

House Bill 327

By: Representatives Powell of the 23rd, Ehrhart of the 28th and Boggs of the 145th

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, so as to provide that the term "conditioned air equipment" and the term
3 "plumbing" include natural gas piping systems on the outlet side of the gas meter; to provide
4 an effective date; 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 definitions, is
8 amended by striking paragraphs (5) and (12) and inserting in lieu thereof new paragraphs (5)
9 and (12) to read as follows:

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

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

1 property line up to but not within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance,
2 regardless of the cost or depth of any such plumbing system."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
5 without such approval.

6 **SECTION 3.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.