

ordinance, there was nothing that they could do and what the steamfitters want to be able to do is just install these like they have in the past without having to stop work, call the plumber in to do it, and then continue their work. Plumbers kind of smile about it because they've picked up a little work that they didn't have in the past that was really traditionally the steamfitters. There is nothing to keep a plumber from doing this. Many plumbers are licensed steamfitters as well. So it's just a matter of correcting a situation so that the part of the work that we're talking about really deals with heating and cooling kinds of things. It's not the traditional kinds of plumbing work that you might imagine when you think about calling a plumber in to do some work at your house. You would call in a plumber, whereas you wouldn't call in a steamfitter.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: But the answer to your question is yes. They've talked about it. They recognize it. This came from the Steamfitters Union and the president who happens to live in my district knocks on my door regularly when issues like this come up.

SENATOR WITEK: You know I've gotten quite a few calls on this too. So I guess this sounds like this might be the amendment that these guys are asking for and I wasn't even aware we could do it in a state law or change the state law to affect this, but I don't know...

SENATOR HALL: Here's the problem. What happened is we prohibited steamfitters from being able to do this because we didn't include. We said only master plumbers or journeyman plumbers...

SENATOR WITEK: So they had to go get somebody.

SENATOR HALL: So they had to go get somebody even though they had been doing this work all along. And what this does is change the law to include steamfitters back in, let them do the work they had been doing so they don't have to stop their work, call the plumber in to install that backflow prevention valve...

SENATOR WITEK: And they won't need any extra schooling, because...didn't...wasn't some of the repercussions from the law making these guys if they wanted to go ahead and do this work