

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 978  
HOUSE BILL 285

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE FIRE SPRINKLER  
CONTRACTOR LICENSING ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 87-16, as rewritten by Chapter 842 of the 1989 Session Laws (1990 Reg. Sess.), reads as rewritten:

**"§ 87-16. Board of Examiners; appointment; term of office.**

There is created the State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor: one member from a school of engineering of the Greater University of North Carolina, one member who is a plumbing or mechanical inspector from a city in North Carolina, one licensed air conditioner contractor, one licensed plumbing ~~or mechanical~~ contractor, one licensed heating contractor, one licensed fire sprinkler contractor, and one person who has no tie with the construction industry to represent the interests of the public at large. Members serve for terms of seven years, with the term of one member expiring each year. The term of the member initially appointed to fill the position of licensed fire sprinkler contractor shall commence April 25, 1991. No member appointed after June 7, 1979, shall serve more than one complete consecutive term. Vacancies occurring during a term are filled by appointment of the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term."

Sec. 2. G.S. 87-21(a)(5), as rewritten by Chapter 842 of the 1989 Session Laws (Reg. Sess. 1990), reads as rewritten:

- (5) Any person, firm or corporation, who for a valuable consideration, (i) installs, ~~(i)~~ alters or restores, or offers to install, alter or restore, either plumbing, heating group number one, or heating group number two, or heating group number three, or (ii) lays out, fabricates, installs, alters or restores, or offers to lay out, fabricate, install, alter or restore fire sprinklers, or any combination thereof, as defined in this Article, shall be deemed and held to be engaged in the business of plumbing, heating, or fire sprinkler contracting; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be deemed to restrict the practice of qualified registered professional engineers. Any person who installs a plumbing, heating, or fire sprinkler system on property which at the time of installation was intended for sale or to be used primarily for rental is deemed to be engaged in the business of plumbing, heating, or fire sprinkler

contracting without regard to receipt of consideration, unless exempted elsewhere in this Article."

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective October 1, 1990.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of July, 1990.