

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 Section 2.5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 320/2.5)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2003)

8 Sec. 2.5. Irrigation contractors; lawn sprinkler
9 systems.

10 (a) Every irrigation contractor doing business in this
11 State shall annually register with the Department. Every
12 irrigation contractor shall provide to the Department his or
13 her business name and address, telephone number, name of
14 principal, and FEIN number. Every irrigation contractor doing
15 business in this State shall also register with the
16 Department each and every employee who installs or supervises
17 the installation of lawn sprinkler systems. The registration
18 shall include the employee's name, home address, and
19 telephone number. The Department may provide by rule for the
20 administration of registrations under this subsection. The
21 annual registration fee shall be set by the Department
22 pursuant to Section 30 of this Act.

23 (b) A licensed plumber or licensed apprentice plumber
24 may install a lawn sprinkler system connected to any water
25 source without registration under this Section.

26 (c) A licensed plumber shall inspect every sprinkler
27 system installed by an irrigation contractor to ensure the
28 provisions of this Section have been met and that the system
29 works mechanically. A licensed plumber shall make the
30 physical connection between a lawn sprinkler system and the
31 backflow prevention device.

1 Upon the installation of every lawn sprinkler system in
2 this State from the effective date of this amendatory Act of
3 the 91st General Assembly forward, a licensed plumber shall
4 affix to the backflow prevention device a tag certifying that
5 the installation of that system has been completed in
6 compliance with the minimum code of plumbing standards
7 promulgated under this Act. The Department shall provide by
8 rule for the registration of every lawn sprinkler system
9 installed after the effective date of this amendatory Act of
10 the 91st General Assembly, including the means by which the
11 Department shall be able to identify by registration number
12 the identity of the responsible irrigation contractor and by
13 license number the identity of the responsible licensed
14 plumber. No lawn sprinkler system installed after the
15 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General
16 Assembly may be operated without the certification tag
17 required under this Section.

18 The registered irrigation contractor and the licensed
19 plumber whose identifying information is contained on the
20 certification tag shall both be subject to the penalty
21 provisions of this Act for violations for improper
22 installation of a lawn sprinkler system installed after the
23 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General
24 Assembly.

25 (d) An irrigation contractor that has registered with
26 the Department 7 or fewer persons who are authorized to
27 install or supervise the installation of lawn sprinkler
28 systems shall either employ or contract with at least one
29 licensed plumber who shall install or be responsible for the
30 installation of every lawn sprinkler system installed after
31 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General
32 Assembly. The licensed plumber shall inspect the risers and
33 sprinkler heads before backfilling.

34 An irrigation contractor that has registered with the

1 Department 8 to 12 persons who are authorized to install or
2 supervise the installation of lawn sprinkler systems shall
3 either employ or contract with at least 2 licensed plumbers
4 who shall install or be responsible for the installation of
5 every lawn sprinkler system installed after the effective
6 date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly. A
7 licensed plumber shall inspect the risers and sprinkler heads
8 before backfilling.

9 An irrigation contractor that has registered with the
10 Department 13 to 20 persons who are authorized to install or
11 supervise the installation of lawn sprinkler systems shall
12 either employ or contract with at least 3 licensed plumbers
13 who shall install or be responsible for the installation of
14 every lawn sprinkler system installed after the effective
15 date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly. A
16 licensed plumber shall inspect the risers and sprinkler heads
17 before backfilling.

18 An irrigation contractor that has registered with the
19 Department 21 to 28 persons who are authorized to install or
20 supervise the installation of lawn sprinkler systems shall
21 either employ or contract with at least 4 licensed plumbers
22 who shall install or be responsible for the installation of
23 every lawn sprinkler system installed after the effective
24 date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly. A
25 licensed plumber shall inspect the risers and sprinkler heads
26 before backfilling.

27 An irrigation contractor that has registered with the
28 Department 29 to 35 persons who are authorized to install or
29 supervise the installation of lawn sprinkler systems shall
30 either employ or contract with at least 5 licensed plumbers
31 who shall install or be responsible for the installation of
32 every lawn sprinkler system installed after the effective
33 date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly. A
34 licensed plumber shall inspect the risers and sprinkler heads

1 before backfilling.

2 An irrigation contractor that has registered with the
3 Department 36 or more persons who are authorized to install
4 or supervise the installation of lawn sprinkler systems shall
5 either employ or contract with at least 6 licensed plumbers
6 who shall install or be responsible for the installation of
7 every lawn sprinkler system installed after the effective
8 date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly. A
9 licensed plumber shall inspect the risers and sprinkler heads
10 before backfilling.

11 The Department may provide by rule for the temporary
12 waiver process for registered irrigation contractors who are
13 unable to comply with the requirements of this subsection.
14 When a temporary waiver is granted, it shall not be for a
15 duration of more than 3 consecutive months. Upon the
16 expiration of a temporary waiver issued by the Department,
17 the registered irrigation contractor shall demonstrate that
18 justifiable reasons exist why he or she is still unable to
19 comply with the requirements of this subsection, despite good
20 faith efforts to comply with the requirements. In no case
21 shall a temporary waiver be granted for an irrigation
22 contractor for more than a total of 6 months in a two-year
23 period. In no case shall an irrigation contractor be relieved
24 of the requirement that a licensed plumber shall inspect
25 every sprinkler system installed by an irrigation contractor
26 to ensure the provisions of this Section have been met and
27 that the system works mechanically and make the physical
28 connection between a sprinkler system and the backflow
29 prevention device.

30 (e) No person shall attach to a lawn sprinkler system
31 any fixture intended to supply water for human consumption.

32 No person shall attach to a lawn sprinkler system any
33 fixture other than the backflow prevention device, sprinkler
34 heads, valves, and other parts integral to the operation of

1 the system, unless the fixture is clearly marked as being for
2 non-potable uses only.

3 (f) This Section is repealed January 1, 2013 2003, and
4 all registrations under this Section terminate on that date.
5 (Source: P.A. 91-678, eff. 1-26-00.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.