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A BILL

To amend sections 3703.01 and 3703.03 of the 1
Revised Code to amend the law related to 2
plumbing inspections. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3703.01 and 3703.03 of the 4
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 3703.01. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 6
section, the division of industrial compliance in the department 7
of commerce shall do all of the following: 8

(1) Inspect all nonresidential buildings within the 9
meaning of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code; 10

(2) Condemn all unsanitary or defective plumbing that is 11
found in connection with those places; 12

(3) Order changes in plumbing necessary to insure the 13
safety of the public health. 14

(B) (1) (a) The division of industrial compliance, boards of 15
health of city and general health districts, and county building 16
departments shall not inspect plumbing or collect fees for 17
inspecting plumbing in particular types of buildings in any 18

municipal corporation that is certified by the board of building standards under section 3781.10 of the Revised Code to exercise enforcement authority for plumbing in those types of buildings.

(b) The division shall not inspect plumbing or collect fees for inspecting plumbing in particular types of buildings in any health district that has notified the division in writing of its intent to inspect plumbing within its jurisdiction and that employs or retains under contract one or more plumbing inspectors, certified pursuant to ~~division (D) of this section 3781.10 of the Revised Code,~~ to enforce Chapters 3781. and 3791. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted pursuant to those chapters relating to plumbing in those types of buildings.

~~(c) The division shall not inspect plumbing or collect fees for inspecting plumbing in particular types of buildings in any health district where the county building department is authorized to inspect those types of buildings pursuant to a contract described in division (C) (1) of this section.~~

~~(d) The division shall not inspect plumbing or collect fees for inspecting plumbing in particular types of buildings in any health district where the board of health has entered into a contract with the board of health of another district to conduct inspections pursuant to division (C) (2) of this section.~~

(2) No county building department shall inspect plumbing or collect fees for inspecting plumbing in any type of building in a health district unless the department is authorized to inspect that type of building pursuant to a contract described in division (C) (1) of this section.

(3) No municipal corporation shall inspect plumbing or collect fees for inspecting plumbing in types of buildings for

which it is not certified by the board of building standards 48
under section 3781.10 of the Revised Code to exercise 49
enforcement authority. 50

~~(4) No board of health of a health district shall inspect 51
plumbing or collect fees for inspecting plumbing in types of 52
buildings for which it does not have a plumbing inspector 53
certified pursuant to division (D) of this section. 54~~

(C) (1) The board of health of a health district may enter 55
into a contract with a board of county commissioners to 56
authorize the county building department to inspect plumbing in 57
buildings within the health district. The contract may designate 58
that the department inspect either residential or nonresidential 59
buildings, as those terms are defined in section 3781.06 of the 60
Revised Code, or both types of buildings, ~~so long as the 61
department employs or contracts with a plumbing inspector 62
certified pursuant to division (D) of this section to inspect 63
the types of buildings the contract designates. The board of 64
health may enter into a contract regardless of whether the 65
health district employs any certified plumbing inspectors to 66
enforce Chapters 3781. and 3791. of the Revised Code. 67~~

(2) The board of health of a health district, ~~regardless 68
of whether it employs any certified plumbing inspectors to 69
enforce Chapters 3781. and 3791. of the Revised Code,~~ may enter 70
into a contract with the board of health of another health 71
district to authorize that board to inspect plumbing in 72
buildings within the contracting board's district. The contract 73
may designate the inspection of either residential or 74
nonresidential buildings as defined in section 3781.06 of the 75
Revised Code, or both types of buildings, ~~so long as the board 76
that performs the inspections employs a plumbing inspector 77~~

~~certified pursuant to division (D) of this section to inspect
the types of buildings the contract designates.~~ 78
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~~(D) The superintendent of industrial compliance shall
adopt rules prescribing minimum qualifications based on
education, training, experience, or demonstrated ability, that
the superintendent shall use in certifying or recertifying
plumbing inspectors to do plumbing inspections for health
districts and county building departments that are authorized to
perform inspections pursuant to a contract under division (C) (1)
of this section, and for continuing education of plumbing
inspectors. Those minimum qualifications shall be related to the
types of buildings for which a person seeks certification.~~ 80
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~~(E) The superintendent may enter into reciprocal
registration, licensure, or certification agreements with other
states and other agencies of this state relative to plumbing
inspectors if both of the following apply:~~ 90
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~~(1) The requirements for registration, licensure, or
certification of plumbing inspectors under the laws of the other
state or laws administered by the other agency are substantially
equal to the requirements the superintendent adopts under
division (D) of this section for certifying plumbing inspectors.~~ 94
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~~(2) The other state or agency extends similar reciprocity
to persons certified under this chapter.~~ 99
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~~(F) The superintendent may select and contract with one or
more persons to do all of the following regarding examinations
for certification of plumbing inspectors:~~ 101
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~~(1) Prepare, administer, score, and maintain the
confidentiality of the examination;~~ 104
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~~(2) Maintain responsibility for all expenses required to~~ 106

comply with division (F) (1) of this section;	107
(3) Charge each applicant a fee for administering the examination in an amount the superintendent authorizes;	108
(4) Design the examination for certification of plumbing inspectors to determine an applicant's competence to inspect plumbing.	109
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