

**SPECIAL DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO EXPEDITE
VARIANCES FOR THE REDUCTION IN REQUIRED
LAVATORIES**

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INTRODUCTION

On December 8, 2023, the Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters updated the Massachusetts Plumbing Code, 248 CMR 10.00, after a thorough review process that included public hearings and listening sessions. While the update brought many important improvements, the Board has since discovered that a table in the code may inadvertently require an excessive number of lavatories in certain situations. To address this issue, the Board is working on drafting code changes and aims to correct it as soon as possible. In the meantime, the Board can provide relief through its variance process, which allows staff to automatically approve certain requests without needing a Board vote. This delegation aims to reduce costs for installers and provide more certainty for building owners and designers when planning for plumbing needs.

DELEGATION

The Board hereby delegates the authority to Board staff to approve completed variance applications without a Board vote which meets the following criteria:

1. The sole request is for a variance to reduce the number of required lavatories; and
2. The request is to install the number of lavatories that would have been required by the version of the Plumbing Code, 248 CMR 10.00, in effect directly before December 8, 2023.

EXPIRATION

This delegation shall be deemed to expire at such time as 248 CMR 10.00 is next updated.