- 1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2370
- 2 AMENDMENT NO. ____. Amend House Bill 2370 by replacing
- 3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:
- 4 "Section 5. The Illinois Plumbing License Law is amended
- 5 by changing Sections 13.1, 18, 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
- 10 corporations desiring to engage in the business of plumbing
- 11 contractor, other than any entity that maintains an audited
- 12 net worth of shareholders' equity equal to or exceeding
- 13 \$100,000,000, shall register in accordance with the
- 14 provisions of this Act.
- 15 (2) Application for registration shall be filed with the
- Department each year, on or before the last day of <u>September</u>
- 17 April, in writing and on forms prepared and furnished by the
- 18 Department. All plumbing contractor registrations expire on
- 19 the last day of <u>September</u> April of each year.
- 20 (3) Applications shall contain the name, address, and
- 21 telephone number of the person and the plumbing license of
- 22 (i) the individual, if a sole proprietorship; (ii) the

- 1 partner, if a partnership; or (iii) an officer, if a
- 2 corporation. The application shall contain the business
- 3 name, address, and telephone number, a current copy of the
- 4 plumbing license, and any other information the Department
- 5 may require by rule.
- 6 (4) Applicants shall submit an original certificate of
- 7 insurance documenting that the contractor carries general
- 8 liability insurance with a minimum of \$100,000 per
- 9 occurrence, bodily injury insurance with a minimum of
- 10 \$300,000 per occurrence, property damage insurance with a
- 11 minimum of \$50,000, and workers compensation insurance with a
- 12 minimum \$500,000. No registration may be issued in the
- 13 absence of this certificate. Certificates must be in force
- 14 at all times for registration to remain valid.
- 15 (5) Applicants shall submit, on a form provided by the
- Department, an indemnification bond in the amount of \$20,000
- or a letter of credit in the same amount for work performed
- in accordance with this Act and the rules promulgated under
- 19 this Act.
- 20 (6) All employees of a registered plumbing contractor
- 21 who engage in plumbing work shall be licensed plumbers or
- 22 apprentice plumbers in accordance with this Act.
- 23 (7) Plumbing contractors shall submit an annual
- registration fee in an amount to be established by rule.
- 25 (8) The Department shall be notified in advance of any
- 26 changes in the business structure, name, or location or of
- 27 the addition or deletion of the owner or officer who is the
- 28 licensed plumber listed on the application. Failure to
- 29 notify the Department of this information is grounds for
- 30 suspension or revocation of the plumbing contractor's
- 31 registration.
- 32 (9) In the event that the plumber's license on the
- 33 application for registration of a plumbing contractor is a
- 34 license issued by the City of Chicago, it shall be the

- 1 responsibility of the applicant to forward a copy of the
- 2 plumber's license to the Department, noting the name of the
- 3 registered plumbing contractor, when it is renewed.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 92-338, eff. 8-10-01.)
- 5 (225 ILCS 320/18) (from Ch. 111, par. 1117)
- 6 Sec. 18. Local regulation; Department standards.
- 7 It is hereby declared to be the policy of this State 8 that each city, town, village, township or county with a water supply system or sewage disposal system or both should 9 10 so soon after the enactment of this Act as practicable, with the advice of the State Department of Public Health, provide 11 12 by ordinance, bylaws or rules and regulations for the materials, construction, alteration, and inspection of all 13 plumbing placed in or in connection with any building in 14 15 such city, town, village, township, or county and to provide for and appoint a competent Plumbing Inspector or more 16 17 required. The Department may by rule establish voluntary 18 standards for the content and conduct of local plumbing 19 regulation and inspection programs and may evaluate and 20 certify local programs that are in compliance with the 21 voluntary standards. The Department may by rule establish 22 voluntary education, training, and experience standards Plumbing Inspectors and may certify Plumbing Inspectors who 23 24 are in compliance with the voluntary standards. Nothing contained in this Act shall prohibit any city, town, village, 25 township or county from providing for a Plumbing Inspector or 26 from requiring permits for the installation and repair of 27 plumbing and collecting a fee therefor, but a city, town, 28 29 village, township, or county that requires a permit for installation and repair of plumbing may not issue that permit 30 without verification that the applicant has a valid plumbing 31 license. No person shall be appointed as a Plumbing Inspector 32

who is not a licensed plumber under this Act, including

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- 1 persons employed as Plumbing Inspectors in home rule units.
- 2 (2) The Department of Public Health shall conduct
- 3 inquiry in any city, town, village, township, or county or at
- 4 any other place in the State when reasonably necessary in the
- 5 judgment of the Director of the Department of Public Health
- 6 to safeguard the health of any person or persons in this
- 7 State, on account of piping or appurtenant appliances within
- 8 any building, or outside, when such piping and appliances are
- 9 for the use of plumbing as defined in this Act and for the
- 10 use of carrying sewage or waste within or from any building.
- 11 The Department of Public Health may conduct such
- inquiries in any city, town, village, township or county in
- 13 this State by directing the Plumbing Inspector thereof to aid
- in or conduct such inquiry or investigation in behalf of the
- 15 Department of Public Health or the Department of Public
- 16 Health may designate some other person or persons to conduct
- 17 such investigation.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 90-714, eff. 8-7-98.)"
- 19 (225 ILCS 320/42)
- Sec. 42. Home rule. Pursuant to paragraph (h) of Section
- 21 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 the
- 22 power to regulate the licensing of plumbers, to promulgate
- 23 the-promulgation-of a minimum plumbing code of standards, and
- 24 the--power to regulate the registration of irrigation
- 25 contractors <u>and plumbing contractors</u> shall, except as may
- otherwise be provided within and pursuant to the provisions
- of Section 16 and Section 16.1 of this Act, be exercised by
- 28 the State and may not be exercised by any unit of local
- 29 government, including home rule units.
- 30 (Source: P.A. 91-678, eff. 1-26-00.)".