

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1113

Introduced by

Industry, Business and Labor Committee

(At the request of the State Plumbing Board)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 12-60-24 and
2 sections 43-18-12.1, 43-18.1-04.1, and 43-18.2-07.1, relating to criminal history record checks
3 for plumbers, water conditioning contractors and installers, and sewer and water installers; and
4 to amend and reenact section 43-18-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to
5 temporary licenses for plumbers pending criminal history record checks.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1.** A new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 12-60-24 of the North Dakota
8 Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

9 The state board of plumbing for applicants; apprentices; licensees; or
10 investigations under chapters 43-18, 43-18.1, and 43-18.2, except that criminal
11 history checks need not be made unless required by the board.

12 **SECTION 2.** Section 43-18-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted
13 as follows:

14 **43-18-12.1. Criminal history record checks.**

15 The board may require any applicant, apprentice, or licensee under this chapter to submit to
16 a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check. The nationwide criminal history record
17 check must be conducted in the manner provided by section 12-60-24. All costs associated with
18 obtaining a background check are the responsibility of the applicant, apprentice, or licensee.

19 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-18-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **43-18-15. Temporary license - When issued.**

22 1. The board, upon the payment of the regular ~~examination~~license fee, may issue a
23 temporary permit to engage in the business of master plumber or journeyman
24 plumber, or both, to any ~~person~~applicant who furnishes satisfactory evidence of the

1 ~~person's~~applicant's qualifications. Such permits are revocable permits and are
2 effective to December thirty-first of the year in which they are issued. ~~No person~~An
3 applicant may not be issued such a temporary permit for longer than four years.

4 2. The board, upon the payment of the regular license fee, may issue a temporary permit
5 allowing an applicant to engage in the business of master plumber or journeyman
6 plumber, or both, pending completion of a criminal history record check, to any
7 applicant who otherwise furnishes satisfactory evidence of the applicant's
8 qualifications. An applicant may not be issued a temporary permit for longer than sixty
9 days, at which time the temporary permit expires automatically unless the board
10 grants the applicant a regular license.

11 **SECTION 4.** Section 43-18.1-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
12 enacted as follows:

13 **43-18.1-04.1. Criminal history record checks.**

14 The board may require any applicant, apprentice, or licensee under this chapter to submit to
15 a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check. The nationwide criminal history record
16 check must be conducted in the manner provided by section 12-60-24. All costs associated with
17 obtaining a background check are the responsibility of the applicant, apprentice, or licensee.

18 **SECTION 5.** Section 43-18.2-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
19 enacted as follows:

20 **43-18.2-07.1. Criminal history record checks.**

21 The board may require any applicant, apprentice, or licensee under this chapter to submit to
22 a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check. The nationwide criminal history record
23 check must be conducted in the manner provided by section 12-60-24. All costs associated with
24 obtaining a background check are the responsibility of the applicant, apprentice, or licensee.