

1 State of Arkansas  
2 80th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1995  
4 By: Representative Allen, Mullenix and Wallis

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1201

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## 7                   For An Act To Be Entitled

8                   "AN ACT TO AMEND THE WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION ACT TO EXEMPT  
9                   LICENSED PLUMBERS AND *ELECTRICIANS* FROM THE LICENSING  
10                  REQUIREMENTS OF THAT ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## 12                  Subtitle

13                  "TO AMEND THE WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION  
14                  ACT TO EXEMPT LICENSED PLUMBERS AND  
15                  *ELECTRICIANS* FROM THE LICENSING  
16                  REQUIREMENTS OF THAT ACT."

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

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20                  SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-43-304 is amended to read as follows:  
21                  "17-43-304. License requirement - Exemption.

22                  (a) Every person who wishes to engage in business as a water well  
23 contractor shall obtain from the committee a license to conduct such  
24 business.

25                  (b) The license requirement shall not apply to any person who performs  
26 labor or services at the direction and under the personal supervision of a  
27 licensed water well contractor.

28                  (c) A land owner installing pumping equipment in a water well owned by  
29 him for his own use is exempted from the licensing requirements of this  
30 chapter.

31                  (d) Master plumbers and journeymen plumbers licensed by the Department  
32 of Health and *licensed electricians* are not subject to the licensing  
33 provisions of this chapter."

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35                  SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent

1 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
2 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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

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13 SECTION 5. *EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the Eightieth*  
14 *General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Water Well Construction*  
15 *Act requires licensed plumbers and electricians to obtain an additional*  
16 *license in order to work on water well equipment; that the requirement of an*  
17 *additional license is an unnecessary burden; and that this act is immediately*  
18 *necessary to provide immediate relief to consumers, plumbers, and*  
19 *electricians. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this*  
20 *act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,*  
21 *health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its*  
22 *passage and approval.*

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/s/Rep. Allen, et al

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