

House Bill 286

By: Representatives Powell of the 23rd, Jamieson of the 22nd, Cash of the 108th and McCall of the 90th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 43-14-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
9 applicable under Chapter 14 of Title 43 with respect to the regulation of electrical
10 contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low-voltage contractors, and utility
11 contractors, is amended by striking paragraph (5) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
12 a new paragraph (5) to read as follows:

13 "(5) 'Conditioned air equipment' means heating and air-conditioning equipment covered
14 under state codes and the natural gas piping system on the outlet side of the gas meter."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Said Code section is further amended by striking paragraph (12) in its entirety and inserting
17 in lieu thereof a new paragraph (12) to read as follows:

18 "(12) 'Plumbing' means the practice of installing, maintaining, altering, or repairing
19 piping fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with sanitary drainage or
20 storm drainage facilities, venting systems, medical gas piping systems, natural gas
21 piping systems, or public or private water supply systems within or adjacent to any
22 building, structure, or conveyance; provided, however, that after July 1, 1997, only
23 master plumbers and journeyman plumbers who have been certified by the Division of
24 Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers to perform such tasks shall be authorized
25 to install, maintain, alter, or repair medical gas piping systems. The term 'plumbing'

1 also includes the practice of and materials used in installing, maintaining, extending,
2 or altering the natural gas, storm-water, ~~or~~ sewerage, and water supply systems of any
3 premises to their connection with any point of public disposal or other acceptable
4 terminal. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any person who holds
5 a valid master plumbing license or any company which holds a valid utility contractor
6 license shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system which
7 extends from the property line up to but not within five feet of any building, structure,
8 or conveyance, regardless of the cost or depth of any such plumbing system."

9 **SECTION 3.**

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