

# HB330 ENGROSSED



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3 By Representative Wood (R)  
4 RFD: Health  
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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Lead Ban Act; to amend Sections 22-37-2 and 22-37-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to revise the percentages of lead that constitute lead-free with respect to solder, flux, and wetted surfaces of pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures; to require city and county plumbing codes to conform to this revision; to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style; and to add Section 22-37-7 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide certain applications where lead-free requirements do not apply.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 22-37-2 and 22-37-4, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§22-37-2

~~When used in~~For the purposes of this chapter and except where the context prohibits, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) COMMISSION. The Alabama Environmental Management Commission as created by Section 22-22A-6.

(2) DEPARTMENT. The Alabama Department of Environmental



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Management ~~as created by Section 22-22A-4.~~

(3) DIRECTOR. The Director of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

(4) FEDERAL ACT. The federal Safe Drinking Water Act as established by Public Law 93-523 and all subsequent amendments.

(5) LEAD-FREE.

a. With respect to solder and flux, not containing more than 0.2 percent lead.

b. With respect to the wetted surfaces of pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures, not containing more than a weighted average of 0.25 percent lead.

~~(5)~~ (6) PERSON. The same meaning as defined ~~by~~ in Section ~~22-23-31(8)~~ 22-23-31.

~~(6)~~ (7) PLUMBING CODE. Any established ordinance or code used to establish material standards and construction practices associated with the plumbing of ~~any~~ a house, apartment, or building.

~~(7)~~ SUPPLIER OF WATER. ~~The same as defined by Section 22-23-31(9).~~

(8) PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM. The same meaning as defined ~~by~~ in Section ~~22-23-31(11)~~ 22-23-31.

(9) SUPPLIER OF WATER. The same meaning as defined in Section 22-23-31.

~~(9) LEAD-FREE. A solder or flux containing not more than 0.2 percent lead and pipes, fittings, joints, or liners containing not more than eight percent lead."~~

"§22-37-4



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57 All formally adopted city and county plumbing codes  
58 shall be amended within 12 months of May 10, 1988, to include  
59 the provisions of this chapter for installation and repair of  
60 plumbing facilities. All proposed plumbing codes shall include  
61 appropriate lead ban provisions as determined by the  
62 department, prior to adoption. Notwithstanding Section  
63 22-37-7, all previously adopted city and county plumbing codes  
64 that are inconsistent with the meaning of the term "lead-free"  
65 as provided in Section 22-37-2 shall be amended to conform to  
66 the term within 12 months after October 1, 2025."

67 Section 2. Section 22-37-7 is added to the Code of  
68 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

69 §22-37-7

70 Any rule adopted pursuant to Section 22-37-3 or  
71 prohibition provided in Section 22-37-6 regarding the import,  
72 distribution, sale, or use of lead-free materials shall not  
73 apply to any of the following:

74 (1) A pipe, pipe fitting, plumbing fitting, or fixture,  
75 including a backflow preventer, that is used exclusively for  
76 nonpotable services such as manufacturing, industrial  
77 processing, irrigation, outdoor watering, or any other use  
78 where the water is not anticipated to be used for human  
79 consumption.

80 (2) A toilet, bidet, urinal, fill valve, flushometer  
81 valve, tub filler, shower valve, fire hydrant, service saddle,  
82 or water distribution main gate valve that is two inches in  
83 diameter or larger.

84 (3) A clothes washing machine, emergency drench shower,



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85 emergency face wash equipment, eyewash device, fire  
86 suppression sprinkler, steam capable clothes dryer, or sump  
87 pump.

88 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
89 1, 2025.



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104 Nays 0  
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