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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1479

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1479, AS AMENDED, by
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act is
6 amended by changing Sections 10 and 15 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 317/10)

8 Sec. 10. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
9 context otherwise requires:

10 "Design drawings and design specifications of engineered
11 sprinkler systems" means technical submissions consisting of
12 those criteria necessary to establish the objectives and
13 criteria of the system, including without limitation items
14 concerning (i) the identification of the building use; (ii) the
15 scope of the work, occupancy, and hazard classification; (iii)
16 the identification of the codes and standards to be followed;

1 and (iv) the system type and preliminary hydraulics to
2 establish the adequacy of the water supply for the proposed
3 system.

4 "Designated certified person" means an individual who has
5 met the qualifications set forth under Section 20 of this Act.

6 "Fire protection system shop drawings ~~layout documents~~"
7 means ~~layout drawings~~, catalog information on standard
8 products, and other construction data that provide detail on
9 the location of risers, cross mains, branch lines, sprinklers,
10 piping per applicable standard, and hanger locations. "Fire
11 protection system shop drawings ~~layout documents~~" serve as a
12 guide for fabrication and installation of a fire sprinkler
13 system and shall be based upon applicable standards pursuant to
14 Section 30 of this Act.

15 "Fire sprinkler contractor" means a person who holds
16 himself or herself out to be in the business of or contracts
17 with a person to install or repair a fire sprinkler system.

18 "Fire sprinkler system" means any water-based automatic
19 fire extinguishing system employing fire sprinklers, including
20 accessory fire pumps and associated piping, fire standpipes, or
21 underground fire main systems starting at the connection to the
22 water service after the approved backflow device is installed
23 under the requirements of the Illinois Plumbing Code and ending
24 at the most remote fire sprinkler. "Fire sprinkler system"
25 includes but is not limited to a fire sprinkler system in a
26 residential, commercial, institutional, educational, public,

1 or private occupancy. "Fire sprinkler system" does not include
2 single sprinkler heads that are in a loop of the potable water
3 system, as referenced in 77 Ill. Adm. Code 890.1130 and
4 890.1200.

5 "Licensee" means a person or business organization
6 licensed in accordance with this Act.

7 "NICET" means the National Institute for Certification in
8 Engineering Technologies.

9 "Person" means an individual, group of individuals,
10 association, trust, partnership, corporation, person doing
11 business under an assumed name, the State of Illinois, or
12 department thereof, any other state-owned and operated
13 institution, or any other entity.

14 "Responsible charge" means work that is prepared under the
15 control of a licensed professional engineer or architect or
16 work that the licensed design professional has the detailed
17 professional knowledge to assure has been prepared and
18 administered in accordance with standards of reasonable
19 professional skill and diligence.

20 "Supervision" means the direction and management by a
21 designated certified person of the activities of non-certified
22 personnel in the installation or repair of fire sprinkler
23 systems.

24 (Source: P.A. 94-367, eff. 1-1-06.)

1 Sec. 15. Licensing requirements.

2 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or business to
3 engage in, advertise, or hold itself out to be in the business
4 of installing or repairing fire sprinkler systems in this State
5 after 6 months after the effective date of this Act, unless
6 such person or business is licensed by the State Fire Marshal.
7 This license must be renewed every year.

8 (b) In order to obtain a license, a person or business must
9 submit an application to the State Fire Marshal, on a form
10 provided by the State Fire Marshal containing the information
11 prescribed, along with the application fee.

12 (c) A business applying for a license must have a
13 designated certified person employed at the business location
14 and the designated certified person shall be identified on the
15 license application.

16 (d) A person or business applying for a license must show
17 proof of having liability and property damage insurance in such
18 amounts and under such circumstances as may be determined by
19 the State Fire Marshal. The amount of liability and property
20 damage insurance, however, shall not be less than the amount
21 specified in Section 35 of this Act.

22 (e) A person or business applying for a license must show
23 proof of having workers' compensation insurance covering its
24 employees or be approved as a self-insurer of workers'
25 compensation in accordance with the laws of this State.

26 (f) A person or business so licensed shall have a separate

1 license for each business location within the State or outside
2 the State when the business location is responsible for any
3 installation or repair of fire sprinkler systems performed
4 within the State.

5 (g) When an individual proposes to do business in her or
6 his own name, a license, when granted, shall be issued only to
7 that individual.

8 (h) If the applicant requesting licensure to engage in
9 contracting is a business organization, such as a partnership,
10 corporation, business trust, or other legal entity, the
11 application shall state the name of the partnership and its
12 partners, the name of the corporation and its officers and
13 directors, the name of the business trust and its trustees, or
14 the name of such other legal entity and its members and shall
15 furnish evidence of statutory compliance if a fictitious name
16 is used. Such application shall also show that the business
17 entity employs a designated certified person as required under
18 Section 20. The license, when issued upon application of a
19 business organization, shall be in the name of the business
20 organization and the name of the qualifying designated
21 certified person shall be noted thereon.

22 (i) No license is required for a person or business that is
23 engaged in the installation of fire sprinkler systems only in
24 single family or multiple family residential dwellings up to
25 and including 8 family units that do not exceed 2 1/2 stories
26 in height from the lowest grade level.

1 (i-5) All design drawings and design specifications of
2 engineered sprinkler systems, as defined in Section 10 of this
3 Act, must be sealed by a professional engineer licensed under
4 the Professional Engineering Act of 1989 or an architect
5 licensed under the Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989.

6 (j) All fire protection system shop drawings ~~layout~~
7 ~~documents~~ of fire sprinkler systems, as defined in Section 10
8 of this Act, shall be prepared by (i) a professional engineer
9 who is licensed under the Professional Engineering Practice Act
10 of 1989, (ii) an architect who is licensed under the Illinois
11 Architecture Practice Act of 1989, or (iii) a holder of a valid
12 NICET level 3 or 4 certification in fire protection technology
13 automatic sprinkler system layout who is either licensed under
14 this Act or employed by an organization licensed under this Act
15 for approval by a person, entity, or jurisdiction, as required
16 by code. In the case of a non-exempt professional engineering
17 or architecture project, the fire protection system shop
18 drawings submitted to an authority having jurisdiction must be
19 completed under the responsible charge of the sealing licensed
20 design professional.

21 (Source: P.A. 94-367, eff. 1-1-06.)".