

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 4182**

---

---

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

---

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 11, 2016.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 202) of Kate Hogan and others for legislation to exempt home appliance service and repair technicians from certain provisions of the Uniform State Plumbing Code, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4182) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JENNIFER E. BENSON

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4182**

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
\_\_\_\_\_

An Act relative to exempting home appliance service and repair technicians from certain provisions of the Massachusetts Plumbing Code.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 142 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3           Section 23. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary,  
4 certified home appliance service technicians may make plumbing connections or disconnections  
5 from existing plumbing lines in accordance with repairing or replacing appliances. The division  
6 of professional licensure shall promulgate rules and regulations that provide for the licensure and  
7 certification process for home appliance service technicians. This section shall not apply to  
8 installations of new appliances where no previous appliance existed, to natural gas lines, or in  
9 repairs where existing plumbing or wiring needs to be upgraded.