

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 26

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION OF HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING  
2 SYSTEMS; AMENDING SECTION 54-5015, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A TERM AND TO  
3 ESTABLISH PROVISIONS ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS HOLDING EITHER AN HVAC CER-  
4 TIFICATION OR PLUMBING CERTIFICATION TO INSTALL CERTAIN PIPING.  
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 54-5015, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 54-5015. EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE -- RESTRICTION ON  
10 REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL LICENSES OR FEES -- CLARIFICATION OF CERTIFI-  
11 CATION, LICENSING AND PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS. (1) Only the administrator  
12 of the division of building safety of the state of Idaho is authorized and  
13 empowered to conduct examinations and to pass upon the qualifications of ap-  
14 plicants, and to grant and issue certificates of competency and registration  
15 of apprentices to such applicants as are found to be qualified to engage in  
16 the trade, business, work or practice of heating, ventilation and air condi-  
17 tioning.

18 (2) No local jurisdiction shall have the authority to require addi-  
19 tional certification or registration or to require payment of any fees in  
20 order for any HVAC contractor, specialty contractor, journeyman, specialty  
21 journeyman, apprentice, or specialty apprentice to engage in the heating,  
22 ventilation and air conditioning trade within the local jurisdiction or to  
23 issue certificates to persons certified or registered under the provisions  
24 of this chapter.

25 (3) Nothing in this chapter shall restrict a city or county from im-  
26 posing stricter public safety rules, notwithstanding any provision of Idaho  
27 Code.

28 (4) A certificate issued pursuant to chapter 26, title 54, Idaho Code,  
29 or a license issued pursuant to chapter 10, title 54, Idaho Code, shall be  
30 acceptable for all HVAC installation work that falls within the scope of the  
31 certificate or license that has been issued. This will allow:

32 (a) Individuals holding a current HVAC or electrical license or a cur-  
33 rent plumbing certification to install electrical circuitry from the  
34 disconnecting means to a water heater and electrical connections to the  
35 water heater as long as the disconnect is in sight from the unit and the  
36 circuit from the disconnecting means to the water heater is no more than  
37 fifty (50) feet long;

38 (b) Individuals holding a current HVAC or electrical license to in-  
39 stall:

40 (i) Electrical space heaters with no attached ductwork;

41 (ii) Electrical connections to HVAC equipment from the discon-  
42 necting means to the unit as long as the disconnect is in sight from

- 1           the unit and the circuit from the disconnecting means to the HVAC  
2           equipment is no more than fifty (50) feet long; and  
3           (iii) Ventilating fans, except ducted range hoods in residences;  
4       (c) Individuals holding either an HVAC ~~license~~ certification or plumb-  
5       ing certification to install:  
6           (i) Boilers that are not otherwise subject to inspection by the  
7           industrial commission or its authorized agent; ~~and~~  
8           (ii) Gas Fuel piping; and piping for hydronic systems; and  
9           (iii) Piping for hydronic systems; and  
10          (iv) Piping for steam and hot water boiler systems;  
11       (d) HVAC licensees to install control wiring of twenty-four (24) volts  
12       or less for HVAC equipment of five (5) tons or less in capacity.  
13       (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, plumbing cer-  
14       tificate holders are not authorized to install control wiring in HVAC equip-  
15       ment, regardless of voltage.