

1 AN ACT in relation to professional regulation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Regulatory Sunset Act is amended by
5 adding Section 4.23 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 80/4.23 new)

7 Sec. 4.23. Section repealed on January 1, 2013. The
8 following Section is repealed on January 1, 2013:

9 Section 2.5 of the Illinois Plumbing License Law.

10 Section 10. The Illinois Plumbing License Law is
11 amended by changing Section 2.5 as follows:

12 (225 ILCS 320/2.5)

13 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2003)

14 Sec. 2.5. Irrigation contractors; lawn sprinkler
15 systems.

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

29 (b) A licensed plumber or licensed apprentice plumber

1 may install a lawn sprinkler system connected to any water
2 source without registration under this Section.

3 (c) A licensed plumber shall inspect every sprinkler
4 system installed by an irrigation contractor to ensure the
5 provisions of this Section have been met and that the system
6 works mechanically. A licensed plumber shall make the
7 physical connection between a lawn sprinkler system and the
8 backflow prevention device.

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

26 The registered irrigation contractor and the licensed
27 plumber whose identifying information is contained on the
28 certification tag shall both be subject to the penalty
29 provisions of this Act for violations for improper
30 installation of a lawn sprinkler system installed after the
31 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General
32 Assembly.

33 (d) An irrigation contractor that has registered with
34 the Department 7 or fewer persons who are authorized to

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

8 An irrigation contractor that has registered with the
9 Department 8 to 12 persons who are authorized to install or
10 supervise the installation of lawn sprinkler systems shall
11 either employ or contract with at least 2 licensed plumbers
12 who shall install or be responsible for the installation of
13 every lawn sprinkler system installed after the effective
14 date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly. A
15 licensed plumber shall inspect the risers and sprinkler heads
16 before backfilling.

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

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

1 An irrigation contractor that has registered with the
2 Department 29 to 35 persons who are authorized to install or
3 supervise the installation of lawn sprinkler systems shall
4 either employ or contract with at least 5 licensed plumbers
5 who shall install or be responsible for the installation of
6 every lawn sprinkler system installed after the effective
7 date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly. A
8 licensed plumber shall inspect the risers and sprinkler heads
9 before backfilling.

10 An irrigation contractor that has registered with the
11 Department 36 or more persons who are authorized to install
12 or supervise the installation of lawn sprinkler systems shall
13 either employ or contract with at least 6 licensed plumbers
14 who shall install or be responsible for the installation of
15 every lawn sprinkler system installed after the effective
16 date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly. A
17 licensed plumber shall inspect the risers and sprinkler heads
18 before backfilling.

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

1 that the system works mechanically and make the physical
2 connection between a sprinkler system and the backflow
3 prevention device.

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

6 No person shall attach to a lawn sprinkler system any
7 fixture other than the backflow prevention device, sprinkler
8 heads, valves, and other parts integral to the operation of
9 the system, unless the fixture is clearly marked as being for
10 non-potable uses only.

11 ~~{f}--This--Section--is--repealed--January--17--2003--and--all~~
12 ~~registrations--under--this--Section--terminate--on--that--date--~~

13 (Source: P.A. 91-678, eff. 1-26-00.)

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