

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-1129 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Board for*
3 *Contractors; water well systems providers.*

4 [S 681]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 54.1-1129 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 54.1-1129. Necessity for licensure.

9 A. Beginning July 1, 1995, no individual shall engage in, or offer to engage in, work as a tradesman
10 as defined in § 54.1-1128 unless he has been licensed under the provisions of this article. Individuals
11 shall not be subject to licensure as a tradesman when working under the supervision of a tradesman who
12 is licensed in the specialty for which work is being performed. Individuals holding a license in one
13 specialty shall not be required to have a tradesman license in another specialty when performing work
14 which is incidental to work being performed under their own specialty license.

15 B. Beginning July 1, 1998, no individual shall present himself as a certified backflow prevention
16 device worker as defined in § 54.1-1128 unless he has been certified under the provisions of this article.
17 Individuals certified as backflow prevention device workers shall not be required to hold any other
18 professional or occupational license or certification; however, nothing in this subsection shall prohibit an
19 individual from holding more than one professional or occupational license or certification. The
20 certification program set forth in this article concerning backflow prevention device workers shall be
21 voluntary and shall not be construed to prevent or affect the practice of backflow prevention device
22 workers by those not certified by the Board, so long as any requirements of the applicable local
23 governing body's programs relating to backflow prevention device workers are met. All local governing
24 bodies shall accept certification by the Board of backflow prevention device workers as proof of
25 experience and training without requiring additional examination.

26 C. Beginning one year after the effective date of the Board's final regulations, no individual shall
27 engage in, or offer to engage in, work as a liquefied petroleum gas fitter or natural gas fitter provider as
28 defined in § 54.1-1128 unless he has been licensed under the provisions of this article.

29 D. Beginning July 1, 2007, no individual shall engage in the drilling, installation, maintenance, or
30 repair of a water well or water well system unless a certified water well systems provider is onsite at all
31 times. Until June 30, 2012, any level of certification shall satisfy this requirement. Beginning July 1,
32 2012, only a certified individual shall engage in the drilling, installation, maintenance, or repair of a
33 water well or water well system and a then certified master water well systems provider shall be
34 available at all times. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit licensed plumbing
35 tradesman from (i) completing work contained in the applicable plumbing code, or (ii) performing
36 normal maintenance and repair on large-diameter bored or hand-dug water table wells provided such
37 wells are 100 feet or less in depth and the work is being performed for an entity granted tax-exempt
38 status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
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