

August 19, 2016

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois Senate,
99th General Assembly:

Today I return Senate Bill 2982. The bill would curtail an existing right of business owners to do roofing work on their own property.

Professional licenses are sometimes needed to protect public safety. But Illinois's licensing scheme is outdated, often nonsensical, and out of step with practices in other states. We must broadly examine the circumstances in which a license should be required and the costs and requirements for obtaining a license in order to promote economic growth and reduce professional barriers.

I encourage the General Assembly to work with the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation on comprehensive licensing reform. Until then, changing the scope of work for which a license is needed piecemeal – as this bill does – is premature.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 2982 entitled "AN ACT regulation", with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR