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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2702

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2702 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 10 and 17 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 317/10)

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

9 "Designated certified person" means an individual who has
10 met the qualifications set forth under Section 20.

11 "Fire protection system layout documents" means layout
12 drawings, catalog information on standard products, and other
13 construction data that provide detail on the location of
14 risers, cross mains, branch lines, sprinklers, piping per
15 applicable standard, and hanger locations. "Fire protection
16 system layout documents" serve as a guide for fabrication and

1 installation of a fire sprinkler system and shall be based
2 upon applicable standards pursuant to Section 30.

3 "Fire sprinkler contractor" means a person who holds
4 himself or herself out to be in the business of providing
5 service for a fire sprinkler system or contracts with a person
6 to provide service for a fire sprinkler system.

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

9 "Fire sprinkler inspector" means an individual who is
10 qualified to perform routine inspection or testing of fire
11 sprinkler systems pursuant to Section 17 and who is employed
12 ~~or contracted~~ by a single fire sprinkler contractor at a time
13 to perform fire sprinkler inspections.

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

16 "Fire sprinkler system" means any water-based automatic
17 fire extinguishing system employing fire sprinklers, including
18 accessory fire pumps and associated piping, fire standpipes,
19 or underground fire main systems starting at the connection to
20 the water service after the approved backflow device is
21 installed under the requirements of the Illinois Plumbing Code
22 and ending at the most remote fire sprinkler. "Fire sprinkler
23 system" includes but is not limited to a fire sprinkler system
24 in a residential, commercial, institutional, educational,
25 public, or private occupancy. "Fire sprinkler system" does not
26 include single sprinkler heads that are in a loop of the

1 potable water system, as referenced in 77 Ill. Adm. Code
2 890.1130 and 890.1200.

3 "Licensee" means a person or business organization
4 licensed in accordance with this Act.

5 "NICET" means the National Institute for Certification in
6 Engineering Technologies.

7 "Office" means the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

8 "Person" means an individual, group of individuals,
9 association, trust, partnership, corporation, limited
10 liability company, 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 entity.

14 "Responsible managing employee" means the individual
15 designated by the fire sprinkler contractor that is not
16 required to have a designated certified person under Section
17 120.

18 "Routine inspection or testing" means inspection or
19 testing to verify the condition of an existing fire sprinkler
20 system at predetermined intervals in accordance with the
21 standards of the National Fire Protection Association.

22 "Rules" means the rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

23 "Service" means work on a fire sprinkler system,
24 including, but not limited to, installation, repair,
25 inspection, testing, and maintenance, within the scope of this
26 Act.

1 "Standards" means those standards or codes referenced in
2 this Act or its rules.

3 "Supervision" means the direction and management by a
4 designated certified person or responsible managing employee
5 of the activities of non-certified personnel in the service of
6 fire sprinkler systems.

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

8 (225 ILCS 317/17)

9 Sec. 17. Fire sprinkler inspector license; application;
10 minimum qualifications for routine inspection or testing.

11 (a) Any individual who performs routine inspection or
12 testing of any fire sprinkler system under this Act shall: (i)
13 be employed by a single licensed fire sprinkler contractor at
14 a time to perform fire sprinkler inspections; and (ii) meet
15 the minimum qualifications of this Section except where the
16 individual is exempted by subsection (c).

17 Beginning January 1, 2024, any individual who performs
18 routine inspection or testing of any fire sprinkler system
19 under this Act shall be individually licensed and possess on
20 his or her person a fire sprinkler inspector license including
21 a photo identification issued by the Office.

22 A person applying for an initial fire sprinkler inspector
23 license or renewing a fire sprinkler inspector license shall
24 demonstrate to the Office proof of minimum qualifications as
25 required by subsection (b) of this Section, except where the

1 individual is exempted by subsection (c).

2 (b) Any individual who performs routine inspection or
3 testing of any fire sprinkler system under this Act shall
4 possess proof of:

5 (1) current certification by a nationally recognized
6 certification organization, such as NICET certification in
7 Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems, at an
8 appropriate level, or the equivalent; on or after the
9 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
10 assembly through December 31, 2022, an appropriate level
11 in NICET certification in Inspection and Testing of Water
12 Based Systems shall be level II; on and after January 1,
13 2023, an appropriate level in NICET certification in
14 Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems shall be
15 level III;

16 (2) current ASSE 15010 certification in inspection,
17 testing, and maintenance for water-based fire protection
18 systems by the American Society of Sanitary Engineering;
19 or

20 (3) satisfactory completion of a certified sprinkler
21 fitter apprenticeship program approved by the U.S.
22 Department of Labor.

23 (c) The following are exemptions to the licensing
24 requirements of this Section:

25 (1) State employees who perform routine inspection or
26 testing on behalf of State institutions and who meet the

1 requirements of subsection (b) need not be licensed under
2 this Section or employed by a fire sprinkler contractor
3 under this Act in order to perform routine inspection or
4 testing duties while engaged in the performance of their
5 official duties.

6 (2) The requirements of this Section do not apply to
7 individuals performing inspection or testing of fire
8 sprinkler systems on behalf of a municipality, a county, a
9 fire department, a fire protection district, or the Office
10 while engaged in the performance of their official duties.

11 (3) The requirements of this Section do not apply to a
12 stationary engineer, operating engineer, or other
13 individual employed on a full-time basis by the facility
14 owner or owner's representative performing weekly and
15 monthly inspections and tests in accordance with
16 applicable standards adopted under the rules.

17 (d) Each fire sprinkler inspector shall be subject to the
18 requirements for license renewal and continuing education
19 under Section 35.

20 (e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit an
21 individual who is licensed as a fire sprinkler inspector from
22 being employed by another employer or self-employed to perform
23 duties that would not require a fire sprinkler inspector
24 license.

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