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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1381

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1381, AS AMENDED,
3 by 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 15, 20, and 120 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 317/15)

8 Sec. 15. Licensing requirements.

9 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or business to
10 engage in, advertise, or hold itself out to be in the business
11 of installing or repairing fire sprinkler systems in this State
12 after 6 months after the effective date of this Act, unless
13 such person or business is licensed by the State Fire Marshal.

14 (b) In order to obtain a license, a person or business must
15 submit an application to the State Fire Marshal, on a form
16 provided by the State Fire Marshal containing the information

1 prescribed, along with the application fee.

2 (c) A business applying for a license must have a
3 designated certified person employed at the business location
4 and the designated certified person shall be identified on the
5 license application.

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

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

16 (f) A person or business so licensed shall have a separate
17 license for each business location within the State or outside
18 the State when the business location is responsible for any
19 installation or repair of fire sprinkler systems performed
20 within the State.

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

24 (h) If the applicant requesting licensure to engage in
25 contracting is a business organization, such as a partnership,
26 corporation, business trust, or other legal entity, the

1 application shall state the name of the partnership and its
2 partners, the name of the corporation and its officers and
3 directors, the name of the business trust and its trustees, or
4 the name of such other legal entity and its members and shall
5 furnish evidence of statutory compliance if a fictitious name
6 is used. Such application shall also show that the business
7 entity employs a designated certified person as required under
8 Section 20. The license, when issued upon application of a
9 business organization, shall be in the name of the business
10 organization and the name of the qualifying designated
11 certified person shall be noted thereon.

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

17 (j) All fire protection system layout documents of fire
18 sprinkler systems, as defined in Section 10 of this Act, shall
19 be prepared by (i) a professional engineer who is licensed
20 under the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989, (ii)
21 an architect who is licensed under the Illinois Architecture
22 Practice Act of 1989, or (iii) a holder of a valid NICET level
23 3 or 4 certification in water-based (formerly automatic
24 sprinkler) systems ~~fire protection technology automatic~~
25 ~~sprinkler system~~ layout who is either licensed under this Act
26 or employed by an organization licensed under this Act.

1 (Source: P.A. 97-112, eff. 7-14-11.)

2 (225 ILCS 317/20)

3 Sec. 20. Designated certified person requirements.

4 (a) A designated certified person must either be a current
5 Illinois licensed professional engineer or hold a valid NICET
6 level 3 or higher certification in "water-based (formerly
7 automatic sprinkler) systems ~~fire protection technology,~~
8 ~~automatic sprinkler system~~ layout".

9 (b) At least one member of every firm, association, or
10 partnership and at least one corporate officer of every
11 corporation engaged in the installation and repair of fire
12 sprinkler systems must be a designated certified person.

13 (c) A designated certified person must be employed by the
14 licensee at a business location with a valid license.

15 (d) A designated certified person must perform his or her
16 normal duties at a business location with a valid license.

17 (e) A designated certified person may only be the
18 designated certified person for one business location and one
19 business entity.

20 (f) A designated certified person must be directly involved
21 in supervision. The designated certified person does not,
22 however, have to be at the site of the installation or repair
23 of the fire sprinkler system at all times.

24 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)

1 (225 ILCS 317/120)

2 Sec. 120. Grandfather clause. Any person or business that,
3 as of the effective date of this Act, is installing or
4 repairing fire sprinkler systems in the State of Illinois and
5 has a minimum of 3 years of experience in installing or
6 repairing fire sprinkler systems is exempt from having a
7 designated certified person as required in Section 20. After
8 January 1, 2016, no initial licenses shall be issued under this
9 Section.

10 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)".