

HOUSE BILL 279

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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AN ACT

RELATING TO SOLAR COLLECTORS; PROMULGATING RULES FOR PERMITS;
AMENDING A DEFINITION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Construction Industries
Licensing Act is enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ SOLAR COLLECTORS--SOLAR CONSTRUCTION
PERMITS--TRADE BUREAU.--The division, the commission and the
energy, minerals and natural resources department shall jointly
promulgate rules to establish a uniform procedure for the
issuance of permits for the construction and installation of
solar collectors and to define the trade bureau having
jurisdiction over the construction and installation of solar
collectors."

SECTION 2. Section 60-13-32 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967,

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1 Chapter 199, Section 35, as amended) is amended to read:

2 "60-13-32. TRADE BUREAUS--DEFINITIONS.--As used in the
3 Construction Industries Licensing Act:

4 A. "electrical wiring" means all wiring,
5 conductors, fixtures, devices, conduits, appliances or other
6 equipment, including generating equipment and solar electricity
7 generating equipment of not over ten kilowatt capacity, used in
8 connection with the general distribution or use of electrical
9 energy;

10 B. "plumbing" means the installing, altering and
11 repairing of all plumbing fixtures, fixture traps and soil,
12 waste, supply and vent pipes, with their devices, appurtenances
13 and connections, through which water, waste, sewage, oil and
14 air are carried, when done within the property lines of the
15 building or structure to be served by the plumbing or to the
16 point of connection with the utility system. This subsection
17 shall not be construed as prohibiting the installation by a
18 "fixed works" licensee of service lines from the utility system
19 to a point five feet outside the building or structure to be
20 served by the plumbing;

21 C. "fixtures" includes closet bowls, lavatories,
22 bathtubs, showers, kitchen sinks, laundry trays, hot water
23 tanks, softeners, urinals, bidets, service sinks, shower pans,
24 drink fountains, water compressors, water coolers, septic tanks
25 or similar systems of sewage disposal and such other similar

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1 fixtures used in plumbing as designated by the mechanical
2 bureau;

3 D. "gas fitting" means the installing, altering and
4 repairing of consumers' gas piping and the installation of
5 appliances utilizing natural gas as fuel and their
6 appurtenances in or upon premises of the consumers;

7 E. "softener" or "water conditioner" means any
8 appliance, apparatus, fixture and equipment [~~which~~] that is
9 designed to soften, filter or change the mineral content of
10 water, whether permanent or portable; and

11 F. "certificate of competence" means evidence of
12 competence issued by the division to a journeyman electrician,
13 journeyman plumber, journeyman gas fitter, journeyman pipe
14 fitter or journeyman welder working on pipelines, collection
15 lines or compressor stations."

16 SECTION 3. A new section of the Solar Collector Standards
17 Act is enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS--PROMULGATION OF
19 RULES.--The department, the construction industries division of
20 the regulation and licensing department and the construction
21 industries commission shall jointly promulgate rules to
22 establish a uniform procedure for the issuance of permits for
23 the construction and installation of solar collectors and to
24 define the trade bureau having jurisdiction over the
25 construction and installation of solar collectors."

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