AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1374, relative to the Louisiana State Plumbing Board; to authorize the board to fine any person performing plumbing work without a license; to provide for dispensation of the monies collected; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:1374 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1374. Penalty

A. Whoever violates the provisions of this Chapter shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than ninety days, or both.

B. Upon receipt of a complaint from a consumer for whom the work was performed, the Louisiana State Plumbing Board shall have the authority to fine any person, or employing entity, who performs plumbing work or engages in the business of plumbing while not possessing a license or endorsement issued by the board or otherwise in violation of this Chapter, subject to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, an amount not more than five thousand dollars. The monies collected pursuant to this Subsection shall be used by the board in a manner consistent with R.S. 37:1371.

C. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to supersede the exceptions provided for in R.S. 37:1376 and 1377.
Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________________

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