



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB4976

Introduced 2/18/2020, by Rep. Deb Conroy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
225 ILCS 320/40

from Ch. 111, par. 1138

Creates the Water Heater Safety Valve Act. Provides that a manufacturer or supplier of a hot water heater for use in a residential home or facility must supply or attach a temperature mixing valve or other safety valve to the hot water heater or tank that prevents water with a temperature above 120 degrees Fahrenheit from coming from any faucet or other source of water into direct contact with a person. Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law to provide that a person engaged in plumbing who installs a hot water heater for use in a residential home or facility must supply or attach a temperature mixing valve or other safety valve to the hot water heater or tank that prevents water with a temperature above 120 degrees Fahrenheit from coming from any bathtub faucet, shower faucet, sink faucet, or any other source of water into direct contact with a person. Effective January 1, 2021.

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1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Water
5 Heater Safety Valve Act.

6 Section 5. Temperature mixing valve or safety valve. A
7 manufacturer or supplier of a water heater or tank for use in a
8 residence or residential facility located in Illinois must
9 supply or attach a temperature mixing valve or other safety
10 valve to the water heater or tank that prevents water with a
11 temperature above 120 degrees Fahrenheit from coming from any
12 bathtub faucet, shower faucet, sink faucet, or any other source
13 of water into direct contact with a person.

14 Section 10. Enforcement and administration; civil
15 penalties.

16 (a) The Department of Public Health shall administer and
17 enforce the provisions of this Act.

18 (b) Any person or entity who violates this Act shall be
19 liable for a civil penalty of \$500 for the first violation and
20 \$1,000 for each subsequent violation. The State's Attorney of
21 the county in which the violation occurred or the Attorney
22 General may bring an action in the circuit court of the county

1 in which the violation occurred to enforce the collection of
2 any civil penalty imposed.

3 Section 90. The Illinois Plumbing License Law is amended by
4 changing Section 40 as follows:

5 (225 ILCS 320/40) (from Ch. 111, par. 1138)

6 Sec. 40. All persons engaged in plumbing as defined in this
7 Act shall comply with the minimum code of standards for
8 plumbing and the fixtures, materials, design and installation
9 methods of plumbing systems published by the Department and
10 filed with the Secretary of State as required by this Act.

11 All installations of equipment, fixtures, appliances or
12 piping which are used or intended for use entirely for or as a
13 part of a water supply system or sewage disposal system and
14 thereby can affect the public health shall comply with the
15 provisions of the State Plumbing Code for design, materials,
16 installation and maintenance. The installation, repair,
17 maintenance, alteration or extension of building sewers shall
18 be done in accordance with the State Plumbing Code. Any person
19 engaged in any of such work shall upon investigation and
20 determination of non-compliance with the provisions of the
21 State Plumbing Code be subject to the penalties contained in
22 this Act. Such prosecution shall be the responsibility of the
23 State's Attorney or other authority as authorized by this Act.

24 A person engaged in plumbing who installs a water heater or

1 tank for use in a residence or residential facility located in
2 Illinois must supply or attach a temperature mixing valve or
3 other safety valve to the water heater or tank that prevents
4 water with a temperature above 120 degrees Fahrenheit from
5 coming from any bathtub faucet, shower faucet, sink faucet, or
6 any other source of water into direct contact with a person.

7 (Source: P.A. 83-878.)

8 Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
9 1, 2021.