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### **Nebraska Adopts *Uniform Plumbing Code***

**Lincoln, Neb. (May 7, 2012)** – The state of Nebraska has formally adopted the 2009 *Uniform Plumbing Code*® (*UPC*), an American National Standard developed and published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), to serve as the statewide plumbing code for the Cornhusker State.

On April 2, Gov. Dave Heineman signed Legislative Bill 42 (LB 42) amending sections of “Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to update references to the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code for counties, cities, and villages.” The changes go into effect on July 1.

State Sen. Amanda McGill, chairwoman of the Urban Affairs Committee, Dave Wagoner, plumbing contractor from Kearney, Neb., and IAPMO Region 4 Manager Bill Schweitzer worked closely with State Sen. Galen Hadley and his Legislative Aide Berri Balka on the drafting of LB 42.

Bob Siemsen, chief plumbing inspector for Lincoln, Neb., Mick Gage, contractor from Iowa, Stacy Grewek, director of the PHCC of Nebraska, Pete Leddy, business agent for United Association Local 16, and Jim Wonder, chief plumbing inspector for Omaha, Neb., all offered testimony and support during an Urban Affairs Committee meeting debating LB 42. Following that meeting, the committee recommended adoption of LB 42 and sent it to the Senate floor, where it was passed and sent to Gov. Heineman’s desk.

“I want to thank Sen. McGill for her assistance in organizing meetings and Sen. Hadley and his office for their stewardship of this bill, as well as all of those who came forward to speak in support of the *Uniform Plumbing Code*,” Schweitzer said. “The provisions of the *UPC* truly strengthen Nebraska’s ability to protect the health and safety of its citizens through the assurance of sound plumbing practices and properly functioning drinking water and sanitation systems.”

IAPMO’s *Uniform Codes (UPC, Uniform Mechanical Code*®, *Uniform Solar Energy Code*®, *Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code*®) are true voluntary consensus standards developed through the IAPMO code development process, which incorporates all elements of the American National Standard Institute’s (ANSI) Essential Requirements. This process brings together volunteers representing a variety of viewpoints and interests to achieve consensus on plumbing and mechanical practices.

The codes are designed to provide consumers with safe and sanitary plumbing and mechanical systems while, at the same time, allowing latitude for innovation and new technologies. The public at large is encouraged and invited to participate in IAPMO’s open consensus code development process. A code development timeline and other relevant information are available at IAPMO’s Website, [www.iapmo.org](http://www.iapmo.org).

For more information on code development, please contact Director of Code Development Lynne Simnick at (909) 472-4110.

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