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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 659

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 659 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act is
5 amended by changing Section 30 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 317/30)

7 Sec. 30. Requirements for the installation, repair,
8 inspection, and testing of fire protection systems.

9 (a) Equipment shall be listed by a nationally recognized
10 testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. or
11 Factory Mutual Laboratories, Inc., or shall comply with
12 nationally accepted standards. The State Fire Marshal shall
13 adopt by rule procedures for determining whether a laboratory
14 is nationally recognized, taking into account the laboratory's
15 facilities, procedures, use of nationally recognized
16 standards, and any other criteria reasonably calculated to

1 reach an informed determination.

2 (b) Equipment shall be installed in accordance with the
3 applicable standards of the National Fire Protection
4 Association and the manufacturer's specifications.

5 (c) The contractor shall furnish the user with operating
6 instructions for all equipment installed, together with a
7 diagram of the final installation.

8 (d) All fire sprinkler systems shall have a backflow
9 prevention device or, in a municipality with a population over
10 500,000, a double detector check assembly installed by a
11 licensed plumber before the fire sprinkler system connection to
12 the water service. Connection to the backflow prevention device
13 or, in a municipality with a population over 500,000, a double
14 detector assembly shall be done in a manner consistent with the
15 Department of Public Health's Plumbing Code.

16 (e) This licensing Act is not intended to require any
17 additional fire inspections at State level.

18 (f) Before January 1, 2022, inspection ~~Inspections~~ and
19 testing of existing fire sprinkler systems and control
20 equipment must be performed by a licensee or an individual
21 employed or contracted by a licensee. Any individual who
22 performs inspection and testing duties under this subsection
23 (f) must possess proof of (i) certification by a nationally
24 recognized certification organization at an appropriate level,
25 such as NICET Level II in Inspection and Testing of Water Based
26 Systems or the equivalent, (ii) a valid ASSE 15010

1 certification in "inspection, testing and maintenance for
2 water-based fire protection systems", or (iii) ~~by January 1,~~
3 ~~2009 or (ii)~~ satisfactory completion of a certified sprinkler
4 fitter apprenticeship program approved by the U.S. Department
5 of Labor. State employees who perform inspections and testing
6 on behalf of State institutions and who meet all other
7 requirements of this subsection (f) need not be licensed under
8 this Act or employed by a licensee under this Act in order to
9 perform inspection and testing duties under this subsection
10 (f). The requirements of this subsection (f) do not apply to
11 individuals performing inspections or testing of fire
12 sprinkler systems on behalf of a municipality, a county, a fire
13 protection district, or the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
14 This subsection (f) does not apply to a stationary engineer,
15 operating engineer, or other individual employed on a full-time
16 basis by the facility owner or owner's representative
17 performing cursory weekly and monthly inspections and tests of
18 ~~gauges and control valves conducted~~ in accordance with
19 applicable the standards of the National Fire Protection
20 Association standards.

21 Before January 1, 2022, a A copy of the inspection report
22 for an inspection performed pursuant to this subsection (f)
23 must be forwarded by the entity performing the inspection to
24 the local fire department or fire protection district in which
25 the sprinkler system is located. The inspection report must
26 include the NICET Level II Inspection and Testing of Water

1 Based Systems certification number, ASSE 15010 certification
2 number for "inspection, testing and maintenance for
3 water-based fire protection systems", or journeymen number of
4 the person performing the inspection.

5 After December 31, 2021, inspection and testing of existing
6 fire sprinkler systems and control equipment must be performed
7 by a licensee or an individual employed or contracted by a
8 licensee. Any individual who performs inspection and testing
9 duties under this subsection (f) must possess proof of (i)
10 certification by a nationally recognized certification
11 organization at an appropriate level, such as NICET Level III
12 in Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems or the
13 equivalent, (ii) a valid ASSE 15010 certification in
14 "inspection, testing and maintenance for water-based fire
15 protection systems", or (iii) satisfactory completion of a
16 certified sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program approved by
17 the United States Department of Labor. State employees who
18 perform inspections and testing on behalf of State institutions
19 and who meet all other requirements of this subsection (f) need
20 not be licensed under this Act or employed by a licensee under
21 this Act in order to perform inspection and testing duties
22 under this subsection (f). The requirements of this subsection
23 (f) do not apply to individuals performing inspections or
24 testing of fire sprinkler systems on behalf of a municipality,
25 a county, a fire protection district, or the Office of the
26 State Fire Marshal. This subsection (f) does not apply to a

1 stationary engineer, operating engineer, or other individual
2 employed on a full-time basis by the facility owner or owner's
3 representative performing weekly and monthly inspections and
4 tests in accordance with applicable National Fire Protection
5 Association standards.

6 After December 31, 2021, a copy of the inspection report
7 for an inspection performed pursuant to this subsection (f)
8 must be forwarded by the entity performing the inspection to
9 the local fire department or fire protection district in which
10 the sprinkler system is located. The inspection report must
11 include the NICET Level III Inspection and Testing of Water
12 Based Systems certification number, ASSE 15010 certification
13 number for "inspection, testing and maintenance for
14 water-based fire protection systems", or journeymen number of
15 the person performing the inspection.

16 (Source: P.A. 96-256, eff. 1-1-10; 97-112, eff. 7-14-11.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law."