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House of Representatives, February 5, 2003

**An Act To Allow Local Plumbing Inspectors To Assist the
Plumbers' Examining Board in Establishing the State Plumbing
Code**

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative KANE of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and
Representatives: LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, O'NEIL of Saco.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3403-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c.
215, §1, is further amended to read:

6 **1. Plumbing and plumbing code.** The board shall adopt
7 minimum rules relating to plumbing, including a plumbing code.
8 All rules, including installation and inspection rules, must be
9 consistent with this chapter and Title 30-A, chapter 185,
10 subchapter ~~III~~ 3, except that the authority of municipalities to
11 adopt more restrictive ordinances under Title 30-A, section 3001
12 is not preempted. In adopting a plumbing code pursuant to this
13 subsection, the board shall solicit input and comments from local
14 plumbing inspectors appointed pursuant to Title 30-A, section
15 4221. Notwithstanding the Maine Administrative Procedure Act,
16 the adoption of a national or international published plumbing
17 code as a new plumbing code for the State constitutes a major
18 substantive rule and must receive affirmative action by the
19 Legislature before adoption. Subsequent technical amendments to
20 any national or international published plumbing code that may be
21 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as
22 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~II~~-A 2-A.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill requires the Plumbers' Examining Board, in
28 adopting a plumbing code, to solicit input and comments from
local plumbing inspectors.