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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS – PLUMBERS AND IRRIGATORS

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: March 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 5-20-35 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-20 entitled "Plumbers  
2 and Irrigators" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **5-20-35. Persons and acts exempt -- Issuance of licenses in special cases.** – (a) The  
4 provisions of this chapter do not apply to the installation of automatic sprinkler systems or other  
5 fire protection appliances in this state and do not apply to employees of public utilities (publicly  
6 or privately owned); provided, that any resident of Rhode Island not licensed, as provided in this  
7 chapter, desiring a license as a master plumber or journeyman plumber who on or before  
8 August 14, 1966, presents to the department of labor and training of the state reasonably  
9 satisfactory evidence, in writing, that he or she was actively engaged in the business of plumbing  
10 as a master plumber or working as a journeyman plumber for a master plumber in any city or  
11 town for five (5) years prior to May 16, 1966, and that he or she is at the time of presenting that  
12 evidence to the department of labor and training operating in any city or town as a master  
13 plumber or working as journeyman plumber, shall, upon payment of a fee of five dollars  
14 (\$5.00) in the case of a master plumber or one dollar (\$1.00) in the case of a journeyman  
15 plumber, have issued to him or her by the department of labor and training a certificate of license  
16 as a master plumber or a journeyman plumber without an additional application, fee, or other  
17 condition precedent. Farms, golf courses, and nurseries performing irrigation work on their  
18 premises only shall not be required to be licensed under the chapter.

19           (b) Nothing in this or any other chapter of the general laws shall prohibit municipalities

1 or water districts from using employees, or engaging the services of licensed plumbers or other  
2 contactors and/or service providers that meet certain requirements determined by the municipality  
3 or water district for the purpose of replacing water meters or meter reading devices.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that the provisions of chapter 5-20 will not prohibit employees or  
2 contractors with municipalities and water districts from replacing water meters, even if such  
3 employees or contractors are not licensed plumbers.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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