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# Pressure-Reducing Valves on Boilers

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## **PRESSURE-REDUCING VALVES ON BOILERS**

### **Issue**

Is the servicing or replacement of a pressure-reducing valve on a boiler required to be performed by a licensed plumbing contractor or may a boiler installer/repairer conduct the repairs?

### **Discussion**

Section 15(5) of the Plumbing Law provides:

“This act does not prevent a person from performing any activities within the scope of licensure or registration under any other licensure or registration act or applicable codes for that licensed or registered professional adopted pursuant to law.”

A pressure-reducing valve is required on a boiler to provide feed water to the boiler. Typically, the pressure-reducing valve is located on the discharge side of the backflow prevention device. This may consist of a check valve, double check valve or device designed to prevent backflow.

When a pressure-reducing valve is in need of repair, a boiler installer/repairer typically performs the needed repair or replacement to assure the proper operation of the boiler.

### **Conclusion**

A boiler installer/repairer may repair or replace a pressure-reducing valve when located on the discharge side of the backflow protection device.

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