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§ 17-38-101. Operations

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Apprentice plumber" means any person other than a journeyman or master plumber who is engaged in learning and assisting in the installation of plumbing and drainage and enrolled in a state-approved apprentice program;
- (2) "Approved backflow preventor" means any permanent mechanical device or combination of permanent mechanical devices, of whatever material, which, after installation according to the state plumbing regulations, acts to prevent a reversal of the normal directional flow of potable water within the piping system in which it is installed.

(3) "Board" means the State Board of Health;

(4) "Department" means the Department of Health;

(5) "Gas utility serviceman" means an employee of a gas utility specially trained for gas service work with the utility;

(6) "Journeyman plumber" means any person other than a master plumber who is engaged in the practical installation of plumbing;

(7) "Master plumber" means any person skilled in the planning, superintending, and practical installation of plumbing and familiar with the laws, rules, and regulations governing it;

(8) "Plumbing" means :

(A) All piping, fixtures, appurtenances, and appliances in connection with a supply of water within or adjacent to any building, structure, or conveyance on the premises, and to the connection with a utility water meter or other public water utility property, or other source of supply;

(B) All piping, fixtures, appurtenances, and appliances for sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities, including venting systems for facilities, within or adjacent to any building, structure, or conveyance, connected with a public disposal or private disposal or other point of disposal;

(C) The installation, repair, maintenance, and renovation of all piping fixtures, appurtenances, and appliances for a supply of water, or for the disposal of waste water, liquid waste, or sewage within or adjacent to any building, structure, or conveyance on the premises, and to the utility water meter or other public utility property or point of disposal waste; and

(D) All fixtures, appliances, appurtenances, or pipes used in the installation of natural gas; and

(8) "Restricted plumber" means a person qualified to install building water or sewer lines or other special phases of plumbing if the person has demonstrated competency for that particular phase of plumbing.

§ 17-38-102. Violations; penalties.

(a) Any person, firm, or corporation who engages in or follows the business or occupation of, or advertises or holds himself or itself out as, or acts temporarily or otherwise as a plumber without first having secured the required license or permit, or who otherwise violates any provisions of this chapter, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty (30) days,

or by both fine and imprisonment. Each day during which a violation continues shall be a separate offense.

(b) Any person who shall do any act prohibited in this chapter or fail to obey a lawful order of the department, or a judgment or decree of a court in connection with this chapter, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than three (3) months or by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500). Each day during which the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(c) Any person, firm, or corporation who shall employ an apprentice of plumbing representing him to be a journeyman, or who shall charge for an apprentice a journeyman's wage, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty (30) days. Each day of violation shall be a separate offense.

(d) (1) Every firm, person, or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this chapter or the rules or regulations or orders issued or promulgated by the State Board of Health, or who violates any condition of a license, permit, certificate or any other type of registration issued by the Committee of Plumbing Examiners may be assessed a civil penalty by the Committee of Plumbing Examiners.

(2) The penalty shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation.

(3) Each day of a continuing violation may be deemed a separate violation for purposes of penalty assessments.

(e) All fines collected under this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury and credited to the Plumbers Licensing Fund to be used to defray the costs of administering this chapter.

(f) Subject to such rules and regulations as may be implemented by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the disbursing officer for the Department of Health is authorized to transfer all unexpended funds relative to fines collected under this section, as certified by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to be carried forward and made available for expenditures for the same purpose for any following fiscal year.

(g) All rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this subsection shall be reviewed by the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor or appropriate subcommittees thereof.

Amended by Acts of 1995, Act 788, § 1; Acts of 1997, Act 179, § 11, eff. Feb. 17, 1997. Amended by Acts 1217, March 19, 2003

§ 17-38-103. State plumbing code.

(a) The provisions of the state plumbing code or amendments thereto as adopted by the board defining plumbing work, prescribing minimum requirements for design, materials, appliances, workmanship, and methods of installation shall, after adoption according to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et., have the effect and force of law in the form of minimum standards statewide in application. The provisions shall apply to all types of buildings, private or public, rural or urban, including buildings owned by the state or any political subdivision thereof.

(b) All plumbing installations shall be made to conform to the state plumbing code.

§ 17-38-104 Cities with enforcement officers; inspections.

(a) (1) The Health Department inspectors may go into any city which has a city code enforcement officer and assist the city code enforcement officer for the purpose of insuring the minimum standards of the state plumbing code and plumber licensing regulations are being met.

(2) A written report of all inspections performed by the Department of Health inspector under this section shall be prepared by the Department inspector and a copy of the report shall be furnished to the city code enforcement officer and the owner of the property on which the inspection by the Health Department inspector and city inspector is conducted, within five (5) days.

(b) The Freedom of Information Act, § 25-19-101 et seq., shall apply to all documents compiled during an inspection conducted by the Health Department.

§ 17-38-105. Exceptions.

This chapter shall not apply to:

- (1) The installation, maintenance, repair, or renovation of fire protection sprinkler systems and related mechanical appurtenances beginning at a point where the pipe or piping system provides water used exclusively for these automatic sprinklers and their related appurtenances, and to standpipes connected to automatic sprinkler systems;
- (2) The construction, installation, maintenance, repair, renovation, or removal of pipe or piping systems and related mechanical appurtenances, appliances, or equipment used in connection with boilers or related pressure pipe, as defined in § 20-23-101, commercial or residential swimming pools or irrigation sprinkler systems from a point or location in a source of potable water supply at which point or location there exists any approved backflow preventer; or

(3) Piping, fixtures, appurtenances, and appliances for, and in connection with, liquefied petroleum gas systems as defined in § 15-75-101.

§ 17-38-201. Powers and duties.

(a) The board shall have the following powers:

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

(2) To have general supervision of all plumbing and shall, according to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., prescribe and publish and enforce minimum reasonable standards which shall be uniform as far as practicable. The Director of the Department of Health or any employee of the department designated by the board may act for the board, except in adoption of rules and regulations;

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

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

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

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

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

(b) As used in subdivision (a) (6) (A) of this section, "qualified agency" means any individual, firm, corporation or company which either in person or through a representative is engaged in and is responsible for the installation, replacement or repair of consumer gas piping, or the connection, installation, repair or servicing of gas utilization equipment, and is experienced in such work and familiar with all precautions required and has complied with all requirements of the board and department and the codes and regulations.

(c) The board shall, by regulation, prescribe rules and regulations governing plumbing apprentice training committees and, in cooperation with educational authorities, assist in related training programs for plumbers.

(d) The department may exercise such powers as are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. Among other things, it may:

(1) Employ competent supervisors who shall be licensed plumbers or licensed engineers, employ other assistants, and prescribe qualifications and assign duties for the supervisors and assistants;

(2) Conduct investigations and experiments for the advancement of technical knowledge relating to plumbing and hold public meetings and attend or be represented at the meetings within or without the state;

(3) Enter and inspect at reasonable hours plumbing installations on private or public property and disseminate information relative to the provisions of this chapter;

(4) Prepare and cause to be printed such codes, bulletins, or other documents as may be necessary and furnish copies thereof to those engaged in the plumbing business and to the public upon request;

(5) Charge a reasonable fee for plumbing inspections;

(6) Furnish, upon request of the owner of the building or of the plumber making the plumbing installation, recommendations or a certificate of inspection;

(7) Issue restricted licenses limited to gas fitter, residential and governmental maintenance, service line installation, solar mechanic, and hospital maintenance licenses if the licensee has demonstrated competency for the particular phase of plumbing for which the person is licensed and if the board has adopted regulations defining restrictions in the type of work allowed, geographical area served, and term of the type of restricted license;

(8) Prepare a list giving the names and addresses of all licensed plumbers and registered apprentice plumbers.

(1) The board shall prescribe rules and regulations as to the qualifications, examination, and licensing of master and journeyman plumbers and for the registration of plumbing apprentices.

(2) The State Board of health shall publish a list giving the names and addresses of all licensed plumbers, registered plumbers, and city plumbing inspectors.

(e) The board may issue special licenses and restricted licenses including, but not limited to, gas licenses and other licenses which may cover a special phase of plumbing, provided that the licensee has demonstrated competency for the particular phase of plumbing for which the person is licensed.

(f) The department shall issue a restricted gas utility license to all gas utilities having gas servicemen. The license shall cover all of the servicemen of the utility if the utility requires each

serviceman to be specially trained for this service. The utility shall be responsible to the department for each serviceman and shall provide an identification card showing the utility name, utility license number, and the restricted service of the serviceman. The utility shall register each serviceman and his serial number with the department.

Amended by Acts of 1993, Act 638, § 1, eff. March 22, 1993; Acts of 1995, Act 982, § 1, eff. April 6, 1995. Amended by Acts 1217 March 19, 2003

§ 17-38-202. Committee of Plumbing Examiners

(a) The board shall appoint a Committee of Plumbing Examiners consisting of seven (7) voting members, prescribe their qualifications, and assign their duties. Two (2) of the members shall be master plumbers, one (1) a journeyman plumber, one (1) a professional engineer with special expertise in plumbing design, two (2) shall be consumers, and one (1) a representative of the department.

(b) The member from the Department of Health shall serve on the committee until replaced by the Director of the Department of Health.

(c) The term of office for the remaining members shall be for a staggered term of four (4) years. The board may remove a member for cause.

(d) When so directed, the Committee of Plumbing Examiners and other employees of the department shall serve the board in an advisory capacity in the formulating of rules and regulations to be adopted by the board.

(e) Those members of the Committee of Plumbing Examiners who are not employees of the State of Arkansas may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

(f) The Director of the Plumbing and Natural Gas Section of the department shall serve as executive secretary for the committee.

Amended by Acts of 1997, Act 250, § 144, eff. Feb. 24, 1997. Amended by Acts 1217,

§ 17-38-203. Training; regulation by board

(a) The board shall by regulation prescribe rules and regulations governing plumbing apprentice training committees and, in cooperation with educational authorities, assist in related training programs for plumbers.

(b) Any university, college, or school offering a full-time recognized course in plumbing or any recognized national educational program is exempt from the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, provided that the educational program meets or exceeds the national plumbing apprenticeship requirements.

§ 17-38-204. Regulatory authority of city, town, etc.

(a) Any city, town, or county having a system of either water, sewerage, or gas utility, or a combination of utilities, by ordinance, rules, regulations, or customer contract, shall prescribe rules and regulations governing the regulations of plumbing not in conflict and equal to or exceeding the minimum standards prescribed by the department.

(b) No plumbing installation shall be installed in any building within this state except in accordance with or exceeding the minimum requirements of the department.

(c) No plumbing installation shall be started without the prescribed licenses, permits, and acceptable review of plans and specifications when required.

(d) Any city, town, sewerage district, water district, sewer association, water association, utility gas system, or county having a system of either water, sewerage, or gas utility, or a combination of utilities, shall set up a system of permits and inspections to assure that the public health and safety is protected.

(e) Reasonable fees for inspections may be charged.

(f) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any city, town, or county from having full authority to provide full supervision of the inspection of plumbing and plumbers by enactment of ordinances or regulations by the legal local government body.

(g) However, where a system of either water, sewerage, or gas has been or will be established which has not provided for a local board or inspector to supervise plumbing or gas, the department may take immediate charge and entire control of the plumbing inspection program. The board shall prescribe full regulations including permits, permit fees, and inspections.

(h) When the plumbing control program of any county, city, town, water district, water association, sewerage district, sewer association, or water, sewer, or gas utility fails to provide a program at least equal to the minimum requirements of the department, the department shall take measures to assure that the minimum state requirements are met to protect the public health and safety of the county, city, town, water district, water association, sewerage district, or water, sewer, or gas utility.

§ 17-38-205. Fees or payments; deposit

(a) All fees or payments of any type collected by the board under this chapter shall be deposited in the State Treasury on or before the fifth day of the month next following the month of collection thereof, and the Treasurer of State shall credit the fees or deposits to the credit of the "Plumbers Licensing Fund", which is hereby created.

(b) All funds deposited in the Plumbers Licensing Fund shall be used for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the plumbers licensing and inspection services of the State Board of Health.

(c) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is authorized, from time to time, to make transfers of moneys in the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund as loans to the Plumbers Licensing Fund to be used for maintenance and operation of the plumbers licensing and plumbing inspection program of the Department of Health. Any moneys loaned from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund to the Plumbers Licensing Fund shall be repaid from fees derived from the plumbers licensing and plumbing inspection program on or before the last day of the fiscal year in which the loan of the funds is made.

(d) All moneys received from the sale or trade of motor vehicles purchased with funds from the Plumbers Licensing Fund shall be credited to the Plumbers Licensing Fund.

§ 17-38-301. Requirements; prohibitions

(a) (1) No person shall engage in work as a master plumber, journeyman plumber, apprentice plumber, or restricted license holder called for under this chapter or adopted regulations unless first licensed or registered to do so by the department.

(2) No person other than a licensed master plumber shall use or display the title "master plumber" or append his name to or in connection with such title or any other title or words which represent or may tend to represent him as a licensed master plumber.

(b) In any city or town or in any sewerage district, water district, water association, sewer association, or utility gas system, no person, firm, or corporation shall install plumbing unless a licensed master or restricted licensed plumber is in charge at all times who shall be responsible for proper installation. No license shall be transferable. It shall be unlawful for any licensed plumber to allow the use of his license, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of obtaining local permits for others. He shall not allow the use of his license by others to install plumbing work.

(c) No person shall act as a plumbing inspector in this state without first obtaining a certificate of competency as a plumbing inspector which shall be issued by the department. The department may issue special certification for special phases of plumbing and may issue an inspector-in-training certificate to duly appointed plumbing inspectors.

§ 17-38-302. Exemptions

The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

- (1) Plumbing work done by a property owner in a building owned and occupied by him as his home, except where the license is required by local ordinance; or

- (2) Work done on buildings whose primary use is agricultural located outside the incorporated limits of any city or town, unless the buildings are connected to a public water system, sewerage system, or gas utility system.
- (3) Minor repairs consisting of repairing minor working parts of plumbing, fixtures, or the removal of stoppages;
- (4) Individuals certifying or repairing backflow devices within the scope of the plumbing system, if the individuals hold a certificate of competency from the Department of Health Plumbing and Natural Gas Program; or
- (5) The construction, installation, maintenance, repair, renovation, or removal of a storm sewer system not connected to a sanitary sewer system.

§ 17-38-303. Temporary permits;

The Committee of plumbing examiners of the State Board of Health may issue temporary revocable permits to master and journeyman plumber license applicants pending examination. The board shall make rules and prescribe procedure governing the issuance of the permits.

§ 17-38-304. Applications; master or journeyman plumber

(a) Application for a master or journeyman plumber examination, temporary permit, or license shall be made to the department with fees.

(b) No license or permit shall be transferable.

(c) Unless the applicant is entitled to a renewal of license, a license shall be issued only after the applicant passes a satisfactory examination showing fitness.

(d) (1) An applicant for the master plumber examination shall have a minimum of five (5) years of plumbing experience.

(2) An applicant for the journeyman plumber examination shall have a minimum of four (4) years of plumbing experience.

(e) The Committee of Plumbing Examiners shall approve an applicant for master or journeyman plumber examination provided that the applicant is currently licensed as a master or journeyman plumber in another state or political subdivision of that state whose plumbing laws and codes are similar to those of this state.

(f) The Committee of Plumbing Examiners may approve an applicant for examination who is not currently licensed in another state or its political subdivision or who has no plumber licensing background, provided the applicant shows proof of experience as a plumber in accordance with subsection (d) of this section. The proof of experience may be in the form of

records, affidavits, or bona fide evidence from licensing agencies, former employers, or from persons who can attest to the applicant's work background as a plumber.

(g) The Committee of Plumbing Examiners may consider applicants for the master plumber examination who are registered professional engineers with special expertise in plumbing engineering.

(h) Individuals applying for and obtaining a license as a journeyman plumber shall be eligible for the master plumber examination after being licensed as journeyman plumber for one (1) year. In cases of extreme hardship, the Committee of Plumbing Examiners may waive the one-year requirement in whole or in part.

(i) The Committee of Plumbing Examiners shall consider an apprentice plumber for the journeyman plumber examination provided the apprentice plumber has successfully completed the training as defined under the plumber apprenticeship regulations.

§ 17-38-305. License or examination fees

By regulation and after public hearings, the board may set reasonable license or examination fees for all licenses called for under this chapter including, but not limited to, master plumber licenses, journeyman plumber licenses, apprentice plumber registration, gas utility licenses, and restricted plumber licenses.

§ 17-38-306. Regular and special examinations

Regular examinations shall be held at least twice a year, and special examinations may be held at such time and place as may be fixed by the department.

§ 17-38-307. Address change; notice requirement

Every holder of a license shall promptly notify the board of any change of his business address.

§ 17-38-308. Renewal; expiration

(a) All licenses shall be renewed annually within thirty (30) days after the expiration date of the license. The department may renew a license after the thirty-day period if there is sufficient reason for not renewing the license in the time specified and after payment of penalties as prescribed by regulation.

(b) The department may set a system of staggered expiration dates for all licenses issued by the department.

(c) The department may issue permits for less than one (1) year. The cost of such permits shall be determined based upon the number of months the permit is valid divided by twelve (12) months multiplied by the amount of the annual permit fee.

§ 17-38-309. Suspension or revocation; reasons

The Committee of Plumbing Examiners, on its own motion, may make investigations and conduct hearings and, on its own motion or upon complaint in writing signed and verified by the complainant, and upon not less than ten (10) days' notice to the licensee, may suspend any plumber's license or temporary permit if the committee has reason to believe, and may revoke the license or permit in the manner provided in § 17-38-310 if it finds, that the holder of the license or permit has:

- (1) Made a material misstatement in the application for license or renewal thereof or for temporary permit;
- (2) Demonstrated incompetence to act as a license holder; or
- (3) Has willfully violated any provisions of this chapter or any rule, regulation, or order prescribed by the board.

§ 17-38-310. Suspension or revocation; format

(a) Suspensions, revocations, civil penalties, and all other such actions regarding licensure, registration, permitting, certification, apprenticeship, and all appeals to the State Board of Health taken from such actions shall be conducted in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

(b) Any member of the Committee of Plumbing Examiners, or a representative designated by the Committee of Plumbing Examiners, or any member of the State Board of Health, or a representative designated by the Board shall have the authority to administer oaths for the taking of testimony.

(c) One (1) year after the date of revocation, an application may be made for a new license.

Amended by Acts of 1995, Act 788, Amended by Acts 1217, March 19, 2003

§ 17-38-311. Restrictive lifetime master plumber license

(a) Upon reaching the age of sixty-five (65) or any time thereafter, any person who has been a licensed master plumber licensed by the Arkansas Department of Health for not less than twelve (12) years may apply for a restricted lifetime master plumber license. This license shall be issued upon satisfactory proof of age and upon payment of a fee prescribed by the department.

(b) The Department of Health shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

§ 17-38-401. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Apprentice plumber" means any person other than a journeyman or master plumber who is engaged in learning and assisting in the installation of plumbing and drainage and enrolled in a state-approved apprentice program;

(2) "Board" means the State Board of Vocational Education; and

(3) "Department" means the Department of Education.

§ 17-38-402. State Board of Vocational Education

The board shall have the following powers:

(1) To insure that all persons working as apprentice plumbers are properly registered;

(2) To adopt rules and regulations as to the qualifications, training, and supervision of apprentice plumbers subject to the approval of the Department of Health;

(3) To adopt rules and regulations establishing the roles and duties of the following organizations or officials in the plumbing apprenticeship program in compliance with the National Plumbing Standards as approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training:

(A) The Vocational and Technical Education Division of the Department of Education;

(B) The State Apprenticeship Committee; and

(C) The local apprenticeship committee; and

(4) To review and approve a correspondence course for apprentice plumbers in hardship cases, provided that:

(A) The department will maintain the responsibility for a correspondence course. However, the department shall delegate the administration of the correspondence course to the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the Department of Education;

(B) The correspondence course material shall be developed by the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the Department of Education, subject to the approval of the State Apprenticeship Committee and the Department of Health, and made available and to be implemented by the local apprenticeship committee; and

(C) The apprentice is tested for adequate progress no less than four (4) times a year.

§ 17-38-403. State Apprenticeship Committees; appointment, etc.

(a) The State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities shall appoint a State Apprenticeship Committee consisting of seven (7) voting members as follows:

(1) Two (2) shall be Arkansas state-licensed journeyman plumbers;

(2) One (1) shall be a citizen member; and

(3) Four (4) shall be Arkansas state –licensed master plumbers.

(b) (1) One (1) of the voting members shall be appointed from each congressional district and three (3) of the voting members shall be appointed from the state at large.

(2) At least three (3) of the six (6) journeyman and master plumber members must be members of existing functioning local apprenticeship committees.

(c) The Director of the Department of Workforce Education, or his or her designee, shall serve as a nonvoting advisory member to the committee.

(d) Voting members shall serve four- year terms.

(e) The members of the committee may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with 25-16-901 et seq.

(f) The board shall prescribe their qualifications and prescribe their duties.

(g) The board may remove a member for cause.

Amended by Acts of 1997, Act 250, § 145, eff. Feb. 24, 1997. Amended by Acts 1217, March 19, 2003

§ 17-38-404. Criteria for eligibility; hardship status

(a)(1) The local apprenticeship committee shall establish criteria for eligibility for hardship status. The applicant for hardship status must reside at least thirty (30) miles by the most direct route from the nearest established apprenticeship school.

(2) The thirty-mile criterion is a minimum qualification to be considered as hardship, and complete qualifications will be established by the local or state committee.

(b) If the local committee does not act on the application within forty-five (45) days of the date it was filed, the application shall be automatically transmitted to the State Apprenticeship Committee, which shall act on the application at its next regularly scheduled meeting after receipt thereof.

(c) If the state committee fails to act, the application shall be automatically transmitted to the board, which shall act on the application within forty-five (45) days after receipt.

§ 17-38-405. Appeals; decisions on hardship application

(a) The decision of the local committee regarding the hardship application may be appealed to the State Apprenticeship Committee, and the State Apprenticeship Committee shall act on the appeal at its next regularly scheduled meeting upon receipt of the appeal.

(b) The decision of the State Apprenticeship Committee may be appealed to the board. The board shall act on the appeal within forty-five (45) days of receipt.

(c) All actions of the State Apprenticeship Committee may be appealed to the board in accordance with the board's established policies.

§ 17-38-406. Repealed

§ 17-38-407. Correspondence courses; fees

The department is authorized to charge reasonable fees to those persons approved for correspondence courses for the costs of development, procurement, administration, and material associated with the correspondence course.

§ 17-38-408. Apprentice Plumbers Training Fund

(a) All fees or payments of any type collected by the department under this subchapter shall be deposited in the State Treasury on or before the fifth day of the month next following the month of collection of the fees or payments. The Treasurer of State shall credit the fees or payments to the credit of the Apprentice Plumbers Training Fund which is hereby created on the books of the Treasurer of State.

(b) All funds deposited in the Apprentice Plumbers Training Fund shall be used for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the apprentice plumbers training program administered by the department.