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To whom it may concern;

Concerning your question regarding maintenance men and the duties they may enter into without being required to have a plumbing license, the following laws apply;

“318:010 Definitions for chapter

Maintenance Man – means a person employed to maintain plumbing in good repair.”

“318:020 Apprentices, maintenance men, water company, or district employees exempt. (1)

Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting the employment of an apprentice to assist a journeyman plumber in his duties.

(2) **This chapter shall not apply to anyone who is employed or acts as a maintenance man.**

(3) This chapter shall not apply to persons employed by any water company, water district or sanitation district, in the laying, maintenance, and operation of its mains and other appurtenances in the conduct of its business.

(4) The provisions of this chapter relating to the licensure of plumbers shall apply to all persons engaged in the practice of plumbing.”

Plumbing repair defined within the Kentucky State Plumbing Code, (815 KAR 20:010);

“(142) Plumbing Repair – means as used in the code to mean replacing a part or putting together that which is torn or broken.”

A maintenance man is exempt from being required to have a journeyman plumbing license as long as he or she are acting as a maintenance man and keeping the plumbing in good repair. However engaging as a maintenance man does not allow them to replace or alter the plumbing in any way.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. My office number is 502-782-0632 and my cell phone number is 606-424-2285.

Sincerely,

David Moore
Director
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To Whom it May Concern:

In the interest of public health and consumer protection and to assure compliance with the Kentucky State Plumbing Code, the Division of Plumbing is charged by Kentucky Revised Statute chapters 318.010 to 318.990 to conduct exams, license master and journeyman plumbers, review and approve plans for construction on all buildings serving the public, whether they are publicly or privately owned, issue plumbing construction permits, and inspect installations to assure compliance with the Kentucky State Plumbing Code.

No person, firm or corporation shall construct, install or alter any plumbing without first having procured a plumbing construction permit from the Division of Plumbing. Plumbing permits may be issued to licensed master plumbers or to homeowners for plumbing in their own personal residences. All plumbing work, other than that performed by a homeowner with his/her own permit, must be installed by a licensed journeyman plumber under the supervision of a licensed master plumber.

Licensure is not required under certain conditions and scope of work specifically as it pertains to maintenance. KRS 318.020 states that apprentices, maintenance men, water company or district employees are exempt. Nothing in the regulations shall be construed as prohibiting the employment of an apprentice to assist a journeyman plumber in his duties and does not apply to anyone who is employed or acts as a maintenance man. The provisions of the KRS 318 relating to the licensure of plumbers applies to all persons engaged in the practice of plumbing.

For further information regarding Plumbing licensing, permitting and inspection in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Moore".

David Moore, Director
Division of Plumbing



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