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November 15, 1955

To Dr. E. W. Campbell, Sanitary Engineering  
Re: Examination Fee - Master Plumber

We have your inquiry under today's date relating to the last sentence in Section 183 of Chapter 25, R. S. 1954, which reads:

"Any person refused a license may be reexamined at any subsequent meeting of said board, within 1 year of the time of such refusal, without additional fee and thereafter may be examined as often as he may desire upon payment of the fee of \$15 for each examination."

The factual situation given us discloses the following:

On November 17, 1954, an applicant for a master plumber's license took the examination and failed. Thereupon, on May 18, 1955, he was reexamined at a subsequent meeting of the board and again failed to pass the examination.

A meeting of the board is to be held on November 16, 1955, at which time the applicant has asked to be reexamined again without further fee.

The last date above given is within the one-year period defined in the statute. It is our opinion that this man is entitled to his third examination without fee. The statute is not entirely clear, but there is no limitation in the statute as to the number of times that an applicant may be reexamined. The statute is for the benefit of the citizen paying the fee and should be liberally construed in his behalf.

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