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Act 253- A Modification of the definition of Gas Fitting

For your information, Act 253 was passed by the Louisiana State Legislature in May, 2018 which modified the definition of gas fitting under the State Plumbing Board Statutes, and clarified the exemptions of licensed Louisiana State Licensing Board contractors (LSLBC) from this requirement. As a licensed LSLBC contractor, this change requires no action on your part for work done from the appliance shut off valve to the appliance inlet. The following is how this new requirement now reads as listed in the Plumbing statutes:

Under Louisiana Revised Statutes (La R.S.) 37:1377(K), gas fitting is now defined as the work or business of installing, repairing, improving, altering, or removing natural gas piping, fittings, valves, or tanks used for conveying fuel gas for appliances on or in premises or in buildings annexed to immovable property. Further, under this definition, gas fitting does not include the following: piping connection, disconnection, or reconnection from the outlet side of the appliance shutoff valve to the appliance inlet.

The following persons or entities are not to be construed as a gas fitter or master gas fitter for work done from the appliance shut off valve to the appliance inlet:

- any person or business entity licensed by the State Licensing Board for Contractors as a Mechanical contractor.
- any person or business entity classified under the heating, air conditioning, ventilation, duct work, and refrigeration sub classification of Mechanical contractors.

This Act can be viewed in its entirety at www.legis.la.gov by clicking here.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact us at 225-765-2301, or email us at info@lslbc.louisiana.gov.

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