**Section 890.140 Compliance with this Part**

a) Existing Buildings. In existing buildings, including historic buildings, or premises in which plumbing installations are to be altered, renovated or replaced, materials and methods shall meet or exceed the provisions of this Part.

b) Variances

1) When the Department finds that compliance with all requirements of this Part would result in an undue hardship due to excessive structural or mechanical difficulty, or impracticability, a variance may be granted. The request for a variance shall be submitted in writing to the Department for approval prior to installation.

2) The Department will consider variances to this Part when the applicant has provided documentation citing the particular portion of this Part for which a variance is sought and has provided justification sufficient, in the opinion of the Department, to demonstrate that the variance will not create a condition less protective than that portion of this Part addressed in the variance request. Issuance of variances to this Part is at the sole discretion of the Department and may not be delegated or assumed by any other authority identified in this Part. Variance authorizations may be conditioned as determined by the Department and are not precedential.

c) Health and Safety. When a health or safety hazard exists because of an existing plumbing installation or lack of a plumbing installation, the owner or his or her agent shall install additional plumbing or make corrections as necessary to abate the hazard or violation of this Part.

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