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**§ 5-20-12 Corporations and firms engaging in business.** – (a) No corporation, firm, association, partnership, or other entity shall engage in business, advertise, make application for and take out permits, bid for work, or represent itself as a master plumber or a master irrigator unless:

(1) A licensed master plumber, as provided in this chapter, shall be continuously engaged in the supervision of the entity's plumbing installation, irrigation installation, maintenance, and repair work and the licensed master is an officer of the corporation, a partner in the partnership, or a similarly authorized principal of any firm, association, or other entity; or

(2) The entity possesses a valid plumbing contractor's or master irrigator's license duly issued by the department of labor and training as described in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Upon application of any of the entities listed in subsection (a) of this section in form and substance prescribed by the department of labor and training, and receipt of the fee for the application and license which shall be equal to the fee for a master plumber's license or master irrigator's license as described in § 5-20-16, the department of labor and training shall issue the applicant entity a license as a plumbing contractor or irrigation contractor. The plumbing contractor's or irrigation contractor's license shall specify the name of the entity holding the license and shall state that the license holder shall: (1) have a licensed contractor master plumber, as that term is defined in § 5-20-12.1, who is continuously engaged in the supervision of the entity's plumbing installation, maintenance, and repair work and who is an officer of the corporation, a partner in the partnership, or a similarly authorized principal of any firm, association, or other entity; or (2) continuously employ at all times while holding the license a duly licensed master plumber, or master irrigator as provided in this chapter, who is continuously engaged in the supervision of the entity's plumbing installation, irrigation installation, maintenance, and repair work. The plumbing contractor's and master irrigator's license shall entitle the entity holding the license to engage in business, advertise, bid for work, or represent itself as a master plumber or master irrigator or a plumbing contractor and shall also entitle the entity to make application for and take out permits through its duly authorized officer or similarly authorized principal as well as through the duly licensed contractor master as described in this section or the duly licensed master plumber continuously employed by the entity as stated in this section, as the case may be. The contractor's license shall not, in and of itself permit a principal, officer, employee, or agent of the entity holding the license to individually engage in installation, maintenance, or repair work as described above unless that principal, officer, employee, or agent is individually licensed so to do.

(c) Any work engaged in, advertised for, applied for by permit, bid for, or represented to be permissible shall be solely of the type for which the licensed master plumber who serves as an officer, or similarly authorized principal of the entity or who is continuously employed by the entity holding a plumbing contractor's license, is duly licensed to perform.

(d) Any licensed master plumber who serves as an officer or similarly authorized principal of this type of entity or who is continuously employed by an entity holding a plumbing contractor's license shall represent the interests of one such entity and only one such entity at any given time as described in this section.

(e) In the event that the licensed master plumber described in this section ceases to be an officer or similarly authorized principal of one of the entities described in this section or ceases to be continuously employed by an entity holding a plumbing contractor's license for any reason whatsoever, the entity shall provide written notice of the cessation to the department of health no more than fourteen (14) days after the effective date of occurrence of the cessation. Any entity so affected shall provide written notice of the cessation to the department of labor and training specifying the licensed master plumber who is replacing the departed licensed master plumber referenced in this section no more than forty-five (45) days after the effective date of occurrence of the cessation.

(f) No corporation, firm, association, partnership, or other entity which engages in, offers to engage in, or represents that it engages in plumbing installation, maintenance, or repair work in the state of Rhode Island is permitted to incorporate, form, qualify to do business, or otherwise register with the Rhode Island secretary of state's office until and unless that office has first received a written confirmation from the department of labor and training that all requisite licenses to be issued by the department of labor and training have been so issued and remain in good standing.

(g) Any willful violation of this section is grounds for revocation of license as further described in § 5-20-27.

CONTRACTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTOR LICENSE #: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (last four digits): \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL #: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_