

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law, relative to mechanical contractors, defined "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.

New law changes the property reference from real property to immovable property. Otherwise retains prior law.

Prior law provided 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.

New 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. 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 new 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 prior law (R.S. 37:2156.2).

Effective upon signature of governor (May 17, 2018).

(Amends R.S. 37:1377(K)(intro para); adds R.S. 37:1377(K)(3))