

# HB5519



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 320/13.1

Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. In provisions concerning plumbing contractors, provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall provide notices to each licensee regarding application for registration on or before July 1 of each year. Requires the Department to accept application materials on and after July 1 of each year.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Plumbing License Law is amended by  
5 changing Section 13.1 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 320/13.1)

7 Sec. 13.1. Plumbing contractors; registration;  
8 applications.

9 (1) On and after May 1, 2002, all persons or corporations  
10 desiring to engage in the business of plumbing contractor,  
11 other than any entity that maintains an audited net worth of  
12 shareholders' equity equal to or exceeding \$100,000,000, shall  
13 register in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

14 (2) Applications ~~Application~~ for registration shall be  
15 filed with the Department each year, on or before the last day  
16 of September, in writing and on forms prepared and furnished  
17 by the Department. All plumbing contractor registrations  
18 expire on the last day of September of each year. The  
19 Department shall provide notices to each licensee regarding  
20 application for registration on or before July 1 of each year.  
21 The Department shall accept application materials on and after  
22 July 1 of each year.

23 (3) Applications shall contain the name, address, and

1 telephone number of the person and the plumbing license of (i)  
2 the individual, if a sole proprietorship; (ii) the partner, if  
3 a partnership; or (iii) an officer, if a corporation. The  
4 application shall contain the business name, address, and  
5 telephone number, a current copy of the plumbing license, and  
6 any other information the Department may require by rule.

7 (4) Applicants shall submit an original certificate of  
8 insurance documenting that the contractor carries general  
9 liability insurance with a minimum of \$100,000 per occurrence,  
10 a minimum of \$300,000 aggregate for bodily injury, property  
11 damage insurance with a minimum of \$50,000 or a minimum of  
12 \$300,000 combined single limit, and workers compensation  
13 insurance with a minimum \$500,000 employer's liability. No  
14 registration may be issued in the absence of this certificate.  
15 Certificates must be in force at all times for registration to  
16 remain valid.

17 (5) Applicants shall submit, on a form provided by the  
18 Department, an indemnification bond in the amount of \$20,000  
19 or a letter of credit in the same amount for work performed in  
20 accordance with this Act and the rules promulgated under this  
21 Act.

22 (5.5) The Department, upon notification by the Illinois  
23 Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of  
24 Insurance, shall refuse the issuance or renewal of a license  
25 to, or suspend or revoke the license of, any individual,  
26 corporation, partnership, or other business entity that has

1 been found by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or  
2 the Department of Insurance to have failed:

3 (a) to secure workers' compensation obligations in the  
4 manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of  
5 the Workers' Compensation Act;

6 (b) to pay in full a fine or penalty imposed by the  
7 Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the  
8 Department of Insurance due to a failure to secure  
9 workers' compensation obligations in the manner required  
10 by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers'  
11 Compensation Act; or

12 (c) to fulfill all obligations assumed pursuant to any  
13 settlement reached with the Illinois Workers' Compensation  
14 Commission or the Department of Insurance due to a failure  
15 to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner  
16 required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the  
17 Workers' Compensation Act.

18 A complaint filed with the Department by the Illinois  
19 Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of  
20 Insurance that includes a certification, signed by its  
21 Director or Chairman or designee, attesting to a finding of  
22 the failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the  
23 manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the  
24 Workers' Compensation Act or the failure to pay any fines or  
25 penalties or to discharge any obligation under a settlement  
26 relating to the failure to secure workers' compensation

1 obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b)  
2 of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act is prima facie  
3 evidence of the licensee's or applicant's failure to comply  
4 with subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers'  
5 Compensation Act. Upon receipt of that certification, the  
6 Department shall, without a hearing, immediately suspend all  
7 licenses held by the licensee or the processing of any  
8 application from the applicant. Enforcement of the  
9 Department's order shall be stayed for 60 days. The Department  
10 shall provide notice of the suspension to the licensee by  
11 mailing a copy of the Department's order to the licensee's or  
12 applicant's address of record or emailing a copy of the order  
13 to the licensee's or applicant's email address of record. The  
14 notice shall advise the licensee or applicant that the  
15 suspension shall be effective 60 days after the issuance of  
16 the order unless the Department receives, from the licensee or  
17 applicant, a request for a hearing before the Department to  
18 dispute the matters contained in the order.

19 Upon receiving notice from the Illinois Workers'  
20 Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance that  
21 the violation has been corrected or otherwise resolved, the  
22 Department shall vacate the order suspending a licensee's  
23 license or the processing of an applicant's application.

24 No license shall be suspended or revoked until after the  
25 licensee is afforded any due process protection guaranteed by  
26 statute or rule adopted by the Illinois Workers' Compensation

1 Commission or the Department of Insurance.

2 (6) All employees of a registered plumbing contractor who  
3 engage in plumbing work shall be licensed plumbers or  
4 apprentice plumbers in accordance with this Act.

5 (7) Plumbing contractors shall submit an annual  
6 registration fee in an amount to be established by rule.

7 (8) The Department shall be notified in advance of any  
8 changes in the business structure, name, or location or of the  
9 addition or deletion of the owner or officer who is the  
10 licensed plumber listed on the application. Failure to notify  
11 the Department of this information is grounds for suspension  
12 or revocation of the plumbing contractor's registration.

13 (9) In the event that the plumber's license on the  
14 application for registration of a plumbing contractor is a  
15 license issued by the City of Chicago, it shall be the  
16 responsibility of the applicant to forward a copy of the  
17 plumber's license to the Department, noting the name of the  
18 registered plumbing contractor, when it is renewed. In the  
19 event that the plumbing contractor's registration is suspended  
20 or revoked, the Department shall notify the City of Chicago  
21 and any corresponding plumbing contractor's license issued by  
22 the City of Chicago shall be suspended or revoked.

23 (Source: P.A. 103-26, eff. 1-1-24; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)