

PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill makes a number of amendments to the Plumbers and Gasfitters Registration Act 1964.

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title.

Clause 2 amends section 2 of the Act so that the work of fixing or unfixing any pipe in certain open land owned by the Crown or public authorities will not be sanitary plumbing.

Clause 3 alters the manner in which five persons become members of the Plumbers and Gasfitters Board.

Clause 4 amends section 7 of the Act so that the fees charged by the Board for entry to any examination must be approved by the Minister of Health.

Clause 5 amends section 8 of the Act which deals with the payment of fees and travelling allowances. The amendment corrects an error in the customary formula providing for the payment of these fees and allowances.

Clause 6 amends section 42 of the Act. This section enables the Board, with the consent of the Governor-General in Council, to make arrangements with the Governments of certain countries for the reciprocal recognition of certificates and registration. In practice registering authorities are not Governments and accordingly this amendment will enable the Board, without the consent of the Governor-General in Council, to make such arrangements with the appropriate authorities in those countries.

Clauses 7 and 8: The amendments made by these clauses are related to the amendments made by clause 3.

Clause 7 repeals two paragraphs which enable regulations to be made prescribing the manner in which certain members of the Board are appointed and elected.

Clause 8 revokes the regulations that have been made pursuant to the paragraphs repealed by clause 7.

Hon. Mr McKay

**PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS REGISTRATION
AMENDMENT**

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

**An Act to amend the Plumbers and Gasfitters Registration
Act 1964**

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand
5 in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as
follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Plumbers and
Gasfitters Registration Amendment Act 1967, and shall be read
together with and deemed part of the Plumbers and Gasfitters
10 Registration Act 1964* (hereinafter referred to as the principal
Act).

2. Definition of "sanitary plumbing"—Section 2 of the
principal Act is hereby amended by adding, as subsection (2),
the following subsection:

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“(2) Notwithstanding the definition of ‘sanitary plumbing’ in subsection (1) of this section, the work of fixing or unfixing any pipe in any premises (other than a building) taken or otherwise acquired under the Public Works Act 1928, or any corresponding former Act, or to which subsection (4) of section 167 of the Land Act 1948 applies, or which is a public reserve within the meaning of the Reserves and Domains Act 1953; shall not be sanitary plumbing.” 5

3. Plumbers and Gasfitters Board—(1) Section 4 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraphs (g), (h), and (i) of subsection (2), and substituting the following paragraphs: 10

“(g) One person to be appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of the Gas Association of New Zealand, Incorporated: 15

“(h) Two persons, each being a member of an association affiliated to the New Zealand Society of Master Plumbers Incorporated, to be appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of that Society.

“(i) Two persons, each being a member of the New Zealand Plumbers, Gasfitters and Related Trades Industrial Union of Workers, to be appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of that Union.” 20

(2) Section 4 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing subsections (3) and (4), and substituting the following subsections: 25

“(3) With respect to the members appointed by the Minister under subsection (2) of this section the following provisions shall apply—

“(a) The members so appointed shall (except as otherwise provided in this section) hold office for a term of three years, but may from time to time be reappointed: 30

“(b) If any such member dies, or by writing addressed to the Chairman resigns his office, or fails without the consent of the Board to attend four consecutive meetings of the Board, or is removed from office pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection, his office shall become vacant, and the vacancy so created shall be filled in the manner in which the appointment to the vacant office was originally made. Every person so appointed shall be appointed for the residue of the term for which his predecessor was appointed: 35 40

“(c) Any such member may at any time be removed from office by the Minister for disability, bankruptcy, neglect of duty, or misconduct, proved to the satisfaction of the Minister.

5 “(4) Unless he sooner vacates his office as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (3) of this section, every person appointed by the Minister under subsection (2) of this section to be a member of the Board shall continue in office until his successor comes into office, notwithstanding that the
10 term for which he was appointed may have expired.”

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, every member of the Board in office immediately before the commencement of this Act and appointed or elected under any of the provisions of paragraph
15 (g), (h), and (i) of subsection (2) of section 4 of the principal Act, as repealed by subsection (1) of this section, shall be deemed to have been duly appointed under the corresponding provision of paragraphs (g), (h), and (i) of subsection (2) of section 4 of the principal Act, as substituted by subsection (1)
20 of this section.

(4) The term of office of every person deemed by subsection (3) of this section to have been appointed to the Board, shall expire on the date on which, but for the passing of this Act, his term would have expired under the provisions of the
25 principal Act.

4. Functions and powers of the Board—Section 7 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (d) of subsection (2), and substituting the following paragraph:

30 “(d) Charge such fees as the Minister approves for entry for any examination.”

5. Fees and travelling allowances—Section 8 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “or allowances”, the words “and travelling allowances”.

6. Reciprocity—Section 42 of the principal Act is hereby
35 amended by repealing subsection (2), and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) The Board may from time to time make arrangements with the appropriate authorities in any Commonwealth country or the Republic of Ireland for the reciprocal recogni-
40 tion of certificates and registration.”

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7. **Regulations**—Section 43 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraphs (h) and (i).

8. **Revocation**—The Plumbers and Gasfitters (Appointments and Elections) Regulations 1965 are hereby revoked.