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## BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 651 (as enrolled)

Sponsor: Senator John J. Gleason

Senate Committee: Economic Development and Regulatory Reform

House Committee: Regulatory Reform

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**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Boiler Act to specify that a person licensed under the Forbes Mechanical Contractors Act in the classification of hydronic heating and cooling and process piping could install, repair, alter, and remove a residential boiler installed in a residence that was exempt from the Boiler Act, without obtaining a license under the Boiler Act.

The Boiler Act prohibits a person from engaging in the business of installing or repairing boilers unless he or she has obtained a license under the Act. The bill would make an exception to this prohibition, as described above.

(The Forbes Mechanical Contractors Act provides for the issuance of a contractor's license in, among other things, hydronic heating and cooling and process piping. Hydronic heating and cooling refers to the application of equipment and systems that provide air conditioning by the controlled forced circulation of fluids or vapors in pipes. Process piping means any piping that is not part of a system designed to provide air conditioning or of a refrigeration system, and includes pipes that transfer chemicals and other fluids, gases, or vapors for systems other than air conditioning systems.

Section 7 of the Boiler Act specifies that the Act does not apply to certain boilers, including both of the following:

-- Steam or vapor boilers carrying a pressure of not more than 15 pounds per square inch gauge (p.s.i.g.) that are

located in a private residence or in an apartment building with a capacity of less than six families.

-- Hot water boilers operated at a pressure not exceeding 160 p.s.i.g. or a temperature not exceeding 250 degrees Fahrenheit that are located in a private residence or in an apartment building with a capacity of less than six families.)

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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