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SUMMARY

- Removes the authority for certification of plumbing inspectors from the Division of Industrial Compliance.
- Leaves Board of Building Standards certification of plumbing inspectors in place.
- Prohibits the Division from conducting plumbing inspections only when a health district has notified the Division in writing of its intent to inspect plumbing within its jurisdiction and it either employs or retains under contract a certified plumbing inspector.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Plumbing inspector certification

Under existing law, the Division of Industrial Compliance and the Board of Building Standards, both state entities under the Department of Commerce, are responsible for plumbing inspections and authorized to certify plumbing inspectors. The bill removes responsibility for the certification of plumbing inspectors from the Division of Industrial Compliance's responsibility and leaves Board of Building Standards certification of plumbing inspectors in place.¹

Plumbing inspection and jurisdiction

Under existing law, the Division of Industrial Compliance is generally required to (1) inspect all nonresidential buildings, (2) condemn all unsanitary or defective plumbing that is found in connection with these places, and (3) order changes in plumbing necessary to insure the safety of the public health. Local building departments and local boards of health may also conduct plumbing inspections. Under current law, revised in part by the bill, if a building is in a

¹ R.C. 3703.01(B)(4), (D), and (E), 3703.03, and R.C. 3781.10, not in the bill.

health district that employs a certified plumbing inspector, the law prohibits the Division from conducting the plumbing inspection. The bill, instead, prohibits the Division from conducting plumbing inspections only when the health district has notified the Division in writing of its intent to inspect plumbing within its jurisdiction and that it either employs or retains under contract a plumbing inspector that is certified by the Board of Building Standards.² Under law, unchanged by the bill, a board of health in a health district may contract with a local building department or a board of health in another district to conduct plumbing inspections in that district.³

HISTORY

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² R.C. 3703.01(B)(1)(b) and conforming changes in (c) and (d).

³ R.C. 3703.01(C).