SENATE . . . . . No. 2478

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act relative to process piping.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to to provide forthwith to ensure experienced and qualified persons engage in process piping, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 146 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 82, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 82. The bureau shall adopt regulations for the examining and licensing of fire sprinkler contractors, pipefitters, refrigeration technicians and sprinkler fitters, including the classification of pipefitter licenses, which shall include, but not be limited to, pipefitter welder, process piping and apprentice.

SECTION 2. Chapter 239 of the acts of 2012 is hereby amended by striking out section 52 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 52. The bureau of pipefitters, refrigeration technicians and sprinkler fitters shall adopt regulations and issue procedures related to the process piping pipefitter license, under section 82 of chapter 146 of the General Laws, not later than July 1, 2013. A person who was not required to be licensed under section 84 of said chapter 146, who submits satisfactory proof to the bureau of pipefitters, refrigeration technicians and sprinkler fitters that the person has been actively engaged in process piping for a period of 4 years before the effective date of this act, and who has applied for a license within 90 days after the effective date of the regulations adopted under this section, shall, upon payment of the applicable fee and upon passing a written

18 examination, be issued a process piping pipefitter license. Any proof required to be submitted
19 under this section shall be accompanied by a statement under the penalties of perjury.