



Senate of Pennsylvania

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Edwin B. Erickson *EBE*

DATE: December 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Cosponsorship of Legislation – State Licensure of Plumbers

I intend to reintroduce legislation that creates a state plumbers licensing program. Last session's bill passed the Senate and House committees but ran out of time for final enactment. The bill I plan to introduce will incorporate the House amendments that change the bill from a practice act to a title act (i.e. it regulates who can call themselves a state licensed plumbing contractor rather than who can perform that service). It also includes the House language that clarifies that Allegheny and Philadelphia Counties can keep their plumbing programs as they presently exist.

The legislation will establish minimum standards that individuals must meet in order to obtain a state license. A plumbing contractors licensure board will be created in order to issue licenses, develop regulations, and administer the provisions of the Act. The bill's primary purpose is to protect the public health. At the same time, it will make reciprocity with other states that license plumbers a simple matter.

If you would like to join me in sponsoring this legislation, please contact Linda Kauffman at 7-1350 or lkauffman@pasen.gov.