

# HB1175



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 317/30

Amends the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act. In a provision concerning inspections of existing fire sprinkler systems and control equipment, provides that a copy of the inspection report must be forwarded to the local fire department or fire protection district in which the sprinkler system is located. Effective January 1, 2010.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning professional 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, 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 or contracted by a licensee. Any  
14 individual who performs inspection and testing duties under  
15 this subsection (f) must possess proof of (i) certification by  
16 a nationally recognized certification organization at an  
17 appropriate level, such as NICET Level II in Inspection and  
18 Testing of Water Based Systems or the equivalent, by January 1,  
19 2009 or (ii) satisfactory completion of a certified sprinkler  
20 fitter apprenticeship program approved by the U.S. Department  
21 of Labor. State employees who perform inspections and testing  
22 on behalf of State institutions and who meet all other  
23 requirements of this subsection (f) need not be licensed under  
24 this Act or employed by a licensee under this Act in order to  
25 perform inspection and testing duties under this subsection  
26 (f). The requirements of this subsection (f) do not apply to

1 individuals performing inspections or testing of fire  
2 sprinkler systems on behalf of a municipality, a county, a fire  
3 protection district, or the Office of the State Fire Marshal.  
4 This subsection (f) does not apply to cursory weekly and  
5 monthly inspections of gauges and control valves conducted in  
6 accordance with the standards of the National Fire Protection  
7 Association.

8 A copy of the inspection report for an inspection performed  
9 pursuant to this subsection (f) must be forwarded to the local  
10 fire department or fire protection district in which the  
11 sprinkler system is located.

12 (Source: P.A. 95-305, eff. 8-20-07.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
14 1, 2010.