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NOTICE OF FINAL INTERPRETATION

On April 16, 2024, the Minnesota Plumbing Board issued a Final Interpretation, which is printed below, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §§ 326B.435, subd. 2(a)(4), and 326B.127, subd. 5. Any person aggrieved by this Final Interpretation may appeal it within 30 days of its issuance in accordance with Minnesota Statutes chapter 14.

Questions may be directed to Adam Case at adam.case@state.mn.us or 651-284-5202.

FINAL INTERPRETATION

Inquiry:	PB0162
Subject:	Water Conditioning Installation
Code Reference:	MN Plumbing Code: P. 204, Minnesota Statutes Section 326B.50, Subdivision 3 (2023).
Submitted by:	Jeffrey Hill Minnesota Water Quality Association 5861 Creek Valley Road, Minneapolis, MN 55439
Approved by:	Minnesota Plumbing Board, by Richard Becker, Chair
Date Received:	January 23, 2024
Issue Date:	April 16, 2024

Question: Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 326B.50, Subdivision 3, are Water Conditioning Contractors permitted to install bypasses in single family homes?

Answer: The Board cannot answer this question because it requires interpretation of a statute, not the State Plumbing Code.

Analysis: Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 326B.127, subdivision 5 the Minnesota Plumbing Board has final interpretive authority applicable to the State Plumbing Code. PB 0162 has asked the Board to interpret the language of a statute, specifically Minnesota Statutes section 326B.50, subdivision 3.

Commentary: This request for interpretation was submitted on or about January 23, 2024. The submitter agreed to waive the 30 day timeline and defer consideration until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Board considered this request for interpretation at the regular meeting of the Board on April 16, 2024. All parties had an opportunity to be heard. As required by Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.127, subd. 5, the Minnesota Plumbing Board will consider this final interpretation for adoption as part of the Minnesota Plumbing Code.

Date: April 16, 2024



Richard Becker, Chair
Minnesota Plumbing Board