

HB 372 Regulation Update

On February 16, 2012, the Board of Plumbing considered the proposed regulation and reviewed the public comments regarding lead-free materials. Following its review, the Board voted to amend the proposed regulation by modifying subsections E(1), (2) and (3), F(3) and adding subsection F(2) as follows.

The modified sections now read:

E. (1) Potable water system components that are within the scope of NSF 61 for drinking water system components and are required to be lead-free shall comply with NSF 61 and:

- (a) Annex G to NSF 61; or
- (b) NSF 372.

(2) Potable water system components that are not within the scope of NSF 61 for drinking water system components but are required to be lead-free shall comply with NSF 372.

(3) Potable water system components that are not required to be 0.25% lead-free shall be suitable for distributing potable water but may contain up to 8% lead.

F. Potable water end-use devices and potable water supply system piping that are intended to dispense water for human consumption through drinking or cooking include, but are not limited to:

- (3) Private bathroom sink faucets;

The additional section now reads:

F. Potable water end-use devices and potable water supply system piping that are intended to dispense water for human consumption through drinking or cooking include, but are not limited to:

- (2) Bar sink faucets;

The re-proposed regulation was published in the June 29, 2012, Maryland Register. The Board is accepting public comments until July 30, 2012. The Board may consider final action on the regulations at its public meeting on August 16, 2012.

Also on June 29, 2012, the notice of extension of emergency status for the new regulations was published in the Maryland Register, which extended until November 13, 2012, the emergency status. The emergency regulation contains the same text as the proposed regulation that was published on January 13, 2012.

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