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HOUSE BILL 911: Regulatory Reform Act of 2022, Sec. 12: Clarify Scope of Licensed Water Heater Installation and Repair

Committee:		Date:	July 29, 2022
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Kyle Evans Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	Sec. 12 of S.L. 2022-75		

OVERVIEW: *Section 12 of S.L. 2022-75 clarifies the scope of plumbing, heating, and fire sprinkler contracting to include the installation of certain heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems and water heaters, and excludes from the scope of business those who clean plumbing drains. This section also makes a change to the required contract for water heater sale and installation.*

This section became effective July 12, 2022.

CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

Article 2 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes establishes the State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors and sets out the general requirements for the licensing of plumbing, heating, and fire sprinkler contractor work. This Article does not apply to a retailer that sells a water heater to a buyer for installation in a one- or two-family home where the retailer contracts with a licensee under the Article where the sales and installation contract is signed by the retailer, the buyer, and the licensee and includes the licensee's license number and telephone number.

Section 12 of S.L. 2022-75 clarifies that the installation or replacement of condensing units, air handlers, gas furnaces, package units, boilers, water heaters, heat exchangers, whole-house water purification or treatment systems, as well as the connection, repair, or alteration of the plumbing drainage, water or venting systems or the potable water system are included under the umbrella of plumbing, heating, and fire sprinkler contracting work and persons engaged in those practices must be licensed under this Article. This section also:

- clarifies that the Article does not apply to those who clean plumbing drains, and
- requires that a sales and installation contract for a water heater only needs to be signed by the retailer and the buyer, and identify the licensee, including the licensee's license number and telephone number.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became effective July 12, 2022.

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