

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, 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) Before January 1, 2022, inspection ~~Inspections~~ and
12 testing of existing fire sprinkler systems and control
13 equipment must be performed by a licensee or an individual
14 employed or contracted by a licensee. Any individual who
15 performs inspection and testing duties under this subsection
16 (f) must possess proof of (i) certification by a nationally
17 recognized certification organization at an appropriate level,
18 such as NICET Level II in Inspection and Testing of Water Based
19 Systems or the equivalent, (ii) a valid ASSE 15010
20 certification in "inspection, testing and maintenance for
21 water-based fire protection systems", or (iii) ~~by January 1,~~
22 ~~2009 or (ii)~~ satisfactory completion of a certified sprinkler
23 fitter apprenticeship program approved by the U.S. Department
24 of Labor. State employees who perform inspections and testing
25 on behalf of State institutions and who meet all other
26 requirements of this subsection (f) need not be licensed under

1 this Act or employed by a licensee under this Act in order to
2 perform inspection and testing duties under this subsection
3 (f). The requirements of this subsection (f) do not apply to
4 individuals performing inspections or testing of fire
5 sprinkler systems on behalf of a municipality, a county, a fire
6 protection district, or the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
7 This subsection (f) does not apply to a stationary engineer,
8 operating engineer, or other individual employed on a full-time
9 basis by the facility owner or owner's representative
10 performing cursory weekly and monthly inspections and tests of
11 gauges and control valves conducted in accordance with
12 applicable the standards of the National Fire Protection
13 Association standards.

14 Before January 1, 2022, a A copy of the inspection report
15 for an inspection performed pursuant to this subsection (f)
16 must be forwarded by the entity performing the inspection to
17 the local fire department or fire protection district in which
18 the sprinkler system is located. The inspection report must
19 include the NICET Level II Inspection and Testing of Water
20 Based Systems certification number, ASSE 15010 certification
21 number for "inspection, testing and maintenance for
22 water-based fire protection systems", or journeymen number of
23 the person performing the inspection.

24 After December 31, 2021, inspection and testing of existing
25 fire sprinkler systems and control equipment must be performed
26 by a licensee or an individual employed or contracted by a

1 licensee. Any individual who performs inspection and testing
2 duties under this subsection (f) must possess proof of (i)
3 certification by a nationally recognized certification
4 organization at an appropriate level, such as NICET Level III
5 in Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems or the
6 equivalent, (ii) a valid ASSE 15010 certification in
7 "inspection, testing and maintenance for water-based fire
8 protection systems", or (iii) satisfactory completion of a
9 certified sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program approved by
10 the United States Department of Labor. State employees who
11 perform inspections and testing on behalf of State institutions
12 and who meet all other requirements of this subsection (f) need
13 not be licensed under this Act or employed by a licensee under
14 this Act in order to perform inspection and testing duties
15 under this subsection (f). The requirements of this subsection
16 (f) do not apply to individuals performing inspections or
17 testing of fire sprinkler systems on behalf of a municipality,
18 a county, a fire protection district, or the Office of the
19 State Fire Marshal. This subsection (f) does not apply to a
20 stationary engineer, operating engineer, or other individual
21 employed on a full-time basis by the facility owner or owner's
22 representative performing weekly and monthly inspections and
23 tests in accordance with applicable National Fire Protection
24 Association standards.

25 After December 31, 2021, a copy of the inspection report
26 for an inspection performed pursuant to this subsection (f)

1 must be forwarded by the entity performing the inspection to
2 the local fire department or fire protection district in which
3 the sprinkler system is located. The inspection report must
4 include the NICET Level III Inspection and Testing of Water
5 Based Systems certification number, ASSE 15010 certification
6 number for "inspection, testing and maintenance for
7 water-based fire protection systems", or journeymen number of
8 the person performing the inspection.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-256, eff. 1-1-10; 97-112, eff. 7-14-11.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect June 1,
11 2020.