

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1995**
4 **By: Representative Calhoun**

A Bill

ACT 982 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 1943

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 17-31-201(A) TO
9 REQUIRE THE ANNUAL SURVEY/INSPECTION OF NATURAL GAS PIPING
10 SYSTEM AND GAS UTILIZATION EQUIPMENT SERVING STATE-
11 ACCREDITED SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO REQUIRE THE ANNUAL SURVEY/INSPECTION
15 OF NATURAL GAS PIPING SYSTEM AND GAS
16 UTILIZATION EQUIPMENT SERVING STATE-
17 ACCREDITED SCHOOLS."

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

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

22 "(a) The board shall have the following powers:

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

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

33 (3) To prescribe rules and regulations as to the qualifications,
34 examination, and licensing of master and journeyman plumbers and for the
35 registration of apprentice plumbers;

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

1 (5) (A) To prescribe rules and regulations as to the use of
2 corrugated stainless steel piping.

3 (B) Such rules and regulations shall be no more stringent
4 than the American National Standards for Interior Fuel Gas Piping Systems; and

5 (6) (A) To require that a survey/inspection, for leaks, proper
6 venting and general condition of the natural gas piping system and gas
7 utilization equipment connected thereto (including appliances) serving any
8 school accredited by the State Board of Education, shall be performed as
9 frequently as necessary, but at intervals not exceeding one (1) year. School
10 officials shall be responsible to ensure these surveys/inspections are
11 performed by a qualified agency and that proof of the survey results are
12 provided to the Department of Health, Division of Protective Health Codes by
13 September 1 each year.

14 (B) As used in this subchapter, qualified agency means
15 any individual, firm, corporation or company which either in person or through
16 a representative is engaged in and is responsible for the installation,
17 replacement or repair of consumer gas piping, or the connection, installation,
18 repair or servicing of gas utilization equipment, and who is experienced in
19 such work and familiar with all precautions required and has complied with all
20 requirements of the board, department, codes and regulations."

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

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

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

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35 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General

1 Assembly that the regular inspection of natural gas piping system and gas
2 utilization equipment serving state-accredited schools is encouraged; however,
3 nothing in the current gas plumbing code requires such inspections.
4 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being
5 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
6 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and
7 approval.

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