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Primary Sponsors: Reps. West and Kelly

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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 in the Department of Commerce, are responsible for plumbing inspections and required to certify plumbing inspectors. The bill eliminates the Division of Industrial Compliance's responsibility to certify plumbing inspectors but leaves the Board of Building Standard's certification responsibility 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 ensure 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 Division from conducting the plumbing inspection. The bill, instead, prohibits the Division from conducting plumbing inspections only when the health district given the Division written notice that (1) it intends to inspect plumbing within its jurisdiction, and (2) it either employs a Board of Building Standards certified plumbing inspector or retains one under contract.² Under continuing law, unchanged by the bill, a board of health may contract with a local building department or a board of health in another district to conduct plumbing inspections on its behalf.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).