumbing regulations, regardless if the manufactured home is connected to a public or private sewer system; however, such connection shall be completed and maintained by a Louisiana licensed plumber.

Section 2. R.S. 40:1730.22.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1730.22.1. Plumbing Transition Commission; members; purpose; procedure; termination

A.(1) The Plumbing Transition Commission, hereinafter in this Section referred to as the "commission", is hereby created and shall be composed of the following members:

(a) A designee of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Louisiana, Inc.

(b) A designee of the Louisiana State Plumbing Board.

(c) A designee of Louisiana Associated General Contractors, Inc.

(d) A designee of the Louisiana Home Builders Association.

(e) A designee of the Louisiana AFL-CIO.

- (f) A designee of the Building Officials of Louisiana, Inc.
- (g) A designee of the AIA Louisiana, the Louisiana Architects Association.
- (h) A designee of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

(2)(a) Each of the entities named in Subparagraphs(1)(a) through (h) of this Subsection shall submit the name of the entity's designee to the chairman of the council on or before September 1, 2014.

(b) The members of the commission shall not be subject to Senate confirmation.

(c) The term of each member shall end on January 1, 2016.

(d) A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

B.(1) The primary function of the commission shall be to provide amendments to the codes delineated in R.S. 40:1730.28.1(A)(1) through (3) to the council in order to address plumbing issues that the Louisiana State Plumbing Code [Part XIV (Plumbing) of the State Sanitary Code] addresses, but for which the codes delineated in R.S. 40:1730.28.1(A)(1) through (3) do not address.

(2) A vote on proposed amendments shall only take place when a quorum of the commission members are present. Six members shall constitute a quorum.

(a) The commission shall provide amendments to the council that have been approved by a majority vote of the total members of the commission present and voting and those amendments shall be included in the plumbing provisions adopted by the council pursuant to R.S. 40:1728.1.

(b) Should a vote on an amendment result in a tie, the amendment shall be provided to the council which shall then vote on whether or not to include the amendment in the plumbing provisions adopted pursuant to R.S. 40:1728.1.

(3) The council shall be in receipt of all amendments by June 15, 2015. The commission shall not provide any further amendments to the council after June 15, 2015.

C.(1) The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the chairman of the council and held no later than October 1, 2014. At this meeting, the commission shall elect from its members a chairman and vice-chairman.

(2) A meeting of the commission may be called by the chairman of the commission on his own initiative and shall be called by him at the request of three or more members of the commission within fourteen days of such request.

(3) Each member of the commission shall be notified by the chairman of the commission in writing of the time and place of the meeting at least seven days before the meeting.

(4) Each meeting of the commission shall be open to the public and any official decision of the commission shall be made only by a vote of a majority of the commission members.

D. The commission provided for in this Section shall cease to exist and have no authority as of January 1, 2016."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 5 through 7, and insert the following:

"Section 3. R.S. 40:5, 1722(B)(2), 1723(B), 1730.22(C), 1730.28(A)(introductory paragraph), (1), (3)(a), and (5), and 1730.29(A)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:4(C), (D), and (E), 1730.23(I), and 1730.28(D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 26, after "enforce" delete "and interpret"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, between lines 28 and 29, insert the following:

"E. The Louisiana State Plumbing Code [Part XIV (Plumbing) of the State Sanitary Code] as amended by the state health officer acting through the office of public health of the Department of Health and Hospitals shall be null, void, and unenforceable on and after January 1, 2016."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, line 9, after "enforce" delete "and interpret"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 5, line 13, after "enforce" delete "and interpret"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, line 26, after "enforce" delete "and interpret"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 7, line 6, after "including" delete "Part" and insert in lieu thereof "Parts I-Administrative" and on line 7, delete "I-Administration"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 8, line 6, after "adoption." delete the remainder of the line and lines 7 through 12 in their entirety and in lieu thereof insert the following:

"* * *

D.(1) The state health officer may provide the council with recommended amendments to the plumbing provisions adopted pursuant to this Section. All recommended amendments provided to the council by the state health officer shall be presented to the council for review. The council shall review recommended amendments and vote on whether or not to include such amendments as part of the State Uniform Construction Code at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council, but no sooner than thirty days after receipt.

(2) Nothing in this Section nor any provisions adopted pursuant to this Section shall lessen the licensing qualifications and requirements provided in R.S. 37:1361 et seq."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 8, delete lines 21 through 29, and on page 9, delete lines 1 through 14, and in lieu thereof insert the following:

"Section 4. R.S. 40:4(A)(7), 1722(D), and 1730.28(A)(3)(h) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 5. R.S. 40:1730.22.1 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 6. Part XIV (Plumbing) of Title 51, comprised of LAC 51:XIV.101 through 1813, as amended by the state health officer acting through the office of public health of the Department of Health and Hospitals, is hereby repealed in its entirety. A copy of this Act shall be transmitted to the Office of the State Register, the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the state health officer, and the administrator of the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code Council. The Office of the State Register is directed to have the repeal of this Part printed and incorporated into the Louisiana Administrative Code following the effective date of the repeal.

Section 7. Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2016.

Section 8. This Section and Sections 1, 2, and 7 of this Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section

18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Conrad Appel

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 DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

House Bill No. 1048 by Representative Ponti

Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

COMMERCE: Requires the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council to adopt certain codes relative to plumbing

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Removed provision of proposed law making habitual performance of work by a journeyman plumber or master plumber which is substantially below the standards promulgated by the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC) grounds for disciplinary action by the State Plumbing Board.
2. Provided the state health officer shall be a member of the LSUCCC to ensure safe building plumbing and removed the authority of the state health officer to promulgate a plumbing code.
3. Restored provision of law prohibiting the LSUCCC from adopting plumbing provisions of the International Residential Code.
4. Added that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, House Committee on Commerce, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and House Committee on Health and Welfare shall have oversight of the initial adoption of the portions of the State Uniform Construction Code relative to plumbing which are proposed by the LSUCCC.
5. Provided relative to consent decrees or orders relative to maintaining or building a public sewage system which are entered in federal courts of competent jurisdiction.
6. Provided that certain portions of present and proposed law regarding mandatory adoption of of certain codes and standards as the State Uniform Construction Code would not lessen the licensing qualifications and requirements in R.S. 37:1362, et. seq. (laws providing relative to the La. State Plumbing Board and licensing of plumbers).
6. Provided relative to back flow prevention, plumbing vent systems, the regulation of stored water, and the authority of the Department of Health and Hospitals.
7. Removed authority of local building officials to interpret plumbing provisions adopted by the LSUCCC.
8. Provided for effective dates.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Removes provision of proposed law making habitual performance of work by a journeyman plumber or master plumber which is substantially below the standards promulgated by the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council (LSUCCC) grounds for disciplinary action by the State Plumbing Board.

2. Provides the state health officer shall be a member of the LSUCCC, removes the authority of the state health officer to promulgate a plumbing code, and repeals the plumbing code promulgated by the state health officer (repeal effective Jan. 1, 2016).
3. Creates the Plumbing Transition Commission. This commission may provide amendments to the LSUCCC to address issues which the the International Building Code, Chapter 29-Plumbing Systems, and the International Residential Code, Part VII-Plumbing do not cover, but the Louisiana State Plumbing Code does. Provides for membership of the commission, operational procedures of the commission, and that the commission would be dissolved on Jan. 1, 2016.
4. Adds that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, House Committee on Commerce, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and House Committee on Health and Welfare shall have oversight of the initial adoption of the portions of the State Uniform Construction Code relative to plumbing which are proposed by the LSUCCC.
5. Provides relative to consent decrees or orders relative to maintaining or building a public sewage system which are entered in federal courts of competent jurisdiction.
6. Provides that certain plumbing provisions shall not apply to manufactured homes under certain circumstances.
7. Provides that certain portions of present and proposed law regarding mandatory adoption of of certain codes and standards as the State Uniform Construction Code would not lessen the licensing qualifications and requirements in R.S. 37:1362, et. seq. (laws providing relative to the La. State Plumbing Board and licensing of plumbers).
8. Provides relative to back flow prevention, plumbing vent systems, the regulation of stored water, and the authority of the Department of Health and Hospitals.
9. Removes authority of local building officials to interpret plumbing provisions adopted by the LSUCCC.
10. Provides for effective dates of proposed law , including that the plumbing provisions promulgated by the LSUCCC pursuant to proposed law would be effective Jan. 1, 2016.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law requires the state health officer through the office of public health (OPH) of the Dept. of Health and Hosptials (DHH) to prepare and promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to assure safe building plumbing systems, including but not limited to the building water supply piping system, the building drain system, and the building mechanical piping system.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires the state health officer to prepare and promulgate rules and regulations within the state's Sanitary Code covering all matters within his jurisdiction.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that present law shall not permit the state health officer to establish rules, regulations, policies, or interpretations that supercede or circumvent or seek to supercede or circumvent the International Plumbing Code, as adopted and promulgated by the LSUCCC.

Proposed law provides that in all cases of conflict between the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the rules and regulations within the state's Sanitary Code as promulgated by the state health officer and the International Plumbing Code, International Building Code, Chapter 29-Plumbing Systems, or the International Residential Code, Part

VII-Plumbing, as adopted and promulgated by the LSUCCC, the provisions of the International Plumbing Code, International Building Code, Chapter 29-Plumbing Systems, or the International Residential Code, Part VII-Plumbing, as adopted and promulgated by the LSUCCC shall apply.

Proposed law provides that the building official or his designee shall have the authority to enforce the plumbing provisions of the state uniform construction code.

Present law provides that the state health officer and the OPH of DHH has the exclusive jurisdiction, control, and authority of a number of matters that relate to plumbing.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that nothing in present law shall grant state health officer or the OPH of DHH the authority to supercede the authority of municipalities or parishes to enforce the plumbing provisions of the State Uniform Construction Code.

Proposed law provides that the building official or his designee shall have the authority to enforce the plumbing provisions of the State Uniform Construction Code.

Present law provides that the La. Building Code shall consist of a number of designated and described codes and standards, including Part XIV (Plumbing) of the state Sanitary Code as promulgated by the secretary of DHH.

Proposed law removes the inclusion of Part XIV (Plumbing) of the state Sanitary Code as promulgated by the secretary of DHH and adds the International Plumbing Code, the International Building Code, Chapter 29-Plumbing Systems, and the International Residential Code, Part VII-Plumbing.

Present law provides that the La. Building Code shall be administered by the facilities planning and control department of the Division of Administration and that nothing contained in the La. Building Code shall affect the secretary of DHH in his administration of the provisions of Part XIV(Plumbing) of the state Sanitary Code.

Proposed law retains present law, but deletes that nothing contained in the La. Building Code shall affect the secretary of DHH in his administration of the provisions of Part XIV(Plumbing) of the state Sanitary Code.

Present law provides that the primary function of the LSUCCC is to review and adopt the State Uniform Construction Code, provide for training and education of code officials, and accept all requests for amendments of the code, except the La. State Plumbing Code Part XIV (Plumbing) of the state Sanitary Code.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the exception for the La. State Plumbing Code.

Proposed law provides that the building official or his designee shall have the authority to enforce the plumbing provisions of the State Uniform Construction Code.

Present law provides oversight of the rules and regulations promulgated by the LSUCCC to the House Committee on Commerce and Senate Committee on Commerce.

Proposed law retains present law, but adds that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, House Committee on Commerce, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and House Committee on Health and Welfare shall have oversight of the initial adoption of the portions of the State Uniform Construction Code relative to plumbing.

Present law requires the LSUCCC to evaluate, adopt, and amend only the latest editions of the state uniform construction code with the exception of the La. State Plumbing Code Part XIV (Plumbing) of the state Sanitary Code which shall be promulgated and amended by the state health officer acting through OPH of DHH.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the exception for the La. State Plumbing Code.

Present law shall not be construed so as to prevent the state health officer from enforcing the La. State Plumbing Code, the enforcement of which is his statutory and regulatory responsibility.

Proposed law removes present law and requires the LSUCCC to evaluate, adopt, and amend the International Plumbing Code, the International Building Code, Chapter 29-Plumbing Systems, and the International Residential Code, Part VII-Plumbing as part of the State Uniform Construction Code and that the building official or his designee shall have the authority to enforce these codes.

Proposed law creates the Plumbing Transition Commission which shall provide amendments to the LSUCCC to address issues which the the International Building Code, Chapter 29-Plumbing Systems, and the International Residential Code, Part VII-Plumbing do not cover, but the Louisiana State Plumbing Code does. Proposed law provides for membership of the commission, operational procedures of the commission, and for the termination of the commission on Jan. 1, 2016.

Present law provides that, excluding the applicable requirements of the La. State Plumbing Code, the State Uniform Construction Code shall not apply to the construction or improvement inside the secured or fenced confines of the following types of industrial facilities that are engaged in activities defined or classified under one or more of a number of subsectors, industry groups, or industries of the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Proposed law retains present law and changes the La. State Plumbing Code to the International Plumbing Code.

Present law provides that in cases of conflict between the state Sanitary Code and the International Mechanical Code, the state Sanitary Code shall be used. In cases of conflict between the Life Safety Code and either the La. Building Code, the plumbing part of the state Sanitary Code, the International Building Code, the International Mechanical Code and the National Electric Code, the Life Safety Code shall be used.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law provides relative to consent decrees or orders relative to maintaining or building a public sewage system which are entered in federal courts of competent jurisdiction.

Proposed law provides that certain plumbing provisions shall not apply to manufactured homes under certain circumstances.

Proposed law provides that certain portions of present and proposed law regarding mandatory adoption of of certain codes and standards as the State Uniform Construction Code shall not lessen the licensing qualifications and requirements in R.S. 37:1362, et. seq. (laws providing relative to the La. State Plumbing Board and licensing of plumbers).

Proposed law provides relative to back flow prevention, plumbing vent systems, the regulation of stored water, and the authority of DHH.

Present law provides that all plumbing and sanitary references in Part V-Mechanical in the International Residential Code shall be replaced with the applicable provisions of the La. State Plumbing Code, Part XIV, Plumbing, of the state Sanitary Code.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law provides that the International Plumbing Code, International Building Code, Chapter 29-Plumbing Systems, and the International Residential Code, Part VII-Plumbing, with any amendments, as promulgated by the LSUCCC shall be effective Jan. 1, 2016.

Proposed law requires the La. State Plumbing Code Part XIV (Plumbing) of the state Sanitary Code as amended by the state health officer acting through the OPH of DHH shall be repealed as of Jan. 1, 2016.

Proposed law provides the authority of the LSUCCC to promulgate International Plumbing Code, International Building Code, Chapter 29-Plumbing Systems, and the International Residential Code, Part VII-Plumbing shall be effective upon signature of the governor or upon lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:5, 1722(B)(2), 1723(B), 1730.22(A) and (C), 1730.26, 1730.28(A)(introductory paragraph)(1), (3)(a), and (5), and 1730.29(A)(introductory paragraph); Adds R.S. 40:4(C), (D) and (E), 1730.21.1, 1730.23(I), 1720.28(D), 1730.28.1, 1730.28.2, 1730.28.3, 1730.40.1, and 1730.40.2; Repeals R.S. 40:4(A)(7), 1722(D), 1730.28(A)(3)(h), and 51:XIV.101-1813)