OPINION 52-134

January 4, 1952 (OPINION)

PLUMBING

RE: Plumbing Board - State License Holder Working in City

Re: Section 40-0501 (25) R. C. 1943.

In yours of January 3 you ask this question: "Are plumbers who hold North Dakota state plumbing licenses required to pay city plumbing permit fees, city plumber's license fees, and also city inspection fees, for plumbing work done in state institutions?"

By section 40-0501, subsection 25, cities are given power to regulate the business of plumbing within the cities. Therefore, it is our opinion that, if such state institutions are within the corporate limits of a city, plumbers working in such institutions must comply with local plumbing ordinances, if the plumbing of the institution is connected with the water and sewer system of the city.

If, however, the institution is wholly without the city limits, or if the institution has its own separate water and sewer system, plumbers working therein need not comply with city ordinances regulating plumbing.

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