



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3703.01 Division of industrial compliance - powers and duties.

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(A) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce shall do all of the following:

- (1) Inspect all nonresidential buildings within the meaning of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code;
- (2) Condemn all unsanitary or defective plumbing that is found in connection with those places;
- (3) Order changes in plumbing necessary to insure the safety of the public health.

(B)(1)(a) The division of industrial compliance, boards of health of city and general health districts, and county building departments shall not inspect plumbing or collect fees for inspecting plumbing in particular types of buildings in any municipal corporation that is certified by the board of building standards under section 3781.10 of the Revised Code to exercise enforcement authority for plumbing in those types of buildings.

(b) The division shall not inspect plumbing or collect fees for inspecting plumbing in particular types of buildings in any health district that has given the division written notice that it intends to inspect plumbing in the particular types of buildings and that either:

- (i) Employs one or more plumbing inspectors, certified pursuant to section 3781.10 of the Revised Code, to enforce Chapters 3781. and 3791. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted pursuant to those chapters relating to plumbing in those types of buildings;
- (ii) Has a contract with a board of county commissioners or another board of health, entered pursuant to division (C) of this section, that authorizes a county building department or the other board of health to inspect plumbing in the particular types of buildings in the health district.

(2) No county building department shall inspect plumbing or collect fees for inspecting plumbing in



any type of building in a health district unless the department is authorized to inspect that type of building pursuant to a contract described in division (C)(1) of this section.

(3) No municipal corporation shall inspect plumbing or collect fees for inspecting plumbing in types of buildings for which it is not certified by the board of building standards under section 3781.10 of the Revised Code to exercise enforcement authority.

(C)(1) The board of health of a health district may enter into a contract with a board of county commissioners to authorize the county building department to inspect plumbing in buildings within the health district. The contract may designate that the department inspect either residential or nonresidential buildings, as those terms are defined in section 3781.06 of the Revised Code, or both types of buildings.

(2) The board of health of a health district may enter into a contract with the board of health of another health district to authorize that board to inspect plumbing in buildings within the contracting board's district. The contract may designate the inspection of either residential or nonresidential buildings as defined in section 3781.06 of the Revised Code, or both types of buildings.

(D) Standards and methods prescribed in local plumbing regulations shall not be less than those prescribed in Chapters 3781. and 3791. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted pursuant to those chapters.

(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the division shall make a plumbing inspection of any building or other place that there is reason to believe is in a condition to be a menace to the public health.