

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 Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act is
5 amended by changing Section 35 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 317/35)

7 Sec. 35. Fees, renewals, continuing education, and
8 required insurance.

9 (a) The fees for an initial license and each renewal and
10 for duplicate copies of licenses shall be determined by the
11 Office by rule.

12 (b) Each license shall be renewed every 2 years. Each
13 licensee shall complete at least 16 hours of continuing
14 education in the 2-year period following the licensee's
15 renewal or initial licensure, with at least 8 hours of
16 continuing education completed during each year of the current
17 license.

18 To satisfy the continuing education requirement for fire
19 sprinkler contractors, continuing education shall be completed
20 by the designated certified person or responsible managing
21 employee on behalf of the fire sprinkler contractor licensee.
22 Current licensure as a professional engineer or proof of
23 current NICET Level III or IV certification in water-based

1 fire protection systems layout shall satisfy the continuing
2 education requirement for designated certified persons.

3 Continuing education offered through nationally recognized
4 building and fire code organizations and their affiliates;
5 nationally recognized fire sprinkler organizations and their
6 affiliates; institutions of higher education; educational
7 bodies specializing in automatic fire suppression system
8 technology; as well as other entities approved by the Office
9 shall be also acceptable. All continuing education entities
10 seeking to be approved providers of continuing education shall
11 make application to the Office and offer programs that:

12 (1) contribute to the advancement, extension, or
13 enhancement of the professional skills or technical
14 knowledge of the licensee in the practice of fire
15 sprinkler contracting; and

16 (2) are developed and presented by persons with
17 education or experience in the subject manner of the
18 program.

19 (c) Any person who fails to file a renewal application by
20 the date of expiration of a license shall be assessed a late
21 filing fee, which shall be determined by the Office by rule.

22 (d) Any fee required by this Act is not refundable in the
23 event that the initial application or application for renewal
24 is denied.

25 (e) Every application for an initial license or renewal of
26 a fire sprinkler contractor license shall be accompanied by a

1 certificate of insurance issued by an insurance company
2 authorized to do business in the State of Illinois or by a risk
3 retention or purchasing group formed pursuant to the federal
4 Liability Risk Retention Act of 1986, which provides primary,
5 first dollar public liability coverage of the applicant or
6 licensee for personal injuries for not less than \$500,000 per
7 person or \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and, in addition, for not
8 less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for property damage. The
9 insurance policy shall be in effect at all times during the
10 license year and a new certificate of insurance shall be filed
11 with the Office within 30 days after the renewal of the
12 insurance policy.

13 (f) The Office shall prepare a report evaluating the
14 effectiveness and industry impacts of the continuing education
15 requirements established under this Section. The report
16 required under this subsection shall include recommendations
17 for statutory or rule changes and shall be delivered to the
18 General Assembly by December 31, 2026.

19 (Source: P.A. 102-612, eff. 8-27-21.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.