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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1094

2 AMENDMENT NO. . Amend Senate Bill 1094 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 Sections 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45,

50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, and 120

and by adding Sections 11, 14, 16, 21, 31, and 62 as follows:

8 (225 ILCS 317/5)

9 Sec. 5. Legislative intent. It is declared that within the

10 State of Illinois there are, and may continue to be, locations

11 where the improper installation, or repair, inspection,

12 testing, or maintenance of fire sprinkler systems and

associated components creates conditions that may adversely

14 affect the public health and general welfare. Therefore, the

purpose of this Act is to protect, promote, and preserve the

16 public health and general welfare by providing for State

- 1 administrative control, supervision, licensure, and regulation of persons involved in the service of fire sprinkler systems 2 and the high standards of professional conduct by those 3 4 licensed to service fire sprinkler systems, ensuring that 5 those who hold themselves out as possessing professional 6 qualifications to engage in service of fire sprinkler systems are qualified to render service. This Act shall be liberally 7 construed to promote the public interest and to accomplish the 8 9 purpose stated in this Section the establishment of minimum 10 standards for licensure of fire sprinkler installation
- 12 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)
- 13 (225 ILCS 317/10)

contractors.

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Sec. 10. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

"ASSE" means the American Society of Sanitary Engineering. 16 "Designated certified person" means an individual who has 17 met the qualifications set forth under Section 20 and who is 18 19 designated by a fire sprinkler contractor to provide supervision, to ensure that fire protection system layout 20 21 documents are prepared by an individual who meets the requirements under Section 14, and to ensure that each fire 22 23 sprinkler system is installed, repaired, inspected, tested, 24 and maintained in accordance with the requirements of this 25 Act.

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"Fire protection system layout documents" means layout drawings, catalog information on standard products, and other construction data that provide detail on the location of risers, cross mains, branch lines, sprinklers, piping per applicable standard, and hanger locations. "Fire protection system layout documents" serve as a guide for fabrication and installation of a fire sprinkler system and shall be based upon applicable standards pursuant to Section 30 of this Act.

"Fire sprinkler contractor" means a person who installs, repairs, inspects, tests, or maintains holds himself or herself out to be in the business of or contracts with a person to install or repair a fire sprinkler system pursuant to Section 16.

"Fire sprinkler contractor license" means a license issued to a qualified fire sprinkler contractor.

"Fire sprinkler inspector" means an individual qualified to inspect or test fire sprinkler systems pursuant to Section 17.

"Fire sprinkler inspector license" means a license issued to a qualified fire sprinkler inspector.

"Fire sprinkler system" means any water-based automatic fire extinguishing system employing fire sprinklers, including accessory fire pumps and associated piping, fire standpipes, or underground fire main systems starting at the connection to the water service after the approved backflow device is installed under the requirements of the Illinois Plumbing Code

- 1 and ending at the most remote fire sprinkler. "Fire sprinkler
- system" includes but is not limited to a fire sprinkler system 2
- in a residential, commercial, institutional, educational, 3
- 4 public, or private occupancy. "Fire sprinkler system" does not
- 5 include single sprinkler heads that are in a loop of the
- 6 potable water system, as referenced in 77 Ill. Adm. Code
- 7 890.1130 and 890.1200.
- "Inspection" means the visual examination of a fire 8
- 9 sprinkler system or portion of a fire sprinkler system to
- 10 verify that it appears to be in operating condition and is free
- of physical damage. "Inspect" means to engage in an 11
- 12 inspection.
- 13 "Installation" means the initial placement of the fire
- 14 sprinkler system or its extension or alteration after initial
- 15 placement. "Install" means to engage in installation.
- 16 "Licensee" means a person or business organization
- licensed in accordance with this Act. 17
- "Maintenance" means work performed to keep a fire 18
- sprinkler system or portion of a fire sprinkler system 19
- 20 operable. "Maintenance" does not include repair. "Maintain"
- 2.1 means to engage in maintenance.
- "NICET" means the National Institute for Certification in 22
- 23 Engineering Technologies.
- 24 "Office" means the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
- 25 "Officer" means any of the following: (i) if the business
- is a sole proprietorship, the owner of the business or any 26

1	<pre>individual exercising managerial control; (ii) if the business</pre>
2	is a partnership, any partner who has at least 10% ownership
3	interest or any partner who exercises managerial control; or
4	(iii) if the business is a corporation, any officer or
5	director of the corporation or any individual who has at least
6	10% ownership interest in such corporation or who exercises
7	managerial control.
8	"Person" means an individual, group of individuals,
9	association, trust, partnership, corporation, <u>limited</u>
10	<u>liability company</u> , firm, business, person doing business under
11	an assumed name, the State of Illinois, or department thereof,
12	any other state-owned and operated institution, or any other
13	<pre>public, private, or business entity.</pre>
14	"Property owner" means the owner of the property on which
15	the fire sprinkler system is present, which could be an
16	individual, group of individuals, association, trust,
17	partnership, corporation, or person doing business under an
18	assumed name.
19	"Repair" means any work after the initial installation to
20	restore a fire sprinkler system or portion of a fire sprinkler
21	system to sound working condition or fix damage to provide
22	performance as originally planned.
23	"Responsible managing employee" means the individual
24	designated by the fire sprinkler contractor that is not
25	required to have a designated certified person under Section

120 to provide supervision, to ensure that fire protection

- 1 system layout documents are prepared by an individual who
- meets the requirements under Section 14, and to ensure that 2
- each fire sprinkler system is installed, repaired, inspected, 3
- 4 tested, and maintained in accordance with the requirements of
- 5 this Act.
- "Rules" means the rules adopted pursuant to this Act. 6
- "Service" means any work on fire sprinkler systems, 7
- including, but not limited to, installation, repair, 8
- 9 inspection, testing, and maintenance.
- 10 "Standards" means those standards or codes referenced in
- this Act or its rules. 11
- "Supervision" means either the direction and management by 12
- 13 a designated certified person or responsible managing employee
- 14 the activities of non-certified personnel in
- 15 installation, or repair, inspection, testing, or maintenance
- 16 of fire sprinkler systems, including the responsibility to
- ensure that fire protection system layout documents are 17
- prepared by an individual who meets the requirements under 18
- 19 Section 14.
- 20 "Testing" means the operation of a fire sprinkler system
- or portion of a fire sprinkler system to determine the 21
- 22 operational status of a fire sprinkler system or portion of a
- 23 fire sprinkler system or other physical checks to verify that
- a fire sprinkler system or portion of a fire sprinkler system 24
- 25 is functioning correctly. "Test" means to engage in testing.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 94-367, eff. 1-1-06.)

1 (225 ILCS 317/11 new) Sec. 11. Registration and fees; work on an unregistered 3 fire sprinkler system. 4 (a) All fire sprinkler system installations regulated by 5 this Act shall be performed by a licensed fire sprinkler 6 contractor. 7 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2025, each fire sprinkler 8 system shall be registered with the Office and issued a unique 9 identifying designation. It shall be the responsibility of the 10 property owner to ensure the fire sprinkler system is registered through a licensed fire sprinkler contractor. A 11 property owner may delegate his, her, or its authority to 12 13 manage the day-to-day operations of the fire sprinkler system 14 to another party but may not delegate his, her, or its responsibilities and duties under this Act or the rules. 15 During, or subsequent to, installation of a fire sprinkler 16 system, the fire sprinkler contractor shall submit the 17 18 registration and fee as prescribed by the Office. 19 (c) Fire sprinkler systems installed on or after January 20 1, 2025 shall be registered with the Office within 30 days of 21 being placed in service. For the purpose of this Section, a fire sprinkler system is placed in service when initial 22 23 testing and inspection are complete. 24 Fire sprinkler systems installed before January 1, 2025

shall be registered with the Office no later than January 1,

- 2027. 1
- (d) Beginning on January 1, 2025, whenever a registered 2
- fire sprinkler system is altered or extended in a fashion that 3
- 4 causes information required for the registration of a fire
- 5 sprinkler system to no longer be accurate, the change shall be
- reported to the Office within 30 days. 6
- (e) Beginning on January 1, 2027, no fire sprinkler 7
- contractor may perform any service on a fire sprinkler system 8
- 9 that is unregistered unless the fire sprinkler contractor
- 10 provides notice to the Office, within 15 business days after
- 11 the day on which service first occurred, of performing service
- on an unregistered fire sprinkler system. 12
- (225 ILCS 317/12) 13
- 14 Sec. 12. Licenses License; enforcement; failure to pay
- 15 tax. No person shall act as a licensee fire sprinkler
- contractor, or advertise or assume to act as such, or use any 16
- title implying that such person is engaged in such practice or 17
- 18 occupation unless licensed by the Office State Fire Marshal.
- 19 No person firm, association, or corporation shall act as
- an agency licensed under this Act, or advertise or assume to 20
- 21 act as such, or use any title implying that the person firm,
- 22 association, or corporation is engaged in such practice,
- unless licensed by the Office State Fire Marshal. 23
- 24 The Office State Fire Marshal, in the name of the People
- 25 and through the Attorney General, the State's Attorney of any

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county, any resident of the State, or any legal entity within the State may apply for injunctive relief in any court to enjoin any person who has not been issued a license or whose license has been suspended, revoked, or not renewed from practicing a licensed activity, and upon the filing of a verified petition, the court, if satisfied by affidavit or otherwise, that such person is or has been practicing in violation of this Act may enter a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction, without bond, enjoining the defendant from such further activity. A copy of the verified complaint shall be served upon the defendant and the proceedings shall thereafter be conducted as in other civil cases. If it is established that the defendant has been or is practicing in violation of this Act, the court may enter a judgment perpetually enjoining the defendant from such further activity. In case of violation of any injunctive order or judgment entered under the provisions of this Section, the court may summarily try and, if found in violation of the injunctive order, punish the offender for contempt of court. Such injunctive proceeding shall be in addition to all penalties and other remedies in this Act.

The Office State Fire Marshal may refuse to issue a license to, or may suspend the license of, any person who fails to file a return, to pay the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a filed return, or to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as required by any tax Act administered by the

- 1 Illinois Department of Revenue, until such time as the
- requirements of any such tax Act are satisfied. 2
- (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.) 3
- 4 (225 ILCS 317/14 new)
- 5 Sec. 14. Fire protection system layout documents. All
- fire protection system layout documents of fire sprinkler 6
- systems shall be prepared by: (1) a professional engineer who 7
- 8 is licensed under the Professional Engineering Practice Act of
- 9 1989, (2) an architect who is licensed under the Illinois
- Architecture Practice Act of 1989, or (3) a holder of a valid 10
- NICET Level III or IV certification in water-based fire 11
- 12 protection systems layout who is either licensed under this
- 13 Act or employed by an organization licensed under this Act.
- 14 (225 ILCS 317/15)
- 15 Sec. 15. Licensing requirements.
- 16 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or business to
- engage in, advertise, or hold itself out to be in the business 17
- 18 of installing, or repairing, inspecting, testing, maintaining,
- 19 or servicing fire sprinkler systems in this State after 6
- months after the effective date of this Act, unless such 20
- 21 person or business is licensed by the Office State Fire
- 22 Marshal.
- 23 (b) Applications for initial licensure and renewal shall
- be made to the Office on forms or electronically as prescribed 24

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- by the Office, and applicants shall pay the license fee In order to obtain a license, a person or business must submit an application to the State Fire Marshal, on a form provided by the State Fire Marshal containing the information prescribed, along with the application fee.
 - (c) (Blank). A business applying for a license must have a designated certified person employed at the business location and the designated certified person shall be identified on the license application.
 - (d) (Blank). A person or business applying for a license must show proof of having liability and property damage insurance in such amounts and under such circumstances as may be determined by the State Fire Marshal. The amount of liability and property damage insurance, however, shall not be less than the amount specified in Section 35 of this Act.
 - (e) (Blank). A person or business applying for a license must show proof of having workers' compensation insurance covering its employees or be approved as a self insurer of workers' compensation in accordance with the laws of this State.
 - (f) (Blank). A person or business so licensed shall have a separate license for each business location within the State or outside the State when the business location is responsible for any installation or repair of fire sprinkler systems performed within the State.
 - (g) (Blank). When an individual proposes to do business in

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her or his own name, a license, when granted, shall be issued only to that individual.

- (h) (Blank). If the applicant requesting licensure to engage in contracting is a business organization, such as a partnership, corporation, business trust, or other legal entity, the application shall state the name of the partnership and its partners, the name of the corporation and its officers and directors, the name of the business trust and its trustees, or the name of such other legal entity and its members and shall furnish evidence of statutory compliance if a fictitious name is used. Such application shall also show that the business entity employs a designated certified person as required under Section 20. The license, when issued upon application of a business organization, shall be in the name of the business organization and the name of the qualifying designated certified person shall be noted thereon.
- (i) No license is required for a person or business that is engaged in the installation of fire sprinkler systems only in single-family single family or multiple-family multiple family residential dwellings up to and including 8 family units that do not exceed 2 1/2 stories in height from the lowest grade level.
- (j) (Blank). All fire protection system layout documents of fire sprinkler systems, as defined in Section 10 of this Act, shall be prepared by (i) a professional engineer who is licensed under the Professional Engineering Practice Act of

- 1 architect who is licensed under the Illinois
- Architecture Practice Act of 1989, or (iii) a holder of a valid 2
- 3 NICET level 3 or 4 certification in fire protection technology
- 4 automatic sprinkler system layout who is either licensed under
- 5 this Act or employed by an organization licensed under this
- 6 Act.
- (Source: P.A. 97-112, eff. 7-14-11.) 7
- 8 (225 ILCS 317/16 new)
- 9 Sec. 16. Fire sprinkler contractor license.
- 10 (a) A person applying for or renewing a fire sprinkler
- contractor license shall have a designated certified person 11
- who meets the requirements pursuant to Section 20 or a 12
- 13 responsible managing employee pursuant to Section 120 employed
- 14 at the business location. The designated certified person or
- responsible managing employee shall be identified on the 15
- 16 license application.
- (b) A person applying for a fire sprinkler contractor 17
- 18 license shall show proof of having liability and property
- 19 damage insurance in such amounts and under such circumstances
- 20 as may be determined by the Office. The amount of liability and
- property damage insurance, however, shall not be less than the 21
- 22 amount specified in Section 35.
- 23 (c) A person applying for a fire sprinkler contractor
- 24 license shall show proof of having workers' compensation
- insurance covering its employees or be approved as a 25

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- self-insurer of workers' compensation in accordance with the 1 2 laws of this State.
- 3 (d) A fire sprinkler contractor licensee shall have a 4 separate license for each business location within the State 5 or outside the State when the business location is responsible for any installation, repair, inspection, testing, 6 maintenance, or service of fire sprinkler systems performed 7 8 within the State.
 - (e) When an individual proposes to do business in his or her own name, a license, when granted, shall be issued only to that individual.
 - (f) If the applicant requesting licensure to engage in contracting is a business organization, such as a partnership, corporation, business trust, or other legal entity, the application shall state the name of the partnership and its partners, the name of the corporation and its officers and directors, the name of the business trust and its trustees, or the name of the other legal entity and its members and shall furnish evidence of statutory compliance if a fictitious name is used. Application for a fire sprinkler contractor license shall also show that the business entity employs a designated certified person or responsible managing employee. The license, when issued upon application of a business organization, shall be in the name of the business organization and the name of the qualifying designated certified person or responsible managing employee shall be

- 1 noted on the license. Changes to the information required in
- this Section shall be reported to the Office within 30 days 2
- 3 after the change.
- 4 (g) Each fire sprinkler contractor shall be subject to
- 5 requirements for license renewal and continuing education
- under Section 35. 6
- 7 (225 ILCS 317/20)
- 8 Sec. 20. Designated certified person requirements; change
- 9 of a designated certified person.
- 10 (a) A designated certified person shall must either be a
- current Illinois licensed professional engineer pursuant to 11
- 12 the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989 or hold a
- valid NICET Level III level 3 or higher certification in 13
- 14 water-based fire protection systems layout "fire protection
- 15 technology, automatic sprinkler system layout".
- (b) At least one member of every firm, association, or 16
- 17 partnership and at least one corporate officer of every
- 18 corporation engaged in the installation, and repair,
- 19 inspection, testing, or maintenance of fire sprinkler systems
- 20 shall must be a designated certified person.
- 21 (c) A designated certified person shall must be employed
- by the fire sprinkler contractor $\frac{1}{1}$ censee at each $\frac{1}{2}$ business 22
- 23 location with a valid license.
- 24 (d) A designated certified person shall must perform his
- or her normal duties at a business location with a valid 25

- 1 license.
- (e) A designated certified person may only be the 2
- designated certified person for one business location and one 3
- 4 business entity.
- 5 (f) A designated certified person shall must be directly
- 6 involved in supervision. The designated certified person does
- not, however, have to be at the site of the installation, or 7
- repair, inspection, testing, or maintenance of the fire 8
- 9 sprinkler system at all times.
- 10 (g) A designated certified person shall provide an
- 11 affirmative statement acknowledging his or her role as the
- designated certified person for the fire sprinkler contractor. 12
- 13 (h) When a fire sprinkler contractor is without a
- 14 designated certified person, the fire sprinkler contractor
- 15 shall notify the Office in writing within 30 days and shall
- 16 employ a designated certified person no later than 180 days
- from the time the position of designated certified person 17
- becomes vacant. Failing to fill the <u>vacant position shall</u> 18
- cause the fire sprinkler contractor license to expire without 19
- 20 further operation of law.
- (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.) 21
- 22 (225 ILCS 317/21 new)
- 23 Sec. 21. Licenses; photo exemption. An applicant who is
- 24 21 years of age or older seeking a religious exemption to the
- requirement under this Act that all licenses contain the 25

- 1 licensees' photo shall furnish with his or her application an
- approved copy of United States Department of the Treasury 2
- Internal Revenue Service Form 4029. Regardless of age, an 3
- 4 applicant seeking a religious exemption to this photo
- 5 requirement shall submit fingerprints in a form and manner
- prescribed by the Office with his or her application in lieu of 6
- 7 a photo.
- 8 (225 ILCS 317/30)
- 9 Sec. 30. Requirements for the installation, repair,
- 10 inspection, and testing, maintenance, and service of fire
- protection systems. 11
- 12 (a) Equipment shall be listed by a nationally recognized
- 13 testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. or
- 14 Factory Mutual Laboratories, Inc., or shall comply with
- 15 nationally accepted standards. The Office State Fire Marshal
- shall adopt by rule procedures for determining whether a 16
- laboratory is nationally recognized, taking into account the 17
- laboratory's facilities, procedures, use of nationally 18
- 19 recognized standards, and any other criteria reasonably
- calculated to reach an informed determination. 20
- (b) Equipment shall be installed, repaired, inspected, 21
- 22 tested, and maintained in accordance with the applicable
- 23 standards as adopted in the rules of the National Fire
- 24 Protection Association and the manufacturer's specifications.
- 25 (c) The contractor shall furnish the user with operating

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- 1 instructions for all equipment installed, together with as-built plans a diagram of the final installation. 2
 - (d) All fire sprinkler systems shall have a backflow prevention device or, in a municipality with a population over 500,000, a double detector check assembly installed by a licensed plumber before the fire sprinkler system connection to the water service. Connection to the backflow prevention device or, in a municipality with a population over 500,000, a double detector assembly shall be done in a manner consistent with the Department of Public Health's Plumbing Code.
 - (e) (Blank). This licensing Act is not intended to require any additional fire inspections at State level.
 - (f) Inspections Before January 1, 2022, inspection and testing of existing fire sprinkler systems and control equipment shall must be performed by an individual qualified to the extent permitted by this Act, a licensee, or an individual employed or contracted by a licensee. A copy of the inspection report for an inspection or testing of a fire sprinkler system shall be sent to the local fire jurisdiction as provided by subsection (a) of Section 31. Any individual who performs inspection and testing duties under this subsection (f) must possess proof of (i) certification by a nationally recognized certification organization at appropriate level, such as NICET Level II in Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems or the equivalent, (ii) a valid ASSE 15010 certification in "inspection, testing

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maintenance for water-based fire protection systems", or (iii) satisfactory completion of a certified sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program approved by the U.S. Department of Labor. State employees who perform inspections and testing on behalf of State institutions and who meet all requirements of this subsection (f) need not be licensed under this Act or employed by a licensee under this Act in order to perform inspection and testing duties under this subsection (f). The requirements of this subsection (f) do not apply to individuals performing inspections or testing of fire sprinkler systems on behalf of a municipality, a county, a fire protection district, or the Office of the State Fire Marshal. This subsection (f) does not apply to a stationary engineer, operating engineer, or other individual employed on full-time basis by the facility owner or representative performing weekly and monthly inspections and tests in accordance with applicable National Fire Protection Association standards.

Before January 1, 2022, a copy of the inspection report for an inspection performed pursuant to this subsection (f) must be forwarded by the entity performing the inspection to the local fire department or fire protection district in which the sprinkler system is located. The inspection report must include the NICET Level II Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems certification number, ASSE 15010 certification number for "inspection, testing and maintenance

water-based fire protection systems", or journeymen number of the person performing the inspection.

After December 31, 2021, inspection and testing of 3 4 existing fire sprinkler systems and control equipment must be 5 performed by a licensee or an individual employed or 6 contracted by a licensee. Any individual who performs inspection and testing duties under this subsection (f) must 7 8 possess proof of (i) certification by a nationally recognized 9 certification organization at an appropriate level, such as 10 NICET Level III in Inspection and Testing of Water Based 11 the equivalent, (ii) а valid ASSE 15010 Systems or certification in "inspection, testing and maintenance for 12 13 water-based fire protection systems", or (iii) satisfactory completion of a certified sprinkler fitter apprenticeship 14 15 program approved by the United States Department of Labor. 16 State employees who perform inspections and testing on behalf of State institutions and who meet all other requirements of 17 this subsection (f) need not be licensed under this Act or 18 employed by a licensee under this Act in order to perform 19 20 inspection and testing duties under this subsection (f). The 2.1 requirements of this subsection (f) do not apply 22 individuals performing inspections or testing 23 sprinkler systems on behalf of a municipality, a county, a 24 fire protection district, or the Office of the State Fire 25 Marshal. This subsection (f) does not apply to a stationary 26 engineer, operating engineer, or other individual employed on

- 1 a full-time basis by the facility owner or owner's
- 2 representative performing weekly and monthly inspections and
- 3 tests in accordance with applicable National Fire Protection
- 4 Association standards.
- 5 After December 31, 2021, a copy of the inspection report
- for an inspection performed pursuant to this subsection (f)
- 7 must be forwarded by the entity performing the inspection to
- 8 the local fire department or fire protection district in which
- 9 the sprinkler system is located. The inspection report must
- 10 include the NICET Level III Inspection and Testing of Water
- 11 Based Systems certification number, ASSE 15010 certification
- 12 number for "inspection, testing and maintenance for
- water-based fire protection systems", or journeymen number of
- 14 the person performing the inspection.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 101-626, eff. 6-1-20.)
- 16 (225 ILCS 317/31 new)
- 17 <u>Sec. 31. Reporting inspection and testing activity.</u>
- 18 (a) A copy of the inspection report for an inspection or
- 19 testing of a fire sprinkler system shall be forwarded by the
- 20 entity performing the inspection or testing to the local fire
- 21 department or fire protection district in which the fire
- 22 sprinkler system is located within 20 business days after the
- 23 inspection or testing or within the time frame required by the
- 24 local fire department or fire protection district, whichever
- 25 <u>is less.</u>

- 1 The inspection or testing report shall include: (1) the
- name and license number of the individual or individuals who 2
- performed the inspection or testing; and (2) the name and 3
- 4 license number of the fire sprinkler contractor by whom the
- 5 individual or individuals are employed.
- (b) Beginning on January 1, 2023, each fire sprinkler 6
- contractor shall submit an activity report of inspection and 7
- testing activities conducted by the fire sprinkler contractor 8
- and its employees to the Office on a periodic basis as 9
- 10 determined by the Office. Specific requirements of the report
- shall be determined by the Office but shall include: (1) the 11
- fire sprinkler system or fire sprinkler systems on which 12
- 13 inspection or testing occurred; and (2) the name and license
- number of the individual or individuals who performed the 14
- 15 inspection or testing.
- (225 ILCS 317/35) 16
- Sec. 35. Fees, renewals, continuing education, 17
- 18 required insurance.
- 19 (a) The fees for an initial original license and each
- renewal and for duplicate copies of licenses shall be 20
- 21 determined by the Office State Fire Marshal by rule.
- 22 (b) Each license shall must be renewed every 2 years. Each
- licensee shall must complete at least 16 hours of continuing 23
- 24 education in the 2-year period following the licensee's his or
- her renewal or initial licensure, with at least 8 hours of 25

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1 continuing education completed during each year of the current license after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 2 3 97th General Assembly.

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

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

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

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- 1 (2) are developed and presented by persons with education or experience in the subject manner of the 2 3 program.
 - (c) Any person who fails to file a renewal application by the date of expiration of a license shall be assessed a late filing fee charge, which shall be determined by the Office State Fire Marshal by rule.
 - (d) All fees shall be paid by check or money order. Any fee required by this Act is not refundable in the event that the initial original application or application for renewal is denied.
 - (e) Every application for an initial original license or renewal of a fire sprinkler contractor license shall be accompanied by a certificate of insurance issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Illinois or by a risk retention or purchasing group formed pursuant to the federal Liability Risk Retention Act of 1986, which provides primary, first dollar public liability coverage of the applicant or licensee for personal injuries for not less than \$500,000 per person or \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and, in addition, for not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for property damage. The insurance policy shall be in effect at all times during the license year and a new certificate of insurance shall be filed with the Office State Fire Marshal within 30 days after the renewal of the insurance policy.
- (Source: P.A. 97-112, eff. 7-14-11.) 26

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Sec. 40. Deposit of fines and fees; appropriation. All administrative civil fines and fees collected pursuant to the Act shall be deposited into the Fire Prevention Fund, a special fund in the State treasury. The General Assembly shall appropriate the amount annually collected as administrative civil fines and fees to the State Fire Marshal for the purposes of administering this Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)

10 (225 ILCS 317/45)

Sec. 45. Home rule. A home rule unit may not regulate the service installation and repair of fire sprinkler systems in a manner less restrictive than the regulation by the State on the <u>service</u> installation and repair of fire sprinkler systems under this Act. This Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of powers and functions exercised by the State.

The changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly are intended to be a restatement and clarification of existing law.

22 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)

23 (225 ILCS 317/50)

- 1 Sec. 50. Powers and duties of the Office State Fire
- Marshal. The Office State Fire Marshal has all of the 2
- 3 following powers and duties:
- 4 (a) To prescribe and furnish application forms, licenses,
- 5 and any other forms necessary under this Act.
- (b) To suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew 6
- licenses for cause. 7
- 8 To conduct hearings concerning the suspension,
- 9 revocation, or refusal to issue or renew licenses.
- 10 (d) To levy and collect fines pursuant to this Act.
- 11 (e) To adopt promulgate rules and incorporate standards
- regulations necessary for the administration of this Act and 12
- 13 to enforce the rules and standards adopted under this Act or
- 14 its rules.
- 15 (f) To investigate applications, complaints, and
- 16 allegations of violations associated with this Act.
- (q) To establish a database of all fire sprinkler systems 17
- and persons involved in the inspection or testing of fire 18
- 19 sprinkler systems.
- 20 To establish fee schedules for licenses and
- 2.1 registrations.
- (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.) 22
- 23 (225 ILCS 317/55)
- 24 Sec. 55. Rules; public hearing. Subject to the requirement
- 25 for public hearings as provided in this Section, the Office

- 1 State Fire Marshal shall promulgate, publish, and adopt, and
- may, from time to time, amend such rules as may be necessary 2
- for the proper enforcement of this Act, to protect the health 3
- 4 and safety of the public. The Office State Fire Marshal shall
- 5 hold a public hearing prior to the adoption or amendment of
- rules required under this Act. The Office State Fire Marshal 6
- may, when necessary, utilize the services of any other State 7
- agency to assist in carrying out the purposes of this Act. 8
- 9 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)
- 10 (225 ILCS 317/60)
- Sec. 60. Grounds for disciplinary action. The following 11
- 12 constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the Office State
- Fire Marshal: 13
- 14 (1) Violation of any provision of this Act or rules or
- standards adopted under this Act or its rules of any rule 15
- 16 adopted pursuant thereto.
- 17 (2) Violation of the applicable building, fire, or life
- 18 safety codes or laws of this State or any municipality or
- 19 county thereof.
- or 20 Diversion of funds property received
- prosecution or completion of a specified construction project 21
- 22 or operation when, as a result of the diversion, the
- contractor is, or will be, unable to fulfill the terms of her 23
- 24 or his obligation or contract.
- 25 (4) Any final disciplinary Disciplinary action by any

- 1 municipality or county of this State, which action shall be
- reviewed by the Office State Fire Marshal before the Office 2
- 3 takes taking any disciplinary action.
- 4 Failure to supervise the installation, repair,
- 5 inspection, testing, maintenance, or service of the fire
- sprinkler protection system performed covered by the 6
- installation permit signed by the contractor. 7
- 8 Rendering a fire sprinkler protection system,
- 9 standpipe system, or underground water supply main connecting
- 10 to the system inoperative except when the fire sprinkler
- 11 protection system, standpipe system, or underground water
- supply main is being inspected, serviced, tested, or repaired 12
- 13 or pursuant to court order.
- 14 Improperly installing, maintaining, servicing,
- 15 repairing, testing, or inspecting a fire sprinkler protection
- 16 system, standpipe system, or underground water supply main
- connecting to the system <u>based upon applicable standards of</u> 17
- this Act or as adopted by rule. 18
- (8) Failing to provide proof of insurance to the Office 19
- 20 State Fire Marshal or failing to maintain in force the
- 21 insurance coverage required by this Act.
- (9) Failing to obtain, retain, or maintain one or more of 22
- 23 the qualifications for a designated certified person,
- 24 responsible managing employee, or designated responsible
- 25 person as specified in this Act.
- 26 (10) Making a material misstatement or misrepresentation

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- 1 or committing a fraud in obtaining or attempting to obtain a 2 license.
- (11) Failing to notify the Office State Fire Marshal, in 3 4 writing, within 30 days after a change of residence address, 5 principal business address, or name, designated certified person, responsible managing employee, or designated 6 7 responsible person.
 - (12) Failure to supply within a reasonable time, upon request from the Office State Fire Marshal or its authorized representative, true information regarding material used, work performed, or other information essential to the administration of this Act.
 - (13) Aiding or <u>assisting</u> abetting a person to violate any a provision of this Act or its rules, or conspiring with any person to violate any a provision of this Act or its rules, or allowing a license to be used by another person.
 - (14) Discipline by another U.S. jurisdiction if at least one of the grounds for the discipline is the same or substantially equivalent to those set forth in this Section.
 - (15) Improperly advertising services for installing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, testing, or inspecting a fire sprinkler system.
- (16) Making a material misstatement or misrepresentation 23 24 or committing fraud in the installation, repair, inspection, 25 testing, maintenance, or service of a fire sprinkler system, standpipe system, or underground water supply main connecting 26

- 1 to the system.
- (17) Conviction by plea of quilty or nolo contendere, 2
- finding of guilt, jury verdict, or entry of judgment or by 3
- 4 sentencing of any crime, including, but not limited to,
- 5 convictions, preceding sentences of supervision, conditional
- discharge, and first offender probation, under the laws of any 6
- jurisdiction of the United States that is a felony or 7
- misdemeanor, an essential element of which is dishonesty, or 8
- 9 that is directly related to the business practices or the
- 10 installation, repair, inspection, testing, maintenance, or
- 11 service of a fire sprinkler system, standpipe system, or
- 12 underground water supply main connecting to the system.
- (18) Directly or indirectly willfully receiving 13
- 14 compensation for any professional service related to the
- 15 license, not properly or actually rendered, including
- 16 inspections.
- (19) Permitting the use of a license issued under this Act 17
- to enable an unlicensed person or agency to operate as a 18
- 19 licensee.
- 20 (20) Failing to provide notice of service on an
- 2.1 unregistered system occurring on or after January 1, 2027 to
- 22 the Office within 15 business days after the day on which
- 23 service first occurred.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)
- 25 (225 ILCS 317/62 new)

(a) Any person, entity, or business that offers fire

- 1 Sec. 62. Unlicensed practice; violation; civil penalty.
- sprinkler contractor services under this Act without being 3 4 licensed or exempt under this Act shall, in addition to any 5 other penalty provided by law, pay a civil penalty, which
- 6 shall be deposited into the Fire Prevention Fund, in an amount
- not to exceed \$10,000 for each offense, as determined by the 7
- Office. The civil penalty shall be assessed by the Office 8
- 9 after a hearing is held in accordance with the provisions of
- 10 this Act regarding the provision of a hearing for the
- 11 discipline of a licensee.
- (b) Use of the title fire sprinkler inspector is limited 12
- 13 to those individuals licensed under this Act. Any person who
- 14 practices, offers to practice, attempts to practice, or holds
- 15 himself or herself out to practice as a fire sprinkler
- 16 inspector without being licensed or exempt under this Act
- shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, pay a 17
- civil penalty, which shall be deposited into the Fire 18
- 19 Prevention Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each
- 20 offense, as determined by the Office. The civil penalty shall
- 2.1 be assessed by the Office after a hearing is held in accordance
- 22 with the provisions in this Act regarding the provision of a
- 23 hearing for the discipline of a licensee.
- 24 (c) The Office may investigate any actual, alleged, or
- 25 suspected unlicensed activity.
- 26 (d) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after

- 1 the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty.
- The order shall constitute a final judgment and may be filed 2
- and execution had thereon in the same manner as any judgment 3
- 4 from any court of record.
- 5 (225 ILCS 317/65)

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- Notice; administrative action; suspension, 6 Sec. 65. 7 revocation, or refusal to renew a license.
 - (a) Whenever the Office State Fire Marshal determines that there are reasonable grounds to believe that a licensee has violated a provision of this Act or the rules or standards adopted under this Act or its rules, the Office State Fire Marshal shall give notice of the alleged violation to the person whom the license was issued. The notice shall (i) be in writing and + (ii) include a statement of the alleged violation which necessitates issuance of the notice; (iii) contain an outline of remedial action that, if taken, will effect compliance with the provisions of this Act and the rules adopted under this Act; (iv) prescribe a reasonable time, as determined by the State Fire Marshal, for the performance of any action required by the notice; and (v) be served upon the licensee. The notice shall be deemed to have been properly served upon the person when a copy of the notice has been sent by registered or certified mail to the person's his or her last known address as furnished to the Office State Fire Marshal or when the person he or she has been served the notice by any

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other method authorized by law.

- (b) If the person to whom the notice is served does not abate the violation comply with the terms of the notice within the time limitations specified in the notice, the Office State Fire Marshal may proceed with action, including civil and administrative fines, penalties, suspension, revocation, and refusal to suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a license as provided in this Act Section.
- notwithstanding, when the State Fire Marshal determines that reasonable grounds exist to indicate that a violation of this Act has been committed and the violation is the third separate violation by that person in an 18-month period, the notice requirement of subsection (a) of this Section is waived and the State Fire Marshal may proceed immediately with action to suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue a license.
- (d) In any proceeding to administratively fine, penalize, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a license, the Office State Fire Marshal shall first serve or cause to be served upon the person licensee a written notice of the Office's State Fire Marshal's intent to take action. The notice shall specify the way in which the person has failed to comply with this Act or any other rules or standards of the Office State Fire Marshal. The notice shall be deemed to have been properly served upon the person when a copy of the notice has been sent by registered or certified mail to the person's

- 1 last known address as furnished to the Office or when the
- 2 person has been served the notice by any other method
- 3 authorized by law.
- 4 (e) In the case of revocation or suspension, the notice
- 5 shall require the person to remove or abate the violation or
- 6 objectionable condition specified in the notice within 10 = 5
- 7 days. The Office State Fire Marshal may specify a longer
- 8 period of time as it deems necessary. If the person fails to
- 9 comply with the terms and conditions of the revocation or
- 10 suspension notice within the time specified by the Office
- 11 State Fire Marshal, the Office State Fire Marshal may revoke
- or suspend the license.
- 13 (f) If In the case of refusal to issue a license, if the
- 14 person has violated or fails to comply with the Act or rules or
- 15 standards adopted promulgated under this the Act or its rules,
- the Office State Fire Marshal may refuse to issue or renew a
- 17 license.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)
- 19 (225 ILCS 317/70)
- Sec. 70. Administrative hearing. The Office State Fire
- 21 Marshal shall give written notice by certified or registered
- 22 mail to an applicant, or licensee, or person of the Office's
- 23 State Fire Marshal's intent to suspend, revoke, or refuse to
- issue or renew a license or to assess a fine. Such person has a
- 25 right to a hearing before the Office State Fire Marshal. A

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written notice of a request for a hearing shall be served on the Office State Fire Marshal within 10 days of notice of the refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license or imposition of a fine. The hearing shall be conducted by the Office State Fire Marshal or a hearing officer designated in writing by the Office State Fire Marshal. A stenographic record shall be made of the hearing and the cost of the hearing shall be borne by the Office State Fire Marshal. A transcript of the hearing shall be made only upon request of the applicant, or licensee, or person and shall be transcribed at the cost of that person. (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)

(225 ILCS 317/75)

Sec. 75. Subpoena powers; administration of oath. Office State Fire Marshal or hearing officer may compel by subpoena or subpoena duces tecum the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books and papers. All subpoenas issued by the Office State Fire Marshal or hearing officer may be served as provided for in a civil action. The fees of witnesses for attendance and travel shall be the same as the fees for witnesses before the circuit court and shall be paid by the party at whose request the subpoena is issued. If such subpoena is issued at the request of the Office State Fire Marshal, the witness fee shall be paid as an administrative expense.

In the case of refusal of a witness to attend or testify or

- 1 to produce books or papers concerning any matter upon which he
- or she might be lawfully examined, the circuit court of the
- 3 county where the hearing is held, upon application of any
- 4 party to the proceeding, may compel obedience by a proceeding
- 5 for contempt.
- 6 The Office State Fire Marshal or hearing officer has the
- authority to administer oaths to witnesses.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)
- 9 (225 ILCS 317/80)
- 10 Sec. 80. Deposition of witnesses; testimony at hearing
- 11 recorded. In the event of the inability of any party or the
- 12 <u>Office</u> State Fire Marshal to procure the attendance of
- 13 witnesses to give testimony or produce books and papers, the
- 14 party or the Office State Fire Marshal may take the deposition
- of witnesses in accordance with the laws of this State. All
- 16 testimony taken at a hearing shall be reduced to writing and
- 17 all such testimony and other evidence introduced at the
- 18 hearing shall be a part of the record of the hearing.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)
- 20 (225 ILCS 317/85)
- Sec. 85. Certification of record. The Office State Fire
- 22 Marshal is not required to certify any record or file any
- 23 answer or otherwise appear in any proceeding for judicial
- review unless the party filing the complaint deposits with the

- 1 clerk of the court the sum of one dollar per page representing
- the costs of the certification. Failure on the part of the 2
- plaintiff to make the deposit shall be grounds for dismissal 3
- 4 of the action.

- 5 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)
- (225 ILCS 317/90) 6
- 7 Sec. 90. Injunction. Unlicensed, faulty, or noncompliant Faulty fire sprinkler installation, and repair, inspection, 8 9 testing, maintenance, and service is declared a violation of 10 this Act and inimical to the public health, welfare, and safety and a deceptive business practice. If any person 11 12 violates the provisions of this Act, the Office may, in the 13 name of the People of the State of Illinois, through the 14 Attorney General, petition, in a circuit court of competent 15 jurisdiction, for an order enjoining such violation or for an order enforcing compliance with this Act. Upon the filing of a 16 verified petition in such court, the court may issue a 17 18 temporary restraining order, without notice or bond, and may 19 preliminarily and permanently enjoin such violation, and if it 20 is established that such person has violated or is violating 21 the injunction the court may punish the offender for contempt 22 of court. Proceedings under this Section shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all other remedies and penalties 23 24 provided by this Act The State Fire Marshal, in the name of the

People of the State, through the Attorney General or the

- 1 State's Attorney of the county in which the violation occurs
- 2 may, in addition to other remedies herein provided, bring an
- 3 action for an injunction to restrain such violation or enjoin
- 4 the future performance of the person who committed the
- 5 violation until compliance with the provisions of this Act has
- 6 been obtained.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)
- 8 (225 ILCS 317/95)
- 9 Sec. 95. Penalty. Any person who violates this Act or any
- 10 rule adopted by the Office State Fire Marshal, or who violates
- 11 any determination or order of the Office State Fire Marshal
- 12 under this Act shall be quilty of a Class A misdemeanor and
- shall be fined a sum not less than \$100.
- 14 Each day's violation constitutes a separate offense. The
- 15 State's Attorney of the county in which the violation occurred
- or the Attorney General shall bring such actions in the name of
- the people of the State of Illinois.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)
- 19 (225 ILCS 317/100)
- 20 Sec. 100. Administrative civil fines. The Office State
- 21 Fire Marshal is empowered to assess administrative civil fines
- 22 against a licensee for violations of this Act or its rules.
- These fines shall not be greater than \$1,000 for each offense.
- 24 These fines shall be in addition to, or in lieu of, license

- 1 suspensions and revocations. Rules to implement this Section
- shall be adopted by the Office State Fire Marshal within 6 2
- months after the effective date of this Act. 3
- 4 The hearing officer shall, upon determination that a
- 5 violation of the Act or rules has occurred, determine the
- amount of these fines. Any fine assessed and not paid within 60 6
- days after receiving notice of the fine from the Office State 7
- 8 Fire Marshal may be submitted to the Attorney General's office
- 9 for collection. Failure to pay a fine shall also be grounds for
- 10 immediate suspension or revocation of a license issued under
- 11 this Act.
- (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.) 12
- (225 ILCS 317/105) 13
- 14 105. Judicial review of final administrative
- 15 decision. The Administrative Review Law and the rules adopted
- under the Administrative Review Law apply to and govern all 16
- proceedings for judicial review of final administrative 17
- decisions of the Office State Fire Marshal under this Act. 18
- 19 Such judicial review shall be had in the circuit court of the
- county in which the cause of the action arose. The term 20
- "administrative decision" is defined in Section 3-101 of the 21
- Code of Civil Procedure. 22
- 23 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)
- 24 (225 ILCS 317/110)

1 110. Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act are 2 3 hereby expressly adopted and shall apply to all administrative 4 rules and procedures of the Office State Fire Marshal under 5 this Act, except that, in the case of conflict between the 6 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and this Act, the provisions of this Act shall control, and except that Section 7 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act relating to 8 9 procedures for rule-making does not apply to the adoption of 10 any rule required by federal law in connection with which the 11 Office State Fire Marshal is precluded by law from exercising any discretion. 12

13 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)

14 (225 ILCS 317/120)

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Sec. 120. Grandfather clause. Any person or business that, as of <u>January 3, 2003 was the effective date of this Act, is</u> installing or repairing fire sprinkler systems in the State of Illinois and <u>had has</u> a minimum of 3 years of experience in installing or repairing fire sprinkler systems <u>before January 3, 2003</u> is exempt from having a designated certified person as required in Section 20. <u>A fire sprinkler contractor that is exempt from having a designated certified person shall have a responsible managing employee.</u>

However, beginning July 1, 2021, no person or business organization shall be issued an initial fire sprinkler

- contractor license using such exemption. 1
- (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.) 2
- (225 ILCS 317/25 rep.) 3
- Section 10. The Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act is 4
- amended by repealing Section 25. 5
- Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 6
- 7 becoming law.".