CHAPTER 200 FORMERLY SENATE BILL NO. 160

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A UNIFIED PLUMBING CODE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend §7903, Title 16 of the Delaware Code by deleting §7903 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"§7903. Plumbing Code; adoption and enforcement.

The Division of Public Health shall adopt and enforce the most recent version of the International Plumbing Code (IPC) within one calendar year of its issuance, in conformity with the basic plumbing principles provided in this Chapter. The Division of Public Health may adopt and enforce additional plumbing regulations which shall not be in conflict with the IPC and the basic plumbing principles set forth in this Chapter."

Section 2. Amend §7904, Title 16 of the Delaware Code by deleting §7904 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"7904. Local regulations.

Every political subdivision within the State of Delaware, including county, city or municipal governments, shall enforce the International Plumbing Code (IPC) as adopted or modified by the Division of Public Health. Every political subdivision retains the right to propose additional or modified plumbing regulations, which must be submitted in writing to the Division of Public Health for review and approval. The Division of Public Health, within sixty days of receiving such proposed changes or additions, shall consult with the State Board of Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Examiners, and may thereafter adopt, modify or reject the proposed changes or additions. Upon issuance of the statewide plumbing regulations every political subdivision shall have the option of adopting and enforcing said regulations, or adopting and enforcing the minimum standards set forth in the most recently adopted version of the IPC."

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