



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3975

by Rep. Michael W. Tryon

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 320/14

from Ch. 111, par. 1113

Amends the Plumbing License Law. Provides that Illinois licensed professional engineers and licensed environmental practitioners who provide continuing education for licensed plumbers are not required to have oversight of their continuing education sponsorship or courses by any other licensed profession or Illinois licensed plumbers, have their programs reviewed by another licensed professional or Illinois licensed plumber, or have another licensed professional or Illinois licensed plumber attend or provide oversight of their continuing education courses or programs. Provides that Illinois licensed professional engineers and licensed environmental practitioners who provide continuing education for plumbers are not required to provide a licensed plumber of record when submitting sponsorship or continuing education course approval. The oversight and approval of the Department of Public Health's Plumbing Inspector shall be sufficient oversight for sponsor or course approval submitted by Illinois licensed professional engineers and licensed environmental practitioners. Provides that no additional requirements for the approval for the Illinois licensed professional engineers and licensed environmental practitioners as a sponsor or for approval of a continuing education course shall be mandated. Effective immediately.

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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 14 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 320/14) (from Ch. 111, par. 1113)

7 Sec. 14. License renewal; continuing education. All
8 plumber's licenses and apprentice plumber's licenses issued
9 under this Act shall expire on April 30 next following date of
10 issuance. The term for retired plumber's licenses shall be
11 prescribed by Department rule after consultation with the Board
12 of Plumbing Examiners.

13 An apprentice plumber's license shall also expire the date
14 that the licensed plumber sponsor of such licensed apprentice
15 plumber severs his or her sponsor status with the licensed
16 apprentice plumber. The licensed plumber sponsor shall
17 immediately notify the Department of the severance of his or
18 her relationship with the licensed apprentice plumber. Such
19 apprentice plumber may, on forms provided by the Department,
20 apply for reinstatement of his or her apprentice license by
21 submitting to the Department a new application and new
22 apprentice plumber's license fee. The application shall verify
23 that the applicant for reinstatement of his or her apprentice

1 plumber's license is sponsored by an Illinois licensed plumber.
2 If the applicant is employed by a firm, the application shall
3 contain the name and license number of an Illinois licensed
4 plumber employee of the firm or name and license number of an
5 Illinois licensed plumber member of the firm, or name and
6 Illinois plumber's license number of an officer of a
7 corporation who is the sponsor. Licensed apprentice plumbers
8 shall not accumulate more than 6 years as a licensed apprentice
9 plumber.

10 Upon the recommendation of the Board, the Department may
11 require by rule that each licensed plumber annually complete a
12 minimum number of hours of classroom instruction and provide
13 evidence of attending the classes before receiving a renewal
14 plumber license. A continuing education requirement
15 established by the Department for all licensed plumbers shall
16 not exceed 15 hours per year. In addition, the Department shall
17 by rule establish guidelines for additional continuing
18 education to be required for licensed plumbers found to have
19 committed repeated Plumbing Code violations. In support of
20 these requirements, the Department shall by rule establish
21 curricula for continuing education and requirements for
22 instructors and may certify instructors and training programs
23 and schools for continuing education.

24 A plumber's license and an apprentice plumber's license may
25 be renewed for a period of one year from each succeeding May
26 1st upon payment prior to May 1st of the required renewal fee

1 and submission of required evidence of successful completion of
2 any required continuing education courses. Application for
3 renewal shall be on forms provided by the Department. An
4 application for renewal of licenses received by the Department
5 after May 1st shall include the annual renewal fees plus
6 reinstatement fees, provided that the apprentice plumber's
7 application is received by November 1 of the same year.

8 A plumber licensed pursuant to this Act whose license has
9 been expired for a period of less than 5 years may apply to the
10 Department for reinstatement of his or her plumber's license.
11 The Department shall issue such license renewal provided the
12 applicant pays to the Department all lapsed renewal fees, plus
13 the reinstatement fee. A plumber licensed pursuant to this Act
14 who has permitted his or her license to expire for more than 5
15 years may apply, in writing, to the Department for restoration
16 of his or her license. The Department shall restore his or her
17 license provided he or she pays to the Department the required
18 restoration fee and shall successfully pass the examination for
19 an Illinois plumber's license. The restoration fee includes the
20 applicant's examination fee. Failure by the applicant to
21 successfully pass the plumber's license examination shall be
22 sufficient grounds for the Department to withhold issuance of
23 the requested restoration of the applicant's plumber's
24 license. The applicant may retake the examination in accordance
25 with the provisions of this Act.

26 A retired plumber licensed under this Act who has

1 surrendered his or her plumber's license for a period of less
2 than 5 years may apply to the Department for reinstatement of
3 his or her plumber's license. The Department shall renew the
4 license provided the applicant pays to the Department any
5 reinstatement fee required by Department rule. A retired
6 plumber licensed under this Act who has surrendered his or her
7 plumber's license for a period of more than 5 years may apply
8 in writing to the Department for restoration of his or her
9 license. The Department shall restore his or her license
10 provided he or she pays to the Department the restoration fee
11 required by Department rule and successfully passes the
12 examination for an Illinois plumber's license. The restoration
13 fee includes the applicant's examination fee. Failure by the
14 applicant to successfully pass the plumber's license
15 examination shall be sufficient grounds for the Department to
16 withhold issuance of the requested restoration of the
17 applicant's plumber's license. The applicant may retake the
18 examination in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

19 Illinois licensed professional engineers and licensed
20 environmental practitioners who provide continuing education
21 for licensed plumbers are not required to have oversight of
22 their continuing education sponsorship or courses by any other
23 licensed profession or Illinois licensed plumbers, have their
24 programs reviewed by another licensed professional or Illinois
25 licensed plumber, or have another licensed professional or
26 Illinois licensed plumber attend or provide oversight of their

1 continuing education courses or programs.

2 Illinois licensed professional engineers and licensed
3 environmental practitioners who provide continuing education
4 for plumbers are not required to provide a licensed plumber of
5 record when submitting sponsorship or continuing education
6 course approval. The oversight and approval of the Department's
7 Plumbing Inspector shall be sufficient oversight for sponsor or
8 course approval submitted by Illinois licensed professional
9 engineers and licensed environmental practitioners. No
10 additional requirements for the approval for the Illinois
11 licensed professional engineers and licensed environmental
12 practitioners as a sponsor or for approval of a continuing
13 education course shall be mandated.

14 (Source: P.A. 89-665, eff. 8-14-96; 90-714, eff. 8-7-98.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.