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## **RULES PERTAINING TO MASTER, JOURNEYMAN, AND RESTRICTED PLUMBER LICENSES, PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR LICENSES, RESTRICTED HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE, AND WATER AND SEWER SERVICE LINE INSTALLATION**

### **BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to A.C.A. § 17-38-201, the Department has authority to promulgate the Rules Pertaining to Master, Journeyman, and Restricted Plumber Licenses, Plumbing and Gas Inspector Licenses, Restricted Hospital Maintenance, and Water and Sewer Service Line Installation. These rules set standards for the qualifications, examination, and licensing of master plumbers and journeyman plumbers and for the registration of apprentice plumbers, and of plumbing and gas inspectors, restricted hospital maintenance, and water and sewer service line installation.

### **KEY POINTS**

The proposed rule:

- Updates rule to reflect requirements of Act 137 of 2023.
- Updates rule to comply with Act 457 of 2023.
- Updates rule to incorporate the Rules Pertaining to Plumbing and/or Natural Gas Inspector Certification; Rules Pertaining to Restricted Plumbers License Water and Sewer Line Installation; and Rules Pertaining to Restricted Plumbers License Hospital Maintenance into one set of Rules, and repeal each of the Rules Pertaining to Plumbing and/or Natural Gas Inspector Certification; Rules Pertaining to Restricted Plumbers License Water and Sewer Line Installation; and Rules Pertaining to Restricted Plumbers License Hospital Maintenance.
- Updates rule to include provisions for backflow preventer assembly installation and repair.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Rules Pertaining to Master, Journeyman, and Restricted Plumber Licenses, Plumbing and Gas Inspector Licenses, Restricted Hospital Maintenance, and Water And Sewer Service Line

Installation are duly adopted and promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Health pursuant to the laws of the State Arkansas including, without limitation, Act 200 of 1951, as amended by Act 372 of 1957, Act 555 of 1963, Act of 1973, Act 902 of 1975, Act 816 of 1987, Acts 330 & 1293 of 1991, Acts 1217 of 2003, 248 of 2017, Acts 426, 820, and 1011 of 2019, Acts 135 and 725 of 2021.

The Rules were substantially revised and reorganized to provide for greater administrative efficiency and access to the public by combing four sets of rules into one and allow for the repeal of three sets of rules; as well as update the language for automatic military licensure pursuant to Act 137 of 2023, and incorporate the provisions of Act 457 of 2023 for automatic occupational licensure.

### **SECOND REVISION**

We removed language that specified the number of hours required for recertification classes for Backflow Prevention Assemblies Technicians, as those hours are determined by the training platform.