- 1 AN ACT concerning the regulation of professions.
- 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
- 5 by changing Sections 1, 2, 3, 8, 20, and 29.5 and by adding
- 6 Section 13.1 as follows:
- 7 (225 ILCS 320/1) (from Ch. 111, par. 1101)
- 8 Sec. 1. <u>Purpose.</u> It has been established by scientific
- 9 evidence that improper plumbing can result in the
- 10 introduction of pathogenic organisms into the potable water
- 11 supply, result in the escape of toxic gases into the
- 12 environment, and result in potentially lethal disease and
- 13 epidemic. It is further found that minimum numbers of
- 14 plumbing facilities and fixtures are necessary for the
- 15 comfort and convenience of workers and persons in public
- 16 places.

- 17 Consistent with its duty to safeguard the health of the
- 18 people of this State, the General Assembly therefore declares
- 19 that the regulation of plumbing and the plumbing trade is
- 20 necessary for the protection of the public health,
- 21 convenience, and welfare. The General Assembly therefore
- declares that individuals who plan, inspect, install, alter,
- 23 extend, repair and maintain plumbing systems shall be
- 24 individuals of proven skill. Further, the General Assembly
- 25 declares that a guide for the minimum control and number of
- 26 plumbing materials and fixtures, the design of plumbing
- 27 systems, and the construction and installation methods of
- 28 plumbing systems is essential for the protection of public
- 29 health and convenience. In order to insure plumbing skill and

to authoritatively establish what shall be good plumbing

- 31 practice, this Act provides for the licensing of plumbers and

- 1 <u>registration of plumbing contractors</u> and for the promulgation
- of a Minimum Plumbing Code of standards by the Department.7
- 3 This Act is therefore declared to be essential to the public
- 4 interest.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 87-885.)
- 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
- 10 is 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
- 14 this 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
- 24 where it is connected to the building sewer.
- 25 "Building sewer" means that part of the horizontal piping
- of a drainage system that extends from the end of the
- 27 building drain, receives the discharge of the building drain
- 28 and conveys it to a public sewer or private sewage disposal
- 29 system.
- 30 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Public
- 31 Health.
- 32 "Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department
- 33 of Public Health.

- 1 "Governmental unit" means a city, village, incorporated
- 2 town, county, or sanitary or water district.
- 3 "Irrigation contractor" means a person who installs or
- 4 supervises the installation of lawn sprinkler systems subject
- 5 to Section 2.5 of this Act, other than a licensed plumber or
- 6 a licensed apprentice plumber.
- 7 "Lawn sprinkler system" means any underground irrigation
- 8 system of lawn, shrubbery and other vegetation from any
- 9 potable water sources; and from any water sources, whether or
- 10 not potable, in: (i) any county with a population of
- 3,000,000 or more; (ii) any county with a population of
- 12 275,000 or more which is contiguous in whole or in part to a
- county with a population of 3,000,000 or more; and (iii) any
- 14 county with a population of 37,000 or more but less than
- 15 150,000 which is contiguous to 2 or more counties with
- respective populations in excess of 275,000. "Lawn sprinkler
- 17 system" includes without limitation the water supply piping,
- valves, and sprinkler heads or other irrigation outlets, but
- 19 does not include the backflow prevention device. "Lawn
- 20 sprinkler system" does not include an irrigation system used
- 21 primarily for agricultural purposes.
- 22 "Person" means any natural person, firm, corporation,
- 23 partnership, or association.
- 24 "Plumber" means any licensed person authorized to perform
- 25 plumbing as defined in this Act, but does not include retired
- 26 plumbers as defined in this Act.
- 27 "Plumbing" means the actual installation, repair,
- 28 maintenance, alteration or extension of a plumbing system by
- any person.
- 30 "Plumbing" includes all piping, fixtures, appurtenances
- 31 and appliances for a supply of water for all purposes,
- 32 including without limitation lawn sprinkler systems and
- 33 backflow prevention devices connected to lawn sprinkler
- 34 systems, from the source of a private water supply on the

- 1 premises or from the main in the street, alley or at the curb
- 2 to, within and about any building or buildings where a person
- 3 or persons live, work or assemble.
- 4 "Plumbing" includes all piping, from discharge of pumping
- 5 units to and including pressure tanks in water supply
- 6 systems.
- 7 "Plumbing" includes all piping, fixtures, appurtenances,
- 8 and appliances for a building drain and a sanitary drainage
- 9 and related ventilation system of any building or buildings
- 10 where a person or persons live, work or assemble from the
- 11 point of connection of such building drain to the building
- sewer or private sewage disposal system 5 feet beyond the
- 13 foundation walls.

"Plumbing" does not mean or include the trade of 14 15 drain-laying, the trade of drilling water wells 16 constitute the sources of private water supplies, and of making connections between such wells and pumping units in 17 the water supply systems of buildings served by such private 18 19 water supplies, or the business of installing water softening equipment and of maintaining and servicing the same, or the 20 21 business of manufacturing or selling plumbing fixtures, 22 appliances, equipment or hardware, or to the installation and 23 servicing of electrical equipment sold by a not-for-profit corporation providing electrification on a cooperative basis, 24 25 that either on or before January 1, 1971, is or has been financed in whole or in part under the federal Rural 26 Electrification Act of 1936 and the Acts amendatory thereof 27 and supplementary thereto, to its members for use on farms 28 29 owned by individuals or operated by individuals, nor does it 30 mean or include minor repairs which do not require changes in 31 the piping to or from plumbing fixtures or involve the 32 removal, replacement, installation or re-installation of any pipe or plumbing fixtures. Plumbing does not include the 33

installation, repair, maintenance, alteration or extension of

- 1 building sewers.
- 2 <u>"Plumbing contractor" means any person who performs</u>
- 3 plumbing, as defined in this Act, for another person.
- 4 "Plumbing contractor" shall not include licensed plumbers and
- 5 <u>licensed apprentice plumbers who either are employed by</u>
- 6 persons engaged in the plumbing business or are employed by
- 7 <u>another person for the performance of plumbing solely for</u>
- 8 that other person, including, but not limited to, a hospital,
- 9 <u>university</u>, or business maintenance staff.
- 10 "Plumbing fixtures" means installed receptacles, devices
- or appliances that are supplied with water or that receive or
- 12 discharge liquids or liquid borne wastes, with or without
- discharge into the drainage system with which they may be
- 14 directly or indirectly connected.
- 15 "Plumbing system" means the water service, water supply
- and distribution pipes; plumbing fixtures and traps; soil,
- 17 waste and vent pipes; building drains; including their
- 18 respective connections, devices and appurtenances.
- 19 "Plumbing system" does not include building sewers as
- 20 defined in this Act.
- 21 "Retired plumber" means any licensed plumber in good
- 22 standing who meets the requirements of this Act and the
- 23 requirements prescribed by Department rule to be licensed as
- 24 a retired plumber and voluntarily surrenders his plumber's
- 25 license to the Department, in exchange for a retired
- 26 plumber's license. Retired plumbers cannot perform plumbing
- 27 as defined in this Act, cannot sponsor or supervise
- 28 apprentice plumbers, and cannot inspect plumbing under this
- 29 Act. A retired plumber cannot fulfill the requirements of
- 30 subsection (3) of Section 3 of this Act.
- 31 "Supervision" with respect to first and second year
- 32 licensed apprentice plumbers means that such apprentices must
- 33 perform all designing and planning of plumbing systems and
- 34 all plumbing as defined in this Act under the direct personal

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

"Sponsor" is an Illinois licensed plumber or an approved apprenticeship program that has accepted an individual as an Illinois licensed apprentice plumber for education and training in the field of plumbing and whose name and license number or apprenticeship program number shall appear on the individual's application for an apprentice plumber's license.

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

31 "Telecommunications carrier" means a telecommunications 32 carrier as defined in the Public Utilities Act.

33 (Source: P.A. 91-184, eff. 1-1-00; 91-678, eff. 1-26-00.)

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1 (225 ILCS 320/3) (from Ch. 111, par. 1103)

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2 Sec. 3. (1) All planning and designing of plumbing systems and all plumbing shall be performed only by plumbers 3 4 licensed under the provisions of this Act hereinafter called 5 "licensed plumbers" and "licensed apprentice plumbers". б inspection of plumbing and plumbing systems shall be done 7 only by the sponsor or his or her agent who shall be 8 Illinois licensed plumber. Nothing herein contained shall 9 prohibit licensed plumbers or licensed apprentice plumbers supervision from planning, designing, inspecting, 10 under 11 installing, repairing, maintaining, altering or extending building sewers in accordance with this Act. No person who 12 holds a license or certificate of registration under the 13 Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989, or the Structural 14 Engineering Practice Act of 1989, or the Professional 15 16 Engineering Practice Act of 1989 shall be prevented from planning and designing plumbing systems. 17

occupant or lessee occupant of a single family residence, or the owner of a single family residence under construction for his or her occupancy, from planning, installing, altering or repairing the plumbing system of such residence, provided that (i) such plumbing shall comply with the minimum standards for plumbing contained in the Illinois State Plumbing Code, and shall be subject to inspection by the Department or the local governmental unit if it retains a licensed plumber as an inspector; and (ii) such owner, owner occupant or lessee occupant shall not employ other than a plumber licensed pursuant to this Act to assist him or her.

For purposes of this subsection, a person shall be considered an "occupant" if and only if he or she has taken possession of and is living in the premises as his or her bona fide sole and exclusive residence, or, in the case of an owner of a single family residence under construction for

- his or her occupancy, he or she expects to take possession of and live in the premises as his or her bona fide sole and exclusive residence, and he or she has a current intention to live in such premises as his or her bona fide sole and exclusive residence for a period of not less than 6 months after the completion of the plumbing work performed pursuant to the authorization of this subsection, or, in the case of an owner of a single family residence under construction for his or her occupancy, for a period of not less than 6 months after the completion of construction of the residence. Failure to possess and live in the premises as a sole and exclusive residence for a period of 6 months or more shall create a rebuttable presumption of a lack of such intention.
  - (3) The employees of a firm, association, partnership or corporation who engage in plumbing shall be licensed plumbers or licensed apprentice plumbers. At least one member of every firm, association or partnership engaged in plumbing work, and at least one corporate officer of every corporation engaged in plumbing work, as the case may be, shall be a licensed plumber. A retired plumber cannot fulfill the requirements of this subsection (3). Plumbing contractors are also required to be registered pursuant to the provisions of this Act.
  - Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (3), it shall be lawful for an irrigation contractor registered under Section 2.5 of this Act to employ or contract with one or more licensed plumbers in connection with work on lawn sprinkler systems pursuant to Section 2.5 of this Act.
  - (4) (a) A licensed apprentice plumber shall plan, design and install plumbing only under the supervision of the sponsor or his or her agent who is also an Illinois licensed plumber.
- 33 (b) An applicant for licensing as an apprentice 34 plumber shall be at least 16 years of age and apply on

- the application form provided by the Department. Such application shall verify that the applicant is sponsored by an Illinois licensed plumber or an approved apprenticeship program and shall contain the name and license number of the licensed plumber or program sponsor.
  - (c) No licensed plumber shall sponsor more than 2 licensed apprentice plumbers at the same time. If 2 licensed apprentice plumbers are sponsored by a plumber at the same time, one of the apprentices must have, at a minimum, 2 years experience as a licensed apprentice. No licensed plumber sponsor or his or her agent may supervise 2 licensed apprentices with less than 2 years experience at the same time. The sponsor or agent shall supervise and be responsible for the plumbing performed by a licensed apprentice.
  - (d) No agent shall supervise more than 2 licensed apprentices at the same time.
  - (e) No licensed plumber may, in any capacity, supervise more than 2 licensed apprentice plumbers at the same time.
  - (f) No approved apprenticeship program may sponsor more licensed apprentices than 2 times the number of licensed plumbers available to supervise those licensed apprentices.
  - (g) No approved apprenticeship program may sponsor more licensed apprentices with less than 2 years experience than it has licensed plumbers available to supervise those licensed apprentices.
  - (h) No individual shall work as an apprentice plumber unless he or she is properly licensed under this Act. The Department shall issue an apprentice plumber's license to each approved applicant.
  - (i) No licensed apprentice plumber shall serve more

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than a 6 year licensed apprenticeship period. If, upon completion of a 6 year licensed apprenticeship period, such licensed apprentice plumber does not apply for the examination for a plumber's license and successfully pass the examination for a plumber's license, his or her apprentice plumber's license shall not be renewed.

Nothing contained in P.A. 83-878, entitled "An Act in relation to professions", approved September 26, intended by the General Assembly nor should it be construed to require the employees of a governmental unit or privately owned municipal water supplier who operate, maintain or repair a water or sewer plant facility which is owned or by such governmental unit or privately owned operated municipal water supplier to be licensed plumbers under this In addition, nothing contained in P.A. 83-878 was intended by the General Assembly nor should it be construed to permit persons other than licensed plumbers to perform the installation, repair, maintenance or replacement of plumbing fixtures, such as toilet facilities, floor drains, showers and lavatories, and the piping attendant to those fixtures, within such facility or in the construction of a new facility.

Nothing contained in P.A. 83-878, entitled "An Act in relation to professions", approved September 26, 1983, was intended by the General Assembly nor should it be construed to require the employees of a governmental unit or privately owned municipal water supplier who install, repair or maintain water service lines from water mains in the street, alley or curb line to private property lines and who install, repair or maintain water meters to be licensed plumbers under this Act if such work was customarily performed prior to the effective date of such Act by employees of such governmental unit or privately owned municipal water supplier who were not licensed plumbers. Any such work which was customarily

- 1 performed prior to the effective date of such Act by persons
- 2 who were licensed plumbers or subcontracted to persons who
- 3 were licensed plumbers must continue to be performed by
- 4 persons who are licensed plumbers or subcontracted to persons
- 5 who are licensed plumbers. When necessary under this Act,
- 6 the Department shall make the determination whether or not
- 7 persons who are licensed plumbers customarily performed such
- 8 work.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 91-91, eff. 1-1-00; 91-678, eff. 1-26-00.)
- 10 (225 ILCS 320/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 1107)
- 11 Sec. 8. The Director shall:
- 12 (1) Prepare forms for application for examination for a
- 13 plumber's license.
- 14 (2) Prepare and issue licenses as provided in this Act.
- 15 (3) With the aid of the Board prescribe rules and
- 16 regulations for examination of applicants for plumber's
- 17 licenses.
- 18 (4) With the aid of the Board prepare and give uniform
- 19 and comprehensive examinations to applicants for a plumber's
- 20 license which shall test their knowledge and qualifications
- 21 in the planning and design of plumbing systems, their
- 22 knowledge, qualifications, and manual skills in plumbing, and
- 23 their knowledge of the State's minimum code of standards
- 24 relating to fixtures, materials, design and installation
- 25 methods of plumbing systems, promulgated pursuant to this
- 26 Act.
- 27 (5) Issue a plumber's license and license renewal to
- every applicant who has passed the examination and who has
- 29 paid the required license and renewal fee.
- 30 (6) Prescribe rules for hearings to deny, suspend,
- 31 revoke or reinstate licenses as provided in this Act.
- 32 (7) Maintain a current record showing (a) the names and
- 33 addresses of <u>registered plumbing contractors</u>, licensed

- 1 plumbers, licensed apprentice plumbers, and licensed retired
- 2 plumbers, (b) the dates of issuance of licenses, (c) the date
- 3 and substance of the charges set forth in any hearing for
- denial, suspension or revocation of any license, (d) the date
- 5 and substance of the final order issued upon each such
- 6 hearing, and (e) the date and substance of all petitions for
- 7 reinstatement of license and final orders on such petitions.
- 8 (8) Prescribe, in consultation with the Board, uniform
- 9 and reasonable rules defining what constitutes an approved
- 10 course of instruction in plumbing, in colleges, universities,
- 11 or trade schools, and approve or disapprove the courses of
- instruction offered by such colleges, universities, or trade
- 13 schools by reference to their compliance or noncompliance
- 14 with such rules. Such rules shall be designed to assure that
- 15 an approved course of instruction will adequately teach the
- 16 design, planning, installation, replacement, extension,
- 17 alteration and repair of plumbing.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 89-665, eff. 8-14-96.)
- 19 (225 ILCS 320/13.1 new)
- 20 <u>Sec. 13.1. Plumbing contractors; registration;</u>
- 21 <u>applications</u>.
- 22 <u>(1) On and after May 1, 2002, all persons or</u>
- 23 <u>corporations desiring to engage in the business of</u>
- 24 plumbing contractor, other than any entity that maintains
- an audited net worth of shareholders' equity equal to or
- 26 <u>exceeding \$100,000,000</u>, shall register in accordance with
- the provisions of this Act.
- 28 <u>(2) Application for registration shall be filed</u>
- with the Department each year, on or before the last day
- of April, in writing and on forms prepared and furnished
- 31 <u>by the Department. All plumbing contractor registrations</u>
- 32 <u>expire on the last day of April of each year.</u>
- 33 (3) Applications shall contain the name, address,

and telephone number of the person and the plumbing license of (i) the individual, if a sole proprietorship; (ii) the partner, if a partnership; or (iii) an officer, if a corporation. The application shall contain the business name, address, and telephone number, a current copy of the plumbing license, and any other information the Department may require by rule.

- (4) Applicants shall submit an original certificate of insurance documenting that the contractor carries general liability insurance with a minimum of \$100,000 per occurrence, bodily injury insurance with a minimum of \$300,000 per occurrence, property damage insurance with a minimum of \$50,000, and workers compensation insurance with a minimum \$500,000. No registration may be issued in the absence of this certificate. Certificates must be in force at all times for registration to remain valid.
- (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 this Act.
- (6) All employees of a registered plumbing contractor who engage in plumbing work shall be licensed plumbers or apprentice plumbers in accordance with this Act.
- (7) Plumbing contractors shall submit an annual registration fee in an amount to be established by rule.
- (8) The Department shall be notified in advance of any changes in the business structure, name, or location or of the addition or deletion of the owner or officer who is the licensed plumber listed on the application.

  Failure to notify the Department of this information is grounds for suspension or revocation of the plumbing contractor's registration.

1	(9) In the event that the plumber's license on the
2	application for registration of a plumbing contractor is
3	a license issued by the City of Chicago, it shall be the
4	responsibility of the applicant to forward a copy of the
5	plumber's license to the Department, noting the name of
6	the registered plumbing contractor, when it is renewed.

- 7 (225 ILCS 320/20) (from Ch. 111, par. 1119)
- 8 Sec. 20. <u>Grounds for discipline.</u> (1) The Director may 9 deny, revoke or suspend a license <u>or registration</u> when 10 findings show one or more of the following:
  - (a) That the licensee <u>or registrant</u> obtained or conspired with others to obtain a license <u>or registration</u> by inducing the issuance thereof in consideration of the payment of money or delivery of any other thing of value or by and through misrepresentation of facts.
    - (b) That the licensee or registrant willfully violated any law of this State or any rule, regulation or code promulgated thereunder regulating plumbing, <u>licensed</u> or registered plumbing contractors, licensed plumbers, licensed apprentice plumbers, <u>licensed retired plumbers</u>, water well pump installations and private sewage disposal systems.
    - (c) That the licensee <u>or registrant</u> has been guilty of negligence or incompetence in the performance of plumbing.
    - (d) That the licensee <u>or registrant</u> has loaned or in any manner transferred his or her license to another person.
    - (e) That the sponsor or his or her agent has failed to properly supervise a licensed apprentice plumber.
- 31 <u>(f) That the owner or officer of a registered</u>
  32 <u>plumbing contractor failed to maintain a valid plumbing</u>
  33 <u>license.</u>

- 1 (g) That the registered plumbing contractor used a
- 2 plumbing license without the permission of the licensee.
- 3 (2) If a license is suspended or revoked, the license
- 4 shall be surrendered to the Department but, if suspended, it
- 5 shall be returned to the licensee upon the termination of the
- 6 suspension period.
- 7 The Department may refuse to issue or may suspend the
- 8 license of any person who fails to file a return, or to pay
- 9 the tax, penalty or interest shown in a filed return, or to
- 10 pay any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest, as
- 11 required by any tax Act administered by the Illinois
- 12 Department of Revenue, until such time as the requirements of
- any such tax Act are satisfied.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 87-885.)
- 15 (225 ILCS 320/29.5)
- 16 Sec. 29.5. Unlicensed <u>and unregistered</u> practice;
- 17 violation; civil penalty.
- 18 (a) A person who practices, offers to practice, attempts
- 19 to practice, or holds himself or herself out to practice as a
- 20 plumber or plumbing contractor without being licensed or
- 21 <u>registered</u> under this Act, or as an irrigation contractor
- 22 without being registered under this Act, shall, in addition

to any other penalty provided by law, pay a civil penalty to

- the Department in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for each
- 25 offense as determined by the Department. The civil penalty
- 26 shall be assessed by the Department after a hearing is held
- 27 in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Act
- 28 regarding the provision of a hearing for the discipline of a
- 29 licensee <u>or registrant</u>.

- 30 (b) The Department has the authority and power to
- 31 investigate any person who practices, offers to practice,
- 32 attempts to practice, or holds himself or herself out to
- 33 practice as a plumber or plumbing contractor without being

- 1 licensed or registered under this Act, or as an irrigation
- 2 contractor without being registered under this Act.
- 3 (c) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after
- 4 the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty.
- 5 The order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed and
- 6 execution had on the judgment in the same manner as a
- 7 judgment from a court of record. All fines and penalties
- 8 collected by the Department under this Section of the Act and
- 9 accrued interest shall be deposited into the Plumbing
- 10 Licensure and Program Fund for use by the Department in
- 11 performing activities relating to the administration and
- 12 enforcement of this Act.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 90-714, eff. 8-7-98; 91-678, eff. 1-26-00.)
- 14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 15 becoming law.