

1 "(b) Classes of Licenses; Eligibility and Examination of Applicant; Necessity for
2 License. –

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4 (6) Examinations shall be given at least twice each year, and additional
5 examinations may be given as the Board deems wise and necessary.
6 The examination shall be conducted in two parts to include a business
7 and law portion and a technical portion. Requests for examination
8 applications and information shall be supplied at no cost to the
9 potential examinee. The Board may offer written examinations within
10 30 days or administer examinations by computer within 30-10 days
11 after approving an application. Applicants shall obtain the results of
12 computerized examinations immediately upon completion of the
13 examination. Upon passing the examination and paying the annual
14 license fee, the applicant shall be issued a license. A person who fails
15 to pass any examination shall not be reexamined until after 90-30 days
16 from the date the person was last examined. An applicant who fails to
17 pass any examination may have up to six months to retake the
18 examination and shall retake only the portion that he or she failed. The
19 Board may require applicants who fail ~~the any~~ examination three times
20 to ~~receive additional education before the applicant is allowed to~~
21 ~~retake the examination.~~ wait one year before retaking any portion of the
22 examination.

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24 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 87-22 reads as rewritten:

25 "**§ 87-22. License fee; expiration and renewal; reinstatement.**

26 All persons, firms, or corporations engaged in the business of either plumbing or
27 heating contracting, or both, shall pay an annual license fee not to exceed one hundred
28 fifty dollars (\$150.00). The annual fee for a piping or restricted classification license
29 shall not exceed that for a plumbing or heating license. All persons, firms, or
30 corporations engaged in the business of fire sprinkler contracting shall pay an initial
31 application fee not to exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) and an annual license fee not
32 to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00). In the event the Board refuses to license an
33 applicant, the license fee deposited shall be returned by the Board to the applicant. All
34 licenses shall expire on the last day of December in each year following their issuance
35 or renewal. The license fee shall be prorated monthly from the first day of January until
36 the last day of November in the initial license year. It shall be the duty of the secretary
37 and treasurer to send by United States mail or e-mail to every licensee registered with
38 the Board, notice to the licensee's last known address reflected on the records of the
39 Board of the amount of fee required for renewal of license, the notice to be mailed at
40 least one month in advance of the expiration of the license. The Board may require
41 payment of all unpaid annual fees before reissuing a license. In the event of failure on
42 the part of any person, firm or corporation to renew the license certificate annually and
43 pay the required fee during the month of January in each year, the Board shall increase
44 the license fee by twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to cover any additional expense

1 associated with late renewal. The Board shall require reexamination upon failure of a
2 licensee to renew license within three years after expiration. The Board may adopt
3 regulations requiring attendance at programs of continuing education as a condition of
4 license renewal. A licensee employed full time as a local government plumbing,
5 heating, or mechanical inspector and holding qualifications from the Code Officials
6 Qualifications Board may renew the license at a fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars
7 (\$25.00)."

8 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.