

# SB2441



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**SB2441**

Introduced 2/15/2008, by Sen. Larry K. Bomke

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 320/2

from Ch. 111, par. 1102

Amends the Illinois Plumbing Code. Excludes the installation and maintenance of water filtration units from the definition of "plumbing". Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 Illinois Plumbing License Law is amended by  
5 changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 320/2) (from Ch. 111, par. 1102)

7 Sec. 2. When used in this Act:

8 "Agent" means a person designated by a sponsor as  
9 responsible for supervision of an apprentice plumber and who is  
10 also an Illinois licensed plumber.

11 "Apprentice plumber" means any licensed person who is  
12 learning and performing plumbing under the supervision of a  
13 sponsor or his agent in accordance with the provisions of this  
14 Act.

15 "Approved apprenticeship program" means an apprenticeship  
16 program approved by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of  
17 Apprenticeship and Training and the Department under rules.

18 "Board" means the Illinois State Board of Plumbing  
19 Examiners.

20 "Building drain" means that part of the lowest horizontal  
21 piping of a drainage system that receives the discharge from  
22 soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of a  
23 building and conveys it to 5 feet beyond the foundation walls

1 where it is connected to the building sewer.

2 "Building sewer" means that part of the horizontal piping  
3 of a drainage system that extends from the end of the building  
4 drain, receives the discharge of the building drain and conveys  
5 it to a public sewer or private sewage disposal system.

6 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Public  
7 Health.

8 "Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department of  
9 Public Health.

10 "Governmental unit" means a city, village, incorporated  
11 town, county, or sanitary or water district.

12 "Irrigation contractor" means a person who installs or  
13 supervises the installation of lawn sprinkler systems subject  
14 to Section 2.5 of this Act, other than a licensed plumber or a  
15 licensed apprentice plumber.

16 "Irrigation employee" means a person who is employed by a  
17 registered irrigation contractor or a licensed plumber, and who  
18 designs, repairs, alters, maintains, or installs lawn  
19 sprinkler systems that are subject to Section 2.5 of this Law.

20 "Lawn sprinkler system" means any underground irrigation  
21 system of lawn, shrubbery and other vegetation from any potable  
22 water sources; and from any water sources, whether or not  
23 potable. "Lawn sprinkler system" includes without limitation  
24 the water supply piping, valves, control systems, low voltage  
25 wiring, sprinkler heads or other irrigation outlets, and  
26 moisture or rainfall sensing equipment, but does not include

1 the backflow prevention device. "Lawn sprinkler system" does  
2 not include an irrigation system used primarily for  
3 agricultural purposes.

4 "Person" means any natural person, firm, corporation,  
5 partnership, or association.

6 "Plumber" means any licensed person authorized to perform  
7 plumbing as defined in this Act, but does not include retired  
8 plumbers as defined in this Act.

9 "Plumbing" means the actual installation, repair,  
10 maintenance, alteration or extension of a plumbing system by  
11 any person.

12 "Plumbing" includes all piping, fixtures, appurtenances  
13 and appliances for a supply of water for all purposes,  
14 including without limitation lawn sprinkler systems and  
15 backflow prevention devices connected to lawn sprinkler  
16 systems, from the source of a private water supply on the  
17 premises or from the main in the street, alley or at the curb  
18 to, within and about any building or buildings where a person  
19 or persons live, work or assemble.

20 "Plumbing" includes all piping, from discharge of pumping  
21 units to and including pressure tanks in water supply systems.

22 "Plumbing" includes all piping, fixtures, appurtenances,  
23 and appliances for a building drain and a sanitary drainage and  
24 related ventilation system of any building or buildings where a  
25 person or persons live, work or assemble from the point of  
26 connection of such building drain to the building sewer or

1 private sewage disposal system 5 feet beyond the foundation  
2 walls.

3 "Plumbing" does not mean or include the trade of  
4 drain-laying, the trade of drilling water wells which  
5 constitute the sources of private water supplies, and of making  
6 connections between such wells and pumping units in the water  
7 supply systems of buildings served by such private water  
8 supplies, or the business of installing and maintaining water  
9 softeners and water filtration units ~~softening equipment and of~~  
10 ~~maintaining and servicing the same~~, or the business of  
11 manufacturing or selling plumbing fixtures, appliances,  
12 equipment or hardware, or to the installation and servicing of  
13 electrical equipment sold by a not-for-profit corporation  
14 providing electrification on a cooperative basis, that either  
15 on or before January 1, 1971, is or has been financed in whole  
16 or in part under the federal Rural Electrification Act of 1936  
17 and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, to  
18 its members for use on farms owned by individuals or operated  
19 by individuals, nor does it mean or include minor repairs which  
20 do not require changes in the piping to or from plumbing  
21 fixtures or involve the removal, replacement, installation or  
22 re-installation of any pipe or plumbing fixtures. Plumbing does  
23 not include the installation, repair, maintenance, alteration  
24 or extension of building sewers.

25 "Plumbing contractor" means any person who performs  
26 plumbing, as defined in this Act, for another person. "Plumbing

1 contractor" shall not include licensed plumbers and licensed  
2 apprentice plumbers who either are employed by persons engaged  
3 in the plumbing business or are employed by another person for  
4 the performance of plumbing solely for that other person,  
5 including, but not limited to, a hospital, university, or  
6 business maintenance staff.

7 "Plumbing fixtures" means installed receptacles, devices  
8 or appliances that are supplied with water or that receive or  
9 discharge liquids or liquid borne wastes, with or without  
10 discharge into the drainage system with which they may be  
11 directly or indirectly connected.

12 "Plumbing system" means the water service, water supply and  
13 distribution pipes; plumbing fixtures and traps; soil, waste  
14 and vent pipes; building drains; including their respective  
15 connections, devices and appurtenances.

16 "Plumbing system" does not include building sewers as  
17 defined in this Act.

18 "Retired plumber" means any licensed plumber in good  
19 standing who meets the requirements of this Act and the  
20 requirements prescribed by Department rule to be licensed as a  
21 retired plumber and voluntarily surrenders his plumber's  
22 license to the Department, in exchange for a retired plumber's  
23 license. Retired plumbers cannot perform plumbing as defined in  
24 this Act, cannot sponsor or supervise apprentice plumbers, and  
25 cannot inspect plumbing under this Act. A retired plumber  
26 cannot fulfill the requirements of subsection (3) of Section 3

1 of this Act.

2 "Supervision" with respect to first and second year  
3 licensed apprentice plumbers means that such apprentices must  
4 perform all designing and planning of plumbing systems and all  
5 plumbing as defined in this Act under the direct personal  
6 supervision of the sponsor or his or her agent who must also be  
7 an Illinois licensed plumber, except for maintenance and repair  
8 work on existing plumbing systems done by second year  
9 apprentice plumbers; provided that before performing any  
10 maintenance and repair work without such supervision, such  
11 apprentice has received the minimum number of hours of annual  
12 classroom instruction recommended by the United States  
13 Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training for  
14 apprentice plumbers in a Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training  
15 approved plumber apprenticeship program or its equivalent.  
16 "Supervision" with respect to all other apprentice plumbers  
17 means that, except for maintenance and repair work on existing  
18 plumbing systems, any plumbing done by such apprentices must be  
19 inspected daily, after initial rough-in and after completion by  
20 the sponsor or his or her agent who is also an Illinois  
21 licensed plumber. In addition, all repair and maintenance work  
22 done by a licensed apprentice plumber on an existing plumbing  
23 system must be approved by the sponsor or his or her agent who  
24 is also an Illinois licensed plumber.

25 "Sponsor" is an Illinois licensed plumber or an approved  
26 apprenticeship program that has accepted an individual as an

1 Illinois licensed apprentice plumber for education and  
2 training in the field of plumbing and whose name and license  
3 number or apprenticeship program number shall appear on the  
4 individual's application for an apprentice plumber's license.

5 "Sponsored" means that each Illinois licensed apprentice  
6 plumber has been accepted by an Illinois licensed plumber or an  
7 approved apprenticeship program for apprenticeship training.

8 "Telecommunications carrier" means a telecommunications  
9 carrier as defined in the Public Utilities Act.

10 (Source: P.A. 94-101, eff. 1-1-08.)

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12 becoming law.