AN ACT TO EXEMPT PLUMBING CONTRACTORS FROM WELL CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 87-98.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(b) Exempt persons and activities. – This Article does not apply to any of the following persons or activities:

(13) A person who is licensed as a plumbing contractor under Article 2 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes who installs pumps or pumping equipment; installs, breaks, or reinstall a well seal in accordance with G.S. 87-85(6); or disinfects a well incident to the installation, alteration, or replacement of pumps or pumping equipment within or near a well. However, the plumbing contractor shall maintain documentation of having attended a continuing education course that covered well seal installation, protection, and sanitation within the last two years prior to the work being performed. The State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors shall ensure that continuing education courses covering well seal installation, protection, and sanitation are available to licensed plumbing contractors during each six-month continuing education course schedule. The licensed plumbing contractor shall remain on-site while the work is being performed until the well is disinfected and sealed."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of July, 2009.

s/ Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
Governor

Approved 2:27 p.m. this 5th day of August, 2009