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1 AN ACT Relating to plumbing contractors; amending RCW 18.106.010,
2 18.106.020, 18.106.100, 18.106.150, 18.106.180, 18.106.220, 18.106.270,
3 18.106.320, and 18.27.010; adding new sections to chapter 18.106 RCW;
4 and prescribing penalties.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.106.010 and 2006 c 185 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
9 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

10 (1) "Advisory board" means the state advisory board of plumbers.

11 (2) "Plumbing contractor" means any person, corporate or otherwise,
12 who engages in, or offers or advertises to engage in, any work covered
13 by the provisions of this chapter by way of trade or business, or any
14 person, corporate or otherwise, who employs anyone, or offers or
15 advertises to employ anyone, to engage in any work covered by the
16 provisions of this chapter.

17 (3) "Department" means the department of labor and industries.

18 (4) "Director" means the director of department of labor and
19 industries.

1 (5) "Journeyman plumber" means any person who has been issued a
2 certificate of competency by the department of labor and industries as
3 provided in this chapter.

4 (6) "Like-in-kind" means having similar characteristics such as
5 plumbing size, type, and function, and being in the same location.

6 (7) "Medical gas piping" means oxygen, nitrous oxide, high pressure
7 nitrogen, medical compressed air, and medical vacuum systems.

8 (8) "Medical gas piping installer" means a journeyman plumber who
9 has been issued a medical gas piping installer endorsement.

10 (9) "Plumbing" means that craft involved in installing, altering,
11 repairing and renovating potable water systems, liquid waste systems,
12 and medical gas piping systems within a building. Installation in a
13 water system of water softening or water treatment equipment is not
14 within the meaning of plumbing as used in this chapter.

15 (10) "Specialty plumber" means anyone who has been issued a
16 specialty certificate of competency limited to:

17 (a) Installation, maintenance, and repair of the plumbing of
18 single-family dwellings, duplexes, and apartment buildings that do not
19 exceed three stories;

20 (b) Maintenance and repair of backflow prevention assemblies; or

21 (c) A domestic water pumping system consisting of the installation,
22 maintenance, and repair of the pressurization, treatment, and
23 filtration components of a domestic water system consisting of: One or
24 more pumps; pressure, storage, and other tanks; filtration and
25 treatment equipment; if appropriate, a pitless adapter; along with
26 valves, transducers, and other plumbing components that:

27 (i) Are used to acquire, treat, store, or move water suitable for
28 either drinking or other domestic purposes, including irrigation, to:

29 (A) A single-family dwelling, duplex, or other similar place of
30 residence; (B) a public water system, as defined in RCW 70.119.020 and
31 as limited under RCW 70.119.040; or (C) a farm owned and operated by a
32 person whose primary residence is located within thirty miles of any
33 part of the farm;

34 (ii) Are located within the interior space, including but not
35 limited to an attic, basement, crawl space, or garage, of a residential
36 structure, which space is separated from the living area of the
37 residence by a lockable entrance and fixed walls, ceiling, or floor;

1 (iii) If located within the interior space of a residential
2 structure, are connected to a plumbing distribution system supplied and
3 installed into the interior space by either: (A) A person who,
4 pursuant to RCW 18.106.070 or 18.106.090, possesses a valid temporary
5 permit or certificate of competency as a journeyman plumber, specialty
6 plumber, or trainee, as defined in this chapter; or (B) a person exempt
7 from the requirement to obtain a certified plumber to do such plumbing
8 work under RCW 18.106.150.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.106 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) Except as provided otherwise in this chapter, it is unlawful
12 for:

13 (a) Any person to engage in business as a plumbing contractor,
14 within the state, without having been issued a valid registration as a
15 contractor under chapter 18.27 RCW; and

16 (b) Any person, on or after June 30, 2013, to engage in business as
17 a plumbing contractor, within the state, without having been issued a
18 valid registration as a plumbing contractor from the department.

19 (2) The department shall prescribe an application form to be used
20 to apply for a plumbing contractor registration under this chapter, and
21 shall ensure that the person applying for a plumbing contractor
22 registration is also a registered general or specialty contractor under
23 chapter 18.27 RCW before it issues that person a plumbing contractor
24 registration.

25 (3) To obtain a plumbing contractor registration, the applicant
26 must employ a full-time individual who currently possess a valid
27 plumber's certificate of competency. The plumbing contractor may not
28 engage in work exceeding the scope of the full-time individual who
29 possesses a valid certificate of competency.

30 (4) Regardless of when the plumbing contractor registration is
31 issued, it becomes suspended, revoked, expired, or renewed at the same
32 time as the registration issued under chapter 18.27 RCW.

33 (5) No bond or security, in addition to that required of
34 contractors under chapter 18.27 RCW, is required of a plumbing
35 contractor under this chapter.

36 (6) This section does not apply to:

1 (a) A person who is contracting for plumbing work on his or her own
2 residence, unless the plumbing work is on a building that is for rent,
3 sale, or lease; or

4 (b) A person who is specifically exempted under RCW 18.27.090 from
5 contractor registration requirements.

6 (7) The director shall establish an application fee by rule to
7 implement this section.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.106 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) A certificate, license, endorsement, or registration issued
11 under this chapter may be suspended, revoked, or subject to civil
12 penalty by the department for any of the following reasons:

13 (a) Any false statement as to a material matter in the application;

14 (b) Fraud, misrepresentation, or bribery in securing the
15 certificate, license, endorsement, or registration;

16 (c) A violation of any provision of this chapter; or

17 (d) If the plumbing contractor does not employ a full-time
18 individual who currently possess a valid plumber's certificate of
19 competency.

20 (2) The department must remove a suspension or reinstate a revoked
21 certificate, license, endorsement, or registration if the licensee pays
22 all the assessed civil penalties and is able to demonstrate to the
23 department that the licensee has met all the qualifications established
24 under this chapter.

25 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.106.020 and 2009 c 36 s 2 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

27 (1) No person may engage in or offer to engage in the trade of
28 plumbing without having a journeyman certificate, specialty
29 certificate, temporary permit, or trainee certificate and photo
30 identification in his or her possession. The department may establish
31 by rule a requirement that the person also wear and visibly display his
32 or her certificate or permit. A trainee must be supervised by a person
33 who has a journeyman certificate, specialty certificate, or temporary
34 permit, as specified in RCW 18.106.070. No contractor may employ a
35 person to engage in or offer to engage in the trade of plumbing unless
36 the (~~person employed~~) contractor is a registered plumbing contractor

1 under this chapter, has at least one full-time individual who possesses
2 a valid certificate of competency, and the person performing the
3 plumbing work has a journeyman certificate, specialty certificate,
4 temporary permit, or trainee certificate. This section does not apply
5 to a contractor who is contracting for work on his or her own
6 residence. (~~Until July 1, 2007, the department shall issue a written~~
7 ~~warning to any specialty plumber defined by RCW 18.106.010(10)(c) not~~
8 ~~having a valid plumber certification. The warning will state that the~~
9 ~~individual must apply for a plumber training certificate or be~~
10 ~~qualified for and apply for plumber certification under the~~
11 ~~requirements in RCW 18.106.040 within thirty calendar days of the~~
12 ~~warning. Only one warning will be issued to any individual. If the~~
13 ~~individual fails to comply with this section, the department shall~~
14 ~~issue a penalty or penalties as authorized by this chapter.))~~

15 (2) No person may engage in or offer to engage in medical gas
16 piping installation without having a certificate of competency as a
17 journeyman plumber and a medical gas piping installer endorsement and
18 photo identification in his or her possession. The department may
19 establish by rule a requirement that the person also wear and visibly
20 display his or her endorsement. A trainee may engage in medical gas
21 piping installation if he or she has a training certificate and is
22 supervised by a person with a medical gas piping installer endorsement.
23 No plumbing contractor may employ a person to engage in or offer to
24 engage in medical gas piping installation unless the person employed
25 has a certificate of competency as a journeyman plumber and a medical
26 gas piping installer endorsement.

27 (3) No contractor may advertise, offer to do work, submit a bid, or
28 perform any work under this chapter without being registered as a
29 plumbing contractor under this chapter and chapter 18.27 RCW.

30 (4) A violation of this ((section)) chapter is an infraction. Each
31 day in which a person engages in the trade of plumbing in violation of
32 this ((section)) chapter or employs a person in violation of this
33 ((section)) chapter is a separate infraction. Each worksite at which
34 a person engages in the trade of plumbing in violation of this
35 ((section)) chapter or at which a person is employed in violation of
36 this ((section)) chapter is a separate infraction.

37 (5) Notices of infractions for violations of this ((section))
38 chapter may be issued to:

1 (a) The person engaging in or offering to engage in the trade of
2 plumbing in violation of this (~~section~~) chapter;

3 (b) The plumbing contractor in violation of this (~~section~~)
4 chapter; (~~and~~)

5 (c) The plumbing contractor's employee who authorized the work
6 assignment of the person employed in violation of this (~~section~~)
7 chapter;

8 (d) The plumbing contractor or person performing plumbing work on
9 a building for rent, sale, or lease; and

10 (e) The plumbing contractor or person installing, altering,
11 repairing, and renovating medical gas piping systems.

12 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 18.106 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) Individuals or corporations advertising plumbing services to
15 the public that have three or more violations of this chapter in a
16 thirty-six month period may be subject to criminal prosecution by the
17 local prosecuting attorney or the attorney general for a violation of
18 RCW 9.04.010. Costs of the prosecution must be borne by the individual
19 or corporation in violation of RCW 9.04.010 if found to be
20 noncompliant.

21 (2) Plumbing contractors may not file lawsuits or liens for
22 residential plumbing work performed by unlicensed plumbers.

23 (3) Plumbing contractors advertising and providing residential
24 consumer services must provide to the consumer a written invoice
25 describing the services rendered. The invoice must include the
26 plumbing contractor's business name, plumbing contractor registration
27 number, the plumber's first and last name, and type of license
28 (journeyman plumber, residential plumber, or plumber trainee) including
29 plumber license number. Trainee work must be clearly stated on the
30 invoice. Each failure to comply with this subsection is a separate
31 violation.

32 (4) Any individual or plumbing contractor with three or more
33 violations of this chapter for residential plumbing services is subject
34 to audit of payroll, invoicing, and work dispatch records for the
35 purpose of determining compliance with this chapter for a period of two
36 years from the date of last citation.

1 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.106.100 and 2011 c 301 s 4 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) The department may revoke or suspend a certificate of
4 competency for any of the following reasons:

5 (a) The certificate of competency or plumbing contractor
6 registration was obtained through error or fraud;

7 (b) The certificate holder is judged to be incompetent to carry on
8 the trade of plumbing as a journeyman plumber or specialty plumber;

9 (c) The certificate holder or plumbing contractor has violated any
10 provision of this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter.

11 (2) Before a certificate of competency or plumbing contractor
12 registration is revoked or suspended, the department shall send written
13 notice using a method by which the mailing can be tracked or the
14 delivery can be confirmed to the certificate holder's or plumbing
15 contractor's last known address. The notice must list the allegations
16 against the certificate holder or plumbing contractor and give him or
17 her the opportunity to request a hearing before the advisory board. At
18 the hearing, the department and the certificate holder or plumbing
19 contractor have opportunity to produce witnesses and give testimony.
20 The hearing must be conducted in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW.
21 The board shall render its decision based upon the testimony and
22 evidence presented and shall notify the parties immediately upon
23 reaching its decision. A majority of the board is necessary to render
24 a decision.

25 (3) The department may deny renewal of a certificate of competency
26 or plumbing contractor registration issued under this chapter if the
27 applicant owes outstanding penalties for a final judgment under this
28 chapter. The department shall notify the applicant of the denial using
29 a method by which the mailing can be tracked or the delivery can be
30 confirmed to the address on the application. The applicant may appeal
31 the denial within (~~twenty~~) thirty days by filing a notice of appeal
32 with the department accompanied by a certified check for two hundred
33 dollars which shall be returned to the applicant if the decision of the
34 department is not upheld by the hearings officer. The office of
35 administrative hearings shall conduct the hearing under chapter 34.05
36 RCW. If the hearings officer sustains the decision of the department,
37 the two hundred dollars must be applied to the cost of the hearing.

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.106.150 and 2003 c 399 s 402 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require that a
4 person obtain a license or a certified plumber in order to do plumbing
5 work at his or her residence or farm or place of business or on other
6 property owned by him or her.

7 (2) A current certificate of competency or apprentice permit is not
8 required for:

9 (a) Persons performing plumbing work on a farm; or

10 (b) Certified journeyman electricians, certified residential
11 specialty electricians, or electrical trainees working for an
12 electrical contractor and performing exempt work under RCW
13 18.27.090(18).

14 (3) Nothing in this chapter shall be intended to derogate from or
15 dispense with the requirements of any valid plumbing code enacted by a
16 political subdivision of the state, except that no code shall require
17 the holder of a certificate of competency to demonstrate any additional
18 proof of competency or obtain any other license or pay any fee in order
19 to engage in the trade of plumbing.

20 (4) This chapter shall not apply to common carriers subject to Part
21 I of the Interstate Commerce Act, nor to their officers and employees.

22 (5) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to apply to any
23 farm, business, industrial plant, or corporation doing plumbing work on
24 premises it owns or operates.

25 (6) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to restrict the
26 right of any householder to assist or receive assistance from a friend,
27 neighbor, relative or other person when none of the individuals doing
28 such plumbing hold themselves out as engaged in the trade or business
29 of plumbing.

30 (7) This chapter does not apply to any person working on his or her
31 own property, whether occupied by him or her or not, and any person
32 working on his or her personal residence, whether owned by him or her
33 or not; however, this exemption does not apply to (a) any person who
34 performs the activities of a contractor on his or her own property for
35 the purposes of selling, demolishing, or leasing the property, and (b)
36 the installation, alteration, repair, and renovation of medical gas
37 pipng systems.

1 **Sec. 8.** RCW 18.106.180 and 2011 c 301 s 5 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) An authorized representative of the department may issue a
4 notice of infraction as specified in RCW 18.106.020 if:

5 (a) A person who is doing plumbing work or who is offering to do
6 plumbing work fails to produce evidence of:

7 (i) Having a certificate or permit issued by the department in
8 accordance with this chapter, or being supervised by a person who has
9 such a certificate or permit; and

10 (ii) Being registered as a contractor as required under chapter
11 18.27 RCW ~~((or))~~ and registered as a plumbing contractor as required
12 under this chapter, or being employed by a person who is registered as
13 a contractor as required under chapter 18.27 RCW and registered as a
14 plumbing contractor as required under this chapter;

15 (b) A person who employs anyone, or offers or advertises to employ
16 anyone, to do plumbing work fails to produce evidence of being
17 registered as a contractor as required under chapter 18.27 RCW ~~((or))~~
18 and registered as a plumbing contractor as required under this chapter;
19 ~~((or))~~

20 (c) A plumbing contractor does not provide the department with
21 payroll records; or

22 (d) A plumbing contractor violates RCW 18.106.320.

23 (2) A notice of infraction issued under this section shall be
24 personally served on the person named in the notice by an authorized
25 representative of the department or sent using a method by which the
26 mailing can be tracked or the delivery can be confirmed to the last
27 known address provided to the department of the person named in the
28 notice.

29 **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.106.220 and 1994 c 174 s 6 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 ~~(1) ((A person who receives a notice of infraction shall respond to~~
32 ~~the notice as provided in this section within fourteen days of the date~~
33 ~~the notice was served.~~

34 ~~(2))~~ If the person named in the notice of infraction does not wish
35 to contest the notice of infraction, the person shall pay to the
36 department, by check or money order, the amount of the penalty
37 prescribed for the infraction. When a response which does not contest

1 the determination is received by the department with the appropriate
2 payment, the department shall make the appropriate entry in its
3 records.

4 ((+3+)) (2) If the person named in the notice of infraction wishes
5 to contest the notice of infraction, the person shall respond by filing
6 an answer of protest with the department specifying the grounds of
7 protest.

8 ((+4+)) (3) If any person issued a notice of infraction: (a) Fails
9 to respond to the notice of infraction as provided in subsection
10 ((+2+)) (1) of this section; or (b) fails to appear at a hearing
11 requested pursuant to subsection ((+3+)) (2) of this section((+)),
12 the administrative law judge shall enter an appropriate order assessing the
13 monetary penalty prescribed for the infraction and shall notify the
14 department of the failure to respond to the notice of infraction or to
15 appear at a requested hearing.

16 **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.106.270 and 1994 c 174 s 8 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) A person found to have committed an infraction under RCW
19 18.106.020 (~~shall~~) must be assessed a monetary penalty of two hundred
20 fifty dollars for the first infraction, and not more than one thousand
21 dollars for a second or subsequent infraction. A contractor or the
22 contractor's representative found to have committed an infraction under
23 RCW 18.106.020 must be assessed a minimum monetary penalty of five
24 hundred dollars for the first infraction, and not more than five
25 thousand dollars for a second or subsequent infraction. The department
26 shall set by rule a schedule of penalties for infractions imposed under
27 this chapter.

28 (2) The administrative law judge may not waive, reduce, or suspend
29 the monetary penalty imposed for the infraction (~~for good cause~~
30 ~~shown~~)).

31 (3) The director may waive or reduce collection of payment for good
32 cause shown.

33 (4) Any individual or plumbing contractor who acquires three
34 infractions within a thirty-six month period may have his or her
35 certificate, license, endorsement, or registration suspended for a
36 period of up to two years upon recommendation of the advisory board.

1 For the purposes of this chapter, multiple violations created by a
2 single inspection or audit is counted as one violation.

3 (5) Monetary penalties collected under this chapter shall be
4 deposited in the plumbing certificate fund.

5 **Sec. 11.** RCW 18.106.320 and 2005 c 274 s 229 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Plumbing contractors shall accurately verify and attest to the
8 trainee hours worked by plumbing trainees on behalf of the contractor
9 and that all training hours were under the supervision of a certified
10 plumber and within the proper ratio, and shall provide the supervising
11 plumbers' names and certificate numbers. However, plumbing contractors
12 are not required to identify which hours a trainee works with a
13 specific certified plumber.

14 (2) The department may audit the records of a plumbing contractor
15 that has verified the hours of experience submitted by a plumbing
16 trainee to the department under RCW 18.106.030 in the following
17 circumstances: Excessive hours were reported; hours were reported
18 outside the normal course of the plumbing contractor's business; or for
19 other similar circumstances in which the department demonstrates a
20 likelihood of excessive or improper hours being reported. The
21 department shall limit the audit to records necessary to verify hours.
22 Failure to have, maintain, or provide to the department payroll and
23 other records for each employee performing plumbing work for the
24 plumbing contractor is a violation of this chapter and an infraction
25 may be issued. The department may assess a penalty of up to five
26 thousand dollars for the failure to maintain or provide adequate
27 records. Records used to document plumbing work must be maintained for
28 a minimum of three years. The department shall adopt rules
29 implementing audit procedures. Information obtained from a plumbing
30 contractor under the provisions of this section is confidential and is
31 not open to public inspection under chapter 42.56 RCW.

32 (3) Violation of this section by a plumbing contractor is an
33 infraction.

34 **Sec. 12.** RCW 18.27.010 and 2007 c 436 s 1 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

1 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
2 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3 (1) "Contractor" includes any person, firm, corporation, or other
4 entity who or which, in the pursuit of an independent business
5 undertakes to, or offers to undertake, or submits a bid to, construct,
6 alter, repair, add to, subtract from, improve, develop, move, wreck, or
7 demolish any building, highway, road, railroad, excavation or other
8 structure, project, development, or improvement attached to real estate
9 or to do any part thereof including the installation of carpeting or
10 other floor covering, the erection of scaffolding or other structures
11 or works in connection therewith, the installation or repair of roofing
12 or siding, performing tree removal services, or cabinet or similar
13 installation; or, who, to do similar work upon his or her own property,
14 employs members of more than one trade upon a single job or project or
15 under a single building permit except as otherwise provided in this
16 chapter. "Contractor" also includes a consultant acting as a general
17 contractor. "Contractor" also includes any person, firm, corporation,
18 or other entity covered by this subsection, whether or not registered
19 as required under this chapter or who are otherwise required to be
20 registered or licensed by law, who offer to sell their property without
21 occupying or using the structures, projects, developments, or
22 improvements for more than one year from the date the structure,
23 project, development, or improvement was substantially completed or
24 abandoned.

25 (2) "Department" means the department of labor and industries.

26 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of labor and
27 industries or designated representative employed by the department.

28 (4) "Filing" means delivery of a document that is required to be
29 filed with an agency to a place designated by the agency.

30 (5) "General contractor" means a contractor whose business
31 operations require the use of more than one building trade or craft
32 upon a single job or project or under a single building permit. A
33 general contractor also includes one who superintends, or consults on,
34 in whole or in part, work falling within the definition of a
35 contractor.

36 (6) "Notice of infraction" means a form used by the department to
37 notify contractors that an infraction under this chapter has been filed
38 against them.

1 (7) "Partnership" means a business formed under Title 25 RCW.

2 (8) "Registration cancellation" means a written notice from the
3 department that a contractor's action is in violation of this chapter
4 and that the contractor's registration has been revoked.

5 (9) "Registration suspension" means either an automatic suspension
6 as provided in this chapter, or a written notice from the department
7 that a contractor's action is a violation of this chapter and that the
8 contractor's registration has been suspended for a specified time, or
9 until the contractor shows evidence of compliance with this chapter.

10 (10) "Residential homeowner" means an individual person or persons
11 owning or leasing real property:

12 (a) Upon which one single-family residence is to be built and in
13 which the owner or lessee intends to reside upon completion of any
14 construction; or

15 (b) Upon which there is a single-family residence to which
16 improvements are to be made and in which the owner or lessee intends to
17 reside upon completion of any construction.

18 (11) "Service," except as otherwise provided in RCW 18.27.225 and
19 18.27.370, means posting in the United States mail, properly addressed,
20 postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or personal service.
21 Service by mail is complete upon deposit in the United States mail to
22 the last known address provided to the department.

23 (12) "Specialty contractor" means a contractor whose operations do
24 not fall within the definition of "general contractor". A specialty
25 contractor may only subcontract work that is incidental to the
26 specialty contractor's work.

27 (13) "Substantial completion" means the same as "substantial
28 completion of construction" in RCW 4.16.310.

29 (14) "Unregistered contractor" means a person, firm, corporation,
30 or other entity doing work as a contractor without being registered in
31 compliance with this chapter. "Unregistered contractor" includes
32 contractors whose registration is expired, revoked, or suspended.
33 "Unregistered contractor" does not include a contractor who has
34 maintained a valid bond and the insurance or assigned account required
35 by RCW 18.27.050, and whose registration has lapsed for thirty or fewer
36 days.

37 (15) "Unsatisfied final judgment" means a judgment or final tax

1 warrant that has not been satisfied either through payment, court
2 approved settlement, discharge in bankruptcy, or assignment under RCW
3 19.72.070.

4 (16) "Verification" means the receipt and duplication by the city,
5 town, or county of a contractor registration card that is current on
6 its face, checking the department's contractor registration database,
7 or calling the department to confirm that the contractor is registered.

8 (17) "Plumbing contractor" means any person, corporate or
9 otherwise, who engages in, or offers or advertises to engage in, any
10 work covered by the provisions of chapter 18.106 RCW by way of trade or
11 business, or any person, corporate or otherwise, who employs anyone, or
12 offers or advertises to employ anyone, to engage in any work covered by
13 the provisions of chapter 18.106 RCW. A plumbing contractor must be
14 registered both as a contractor under this chapter and as a plumbing
15 contractor under chapter 18.106 RCW.

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