NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON MINIMUM PLUMBING STANDARDS IN THE REGULATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Standards and Safety Division proposes to change regulations on the minimum plumbing standards for the state.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development proposes to adopt regulation changes in <u>8 AAC 63.010</u> of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with minimum plumbing standards for the state, including the following:

- (1) 8 AAC 63.010 is proposed to be changed as follows: Update from the currently adopted 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) to the 2015 Uniform Plumbing Code, to include sectional changes reflecting changes between additions.
- (2) 8 AAC 63.010 is proposed to be changed as follows: Move a revision to UPC section 1210.2.3 from 8 AAC 63.010(a)(1)(C)(i) to replace the formerly repealed 8 AAC 63.010(a)(1)(A).
- (3) 8 AAC 63.010(a)(1)(B) is proposed to be repealed. The intended effect of this repeal is to eliminate unnecessary language. This amendment to the UPC is addressed in the 2015 edition in sections 507.5 and 608.5.
- (4) 8 AAC 63.010(a)(1)(C) is proposed to be repealed. The intended effect of this repeal is to eliminate unnecessary language. This amendment to the UPC is addressed in the 2015 edition in article 12.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to William Harlan, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Labor Standards and Safety, 1251 Muldoon Road, Suite 113, Anchorage, AK 99504. Additionally, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Labor Standards and Safety will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 269-4932 and by electronic mail at anchorage.lss-mi@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on July 5, 2017.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to William Harlan, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Labor Standards and Safety at 1251 Muldoon Road, Suite 113, Anchorage, AK 99504 or by electronic mail at anchorage.lss-mi @alaska.gov. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Labor Standards and Safety will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and the Division of Labor Standards and Safety's website.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Shannon Devon at (907) 465-6002 no later than June 21, 2017 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

Copies of the *Uniform Plumbing Code*, 2015 Edition, adopted by reference in 8 AAC 63.010, are available for inspection at regional offices of the Mechanical Inspection Section located in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks, Alaska. The *Uniform Plumbing Code*, 2015 Edition also may be viewed through the publisher's website at http://epubs.iapmo.org/UPC/.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

Statutory authority: AS 18.60.710.

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 08.60.705.

Fiscal information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Date: 6/

Heidi Drygas, Commissioner

Department of Labor and Workforce Development