

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representative Wingfield**

A Bill

ACT 638 OF 1993
HOUSE BILL 1851

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 17-31-201(a) TO
9 ALLOW THE USE OF CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL PIPING; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "TO ALLOW THE USE OF CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL PIPING."

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

17 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-31-201(a) is amended to read as follows:

18 "17-31-201. Powers and duties generally.

19 (a) The board shall have the following powers:

20 (1) To ensure that the construction, installation, and maintenance of
21 plumbing in connection with all buildings in this state, including buildings
22 owned by the state or any political subdivision thereof, shall be safe and
23 sanitary in order to safeguard the public health;

24 (2) To have general supervision of all plumbing and shall, after ten
25 (10) days' notice in a recognized legal publication and after a public
26 hearing, prescribe and publish and enforce minimum reasonable standards
27 therefor which shall be uniform as far as practicable. The Director of the
28 State Health Department or any employee of the department designated by the
29 board may act for the board, except in adoption of rules and regulations;

30 (3) To prescribe rules and regulations as to the qualifications,
31 examination, and licensing of master and journeyman plumbers and for the
32 registration of apprentice plumbers;

33 (4) To assign the duties of the Committee of Plumbing Examiners; and

34 (5) To prescribe rules and regulations as to the use of corrugated
35 stainless steel piping. Such rules and regulations shall be no more stringent
36 than the American National Standards for Interior Fuel Gas Piping Systems."

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SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the use of corrugated stainless steel is encouraged in the construction of natural gas plumbing systems; however, current gas plumbing code prohibits the use of corrugated stainless steel piping. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: 3/22/93

