

House Bill 277

By: Representative Campbell of the 42nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-14-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 definitions relative to the licensing of electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air
3 contractors, low-voltage contractors, and utility contractors, so as to change the definition
4 of the term "plumbing"; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 43-14-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the definitions
8 relative to the licensing of electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors,
9 low-voltage contractors, and utility contractors, is amended by striking paragraph (12) in its
10 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(12) 'Plumbing' means the practice of installing, maintaining, altering, or repairing
12 piping fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with sanitary drainage or
13 storm drainage facilities, venting systems, medical gas piping systems, backflow
14 preventers, or public or private water supply systems within or adjacent to any building,
15 structure, or conveyance; provided, however, that after July 1, 1997, only master
16 plumbers and journeyman plumbers who have been certified by the Division of Master
17 Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers to perform such tasks shall be authorized to install,
18 maintain, alter, or repair medical gas piping systems; and, provided, further, that after
19 July 1, 2001, only master plumbers and journeyman plumbers who have been certified
20 by the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers to perform such tasks
21 shall be authorized to install, maintain, alter, test, or repair backflow preventers. The
22 term 'plumbing' also includes the practice of and materials used in installing, maintaining,
23 extending, or altering the storm-water or sewerage and water supply systems of any
24 premises to their connection with any point of public disposal or other acceptable
25 terminal. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any person who holds a
26 valid master plumbing license or any company which holds a valid utility contractor

1 license shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system which extends
2 from the property line up to but not within five feet of any building, structure, or
3 conveyance, regardless of the cost or depth of any such plumbing system."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.