

SB0495



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

SB0495

Introduced 2/8/2007, by Sen. Antonio Munoz

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 317/30

Amends the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act. Provides that all inspections and testing of existing fire sprinkler systems and control equipment must be performed by a licensee under the Act or an individual employed by a licensee. Sets forth qualifications for individuals performing the inspection and testing duties. Exempts individuals performing inspection or testing of fire sprinkler systems on behalf of a municipality, county, or fire protection district from the requirement. Effective immediately.

LRB095 04079 RAS 24117 b

FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 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, ~~and~~ 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
17 reach an informed determination.

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

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

1 (d) All fire sprinkler systems shall have a backflow
2 prevention device or, in a municipality with a population over
3 500,000, a double detector check assembly installed by a
4 licensed plumber before the fire sprinkler system connection to
5 the water service. Connection to the backflow prevention device
6 or, in a municipality with a population over 500,000, a double
7 detector assembly shall be done in a manner consistent with the
8 Department of Public Health's Plumbing Code.

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

11 (f) Inspections and testing of existing fire sprinkler
12 systems and control equipment must be performed by a licensee
13 or an individual employed by a licensee. Any individual who
14 performs inspection and testing duties under this subsection
15 (f) must possess proof of (i) NICET Certification Level II or
16 higher in Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems by
17 January 1, 2009 or (ii) satisfactory completion of a certified
18 sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program approved by the U.S.
19 Department of Labor. State employees who perform inspections
20 and testing on behalf of State institutions and who meet all
21 other requirements of this subsection (f) need not be licensed
22 under this Act or employed by a licensee under this Act in
23 order to perform inspection and testing duties under this
24 subsection (f). The requirements of this subsection (f) do not
25 apply to individuals performing inspections or testing of fire
26 sprinkler systems on behalf of a municipality, a county, a fire

1 protection district, or the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
2 This subsection (f) does not apply to cursory weekly and
3 monthly inspections of gauges and control valves conducted in
4 accordance with the standards of the National Fire Protection
5 Association.

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

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.