

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 Sections 13.1, 16, and 42 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 320/13.1)

7 Sec. 13.1. Plumbing contractors; registration;  
8 applications.

9 (1) On and after May 1, 2002, all persons or corporations  
10 desiring to engage in the business of plumbing contractor,  
11 other than any entity that maintains an audited net worth of  
12 shareholders' equity equal to or exceeding \$100,000,000, shall  
13 register in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

14 (2) Application for registration shall be filed with the  
15 Department each year, on or before the last day of September,  
16 in writing and on forms prepared and furnished by the  
17 Department. All plumbing contractor registrations expire on  
18 the last day of September of each year.

19 (3) Applications shall contain the name, address, and  
20 telephone number of the person and the plumbing license of (i)  
21 the individual, if a sole proprietorship; (ii) the partner, if  
22 a partnership; or (iii) an officer, if a corporation. The  
23 application shall contain the business name, address, and

1 telephone number, a current copy of the plumbing license, and  
2 any other information the Department may require by rule.

3 (4) Applicants shall submit an original certificate of  
4 insurance documenting that the contractor carries general  
5 liability insurance with a minimum of \$100,000 per occurrence,  
6 a minimum of \$300,000 aggregate for bodily injury, property  
7 damage insurance with a minimum of \$50,000 or a minimum of  
8 \$300,000 combined single limit, and workers compensation  
9 insurance with a minimum \$500,000 employer's liability. No  
10 registration may be issued in the absence of this certificate.  
11 Certificates must be in force at all times for registration to  
12 remain valid.

13 (5) Applicants shall submit, on a form provided by the  
14 Department, an indemnification bond in the amount of \$20,000 or  
15 a letter of credit in the same amount for work performed in  
16 accordance with this Act and the rules promulgated under this  
17 Act.

18 (6) All employees of a registered plumbing contractor who  
19 engage in plumbing work shall be licensed plumbers or  
20 apprentice plumbers in accordance with this Act.

21 (7) Plumbing contractors shall submit an annual  
22 registration fee in an amount to be established by rule.

23 (8) The Department shall be notified in advance of any  
24 changes in the business structure, name, or location or of the  
25 addition or deletion of the owner or officer who is the  
26 licensed plumber listed on the application. Failure to notify

1 the Department of this information is grounds for suspension or  
2 revocation of the plumbing contractor's registration.

3 (9) In the event that the plumber's license on the  
4 application for registration of a plumbing contractor is a  
5 license issued by the City of Chicago, it shall be the  
6 responsibility of the applicant to forward a copy of the  
7 plumber's license to the Department, noting the name of the  
8 registered plumbing contractor, when it is renewed. In the  
9 event that the plumbing contractor's registration is suspended  
10 or revoked, the Department shall notify the City of Chicago and  
11 any corresponding plumbing contractor's license issued by the  
12 City of Chicago shall be suspended or revoked.

13 (Source: P.A. 94-55, eff. 6-17-05; 94-258, eff. 7-19-05;  
14 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

15 (225 ILCS 320/16) (from Ch. 111, par. 1115)

16 Sec. 16. (1) Any city, village or incorporated town, having  
17 a population of 500,000 or more may, by an ordinance containing  
18 provisions substantially the same as those in this Act and  
19 specifying educational or experience requirements equivalent  
20 to those prescribed in this Act, provide for a board of  
21 plumbing examiners to conduct examinations for, and to issue,  
22 suspend, or revoke, plumbers' licenses, within such city,  
23 village or incorporated town. Upon the enactment of such  
24 ordinance the provisions of this act shall not apply within any  
25 such municipality except as otherwise provided herein.

1 (2) Any person licensed as a plumber pursuant to such  
2 ordinance, or licensed by the Department under this Act, may  
3 engage in plumbing anywhere in this State.

4 (3) Any board of plumbing examiners created pursuant to  
5 this Section shall maintain a current record similar to that  
6 required of the Director by Section 8 of this Act, and shall  
7 provide the Department with a copy thereof. The Department  
8 shall be advised of changes in such record at least every six  
9 months.

10 (4) In the event that the plumbing contractor's license is  
11 suspended or revoked by any city, village, or incorporated  
12 town, having a population of 500,000 or more, the city,  
13 village, or incorporated town shall notify the Department.

14 (Source: Laws 1953, p. 1293.)

15 (225 ILCS 320/42)

16 Sec. 42. Home rule. Pursuant to paragraph (h) of Section 6  
17 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 the power  
18 to regulate the licensing of plumbers, to promulgate the  
19 ~~promulgation of~~ a minimum plumbing code of standards, and ~~the~~  
20 ~~power~~ to regulate the registration of irrigation contractors  
21 and plumbing contractors shall, except as may otherwise be  
22 provided within and pursuant to the provisions of Section 16  
23 and Section 16.1 of this Act, be exercised by the State and may  
24 not be exercised by any unit of local government, including  
25 home rule units.

1 (Source: P.A. 91-678, eff. 1-26-00.)