

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
(225 ILCS 320/) Illinois Plumbing License Law.

(225 ILCS 320/0.01) (from Ch. 111, par. 1100.01)

Sec. 0.01. This Act may be cited as the Illinois Plumbing License Law.

(Source: P.A. 87-885.)

(225 ILCS 320/1) (from Ch. 111, par. 1101)

Sec. 1. Purpose. It has been established by scientific evidence that improper plumbing can result in the introduction of pathogenic organisms into the potable water supply, result in the escape of toxic gases into the environment, and result in potentially lethal disease and epidemic. It is further found that minimum numbers of plumbing facilities and fixtures are necessary for the comfort and convenience of workers and persons in public places.

Consistent with its duty to safeguard the health of the people of this State, the General Assembly therefore declares that the regulation of plumbing and the plumbing trade is necessary for the protection of the public health, convenience, and welfare. The General Assembly therefore declares that individuals who plan, inspect, install, alter, extend, repair and maintain plumbing systems shall be individuals of proven skill. Further, the General Assembly declares that a guide for the minimum control and number of plumbing materials and fixtures, the design of plumbing systems, and the construction and installation methods of plumbing systems is essential for the protection of public health and convenience. In order to insure plumbing skill and to authoritatively establish what shall be good plumbing practice, this Act provides for the licensing of plumbers and registration of plumbing contractors and for the promulgation of a Minimum Plumbing Code of standards by the Department. This Act is therefore declared to be essential to the public interest.

(Source: P.A. 92-338, eff. 8-10-01.)

(225 ILCS 320/2) (from Ch. 111, par. 1102)

(Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 94-101)

Sec. 2. When used in this Act:

"Agent" means a person designated by a sponsor as responsible for supervision of an apprentice plumber and who is also an Illinois licensed plumber.

"Apprentice plumber" means any licensed person who is learning and performing plumbing under the supervision of a sponsor or his agent in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

"Approved apprenticeship program" means an apprenticeship program approved by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training and the Department under rules.

"Board" means the Illinois State Board of Plumbing Examiners.

"Building drain" means that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system that receives the discharge from

soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of a building and conveys it to 5 feet beyond the foundation walls where it is connected to the building sewer.

"Building sewer" means that part of the horizontal piping of a drainage system that extends from the end of the building drain, receives the discharge of the building drain and conveys it to a public sewer or private sewage disposal system.

"Department" means the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"Governmental unit" means a city, village, incorporated town, county, or sanitary or water district.

"Irrigation contractor" means a person who installs or supervises the installation of lawn sprinkler systems subject to Section 2.5 of this Act, other than a licensed plumber or a licensed apprentice plumber.

"Lawn sprinkler system" means any underground irrigation system of lawn, shrubbery and other vegetation from any potable water sources; and from any water sources, whether or not potable, in: (i) any county with a population of 3,000,000 or more; (ii) any county with a population of 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 county with a population of 37,000 or more but less than 150,000 which is contiguous to 2 or more counties with respective populations in excess of 275,000. "Lawn sprinkler system" includes without limitation the water supply piping, valves, and sprinkler heads or other irrigation outlets, but does not include the backflow prevention device. "Lawn sprinkler system" does not include an irrigation system used primarily for agricultural purposes.

"Person" means any natural person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association.

"Plumber" means any licensed person authorized to perform plumbing as defined in this Act, but does not include retired plumbers as defined in this Act.

"Plumbing" means the actual installation, repair, maintenance, alteration or extension of a plumbing system by any person.

"Plumbing" includes all piping, fixtures, appurtenances and appliances for a supply of water for all purposes, including without limitation lawn sprinkler systems and backflow prevention devices connected to lawn sprinkler systems, from the source of a private water supply on the premises or from the main in the street, alley or at the curb to, within and about any building or buildings where a person or persons live, work or assemble.

"Plumbing" includes all piping, from discharge of pumping units to and including pressure tanks in water supply systems.

"Plumbing" includes all piping, fixtures, appurtenances, and appliances for a building drain and a sanitary drainage and related ventilation system of any building or buildings where a person or persons live, work or assemble from the point of connection of such building drain to the building sewer or private sewage disposal system 5 feet beyond the

foundation walls.

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

"Plumbing contractor" means any person who performs plumbing, as defined in this Act, for another person.

"Plumbing contractor" shall not include licensed plumbers and licensed apprentice plumbers who either are employed by persons engaged in the plumbing business or are employed by another person for the performance of plumbing solely for that other person, including, but not limited to, a hospital, university, or business maintenance staff.

"Plumbing fixtures" means installed receptacles, devices or appliances that are supplied with water or that receive or discharge liquids or liquid borne wastes, with or without discharge into the drainage system with which they may be directly or indirectly connected.

"Plumbing system" means the water service, water supply and distribution pipes; plumbing fixtures and traps; soil, waste and vent pipes; building drains; including their respective connections, devices and appurtenances.

"Plumbing system" does not include building sewers as defined in this Act.

"Retired plumber" means any licensed plumber in good standing who meets the requirements of this Act and the requirements prescribed by Department rule to be licensed as a retired plumber and voluntarily surrenders his plumber's license to the Department, in exchange for a retired plumber's license. Retired plumbers cannot perform plumbing as defined in this Act, cannot sponsor or supervise apprentice plumbers, and cannot inspect plumbing under this Act. A retired plumber cannot fulfill the requirements of subsection (3) of Section 3 of this Act.

"Supervision" with respect to first and second year licensed apprentice plumbers means that such apprentices must perform all designing and planning of plumbing systems and all plumbing as defined in this Act under the direct personal supervision of the sponsor or his or her agent who must also

be an Illinois licensed plumber, except for maintenance and repair work on existing plumbing systems done by second year apprentice plumbers; provided that before performing any maintenance and repair work without such supervision, such apprentice has received the minimum number of hours of annual classroom instruction recommended by the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training for apprentice plumbers in a Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training approved plumber apprenticeship program or its equivalent. "Supervision" with respect to all other apprentice plumbers means that, except for maintenance and repair work on existing plumbing systems, any plumbing done by such apprentices must be inspected daily, after initial rough-in and after completion by the sponsor or his or her agent who is also an Illinois licensed plumber. In addition, all repair and maintenance work done by a licensed apprentice plumber on an existing plumbing system must be approved by the sponsor or his or her agent who is also an Illinois licensed plumber.

"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.

"Telecommunications carrier" means a telecommunications carrier as defined in the Public Utilities Act.
(Source: P.A. 91-184, eff. 1-1-00; 91-678, eff. 1-26-00; 92-338, eff. 8-10-01.)

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"Board" means the Illinois State Board of Plumbing Examiners.

"Building drain" means that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system that receives the discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of a building and conveys it to 5 feet beyond the foundation walls where it is connected to the building sewer.

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"Department" means the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health.

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"Irrigation contractor" means a person who installs or supervises the installation of lawn sprinkler systems subject to Section 2.5 of this Act, other than a licensed plumber or a licensed apprentice plumber.

"Irrigation employee" means a person who is employed by a registered irrigation contractor or a licensed plumber, and who designs, repairs, alters, maintains, or installs lawn sprinkler systems that are subject to Section 2.5 of this Law.

"Lawn sprinkler system" means any underground irrigation system of lawn, shrubbery and other vegetation from any potable water sources; and from any water sources, whether or not potable. "Lawn sprinkler system" includes without limitation the water supply piping, valves, control systems, low voltage wiring, sprinkler heads or other irrigation outlets, and moisture or rainfall sensing equipment, but does not include the backflow prevention device. "Lawn sprinkler system" does not include an irrigation system used primarily for agricultural purposes.

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"Plumbing" means the actual installation, repair, maintenance, alteration or extension of a plumbing system by any person.

"Plumbing" includes all piping, fixtures, appurtenances and appliances for a supply of water for all purposes, including without limitation lawn sprinkler systems and backflow prevention devices connected to lawn sprinkler systems, from the source of a private water supply on the premises or from the main in the street, alley or at the curb to, within and about any building or buildings where a person or persons live, work or assemble.

"Plumbing" includes all piping, from discharge of pumping units to and including pressure tanks in water supply systems.

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appliances, equipment or hardware, or to the installation and servicing of electrical equipment sold by a not-for-profit corporation providing electrification on a cooperative basis, that either on or before January 1, 1971, is or has been financed in whole or in part under the federal Rural Electrification Act of 1936 and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, to its members for use on farms owned by individuals or operated by individuals, nor does it mean or include minor repairs which do not require changes in the piping to or from plumbing fixtures or involve the removal, replacement, installation or re-installation of any pipe or plumbing fixtures. Plumbing does not include the installation, repair, maintenance, alteration or extension of building sewers.

"Plumbing contractor" means any person who performs plumbing, as defined in this Act, for another person.

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"Plumbing fixtures" means installed receptacles, devices or appliances that are supplied with water or that receive or discharge liquids or liquid borne wastes, with or without discharge into the drainage system with which they may be directly or indirectly connected.

"Plumbing system" means the water service, water supply and distribution pipes; plumbing fixtures and traps; soil, waste and vent pipes; building drains; including their respective connections, devices and appurtenances.

"Plumbing system" does not include building sewers as defined in this Act.

"Retired plumber" means any licensed plumber in good standing who meets the requirements of this Act and the requirements prescribed by Department rule to be licensed as a retired plumber and voluntarily surrenders his plumber's license to the Department, in exchange for a retired plumber's license. Retired plumbers cannot perform plumbing as defined in this Act, cannot sponsor or supervise apprentice plumbers, and cannot inspect plumbing under this Act. A retired plumber cannot fulfill the requirements of subsection (3) of Section 3 of this Act.

"Supervision" with respect to first and second year licensed apprentice plumbers means that such apprentices must perform all designing and planning of plumbing systems and all plumbing as defined in this Act under the direct personal supervision of the sponsor or his or her agent who must also be an Illinois licensed plumber, except for maintenance and repair work on existing plumbing systems done by second year apprentice plumbers; provided that before performing any maintenance and repair work without such supervision, such apprentice has received the minimum number of hours of annual classroom instruction recommended by the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training for apprentice plumbers in a Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training approved plumber apprenticeship program or its

equivalent. "Supervision" with respect to all other apprentice plumbers means that, except for maintenance and repair work on existing plumbing systems, any plumbing done by such apprentices must be inspected daily, after initial rough-in and after completion by the sponsor or his or her agent who is also an Illinois licensed plumber. In addition, all repair and maintenance work done by a licensed apprentice plumber on an existing plumbing system must be approved by the sponsor or his or her agent who is also an Illinois licensed plumber.

"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.

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

(Source: P.A. 94-101, eff. 1-1-08.)

(225 ILCS 320/2.5)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)

(Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 94-101)

Sec. 2.5. Irrigation contractors; lawn sprinkler systems.

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

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

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

Upon the installation of every lawn sprinkler system in this State from the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly forward, a licensed plumber shall affix to the backflow prevention device a tag certifying that the installation of that system has been completed in compliance with the minimum code of plumbing standards

promulgated under this Act. The Department shall provide by rule for the registration of every lawn sprinkler system installed after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly, including the means by which the Department shall be able to identify by registration number the identity of the responsible irrigation contractor and by license number the identity of the responsible licensed plumber. No lawn sprinkler system installed after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly may be operated without the certification tag required under this Section.

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

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

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

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

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

An irrigation contractor that has registered with the Department 29 to 35 persons who are authorized to install or supervise the installation of lawn sprinkler systems shall

either employ or contract with at least 5 licensed plumbers who shall install or be responsible for the installation of every lawn sprinkler system installed after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly. A licensed plumber shall inspect the risers and sprinkler heads before backfilling.

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

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

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

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

(Source: P.A. 91-678, eff. 1-26-00; 92-778, eff. 8-6-02.)

(Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 94-101)

Sec. 2.5. Irrigation contractors; lawn sprinkler systems.

(a) Every irrigation contractor doing business in this State shall annually register with the Department. Every irrigation contractor shall provide to the Department his or her business name and address, telephone number, name of principal, FEIN number, and an original certificate of insurance documenting that the irrigation 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 worker's compensation insurance with a minimum of \$500,000. No registration may be issued in the absence of the certificate of insurance. The certificate must be in force at all times for registration to remain valid.

On a form provided by the Department, every irrigation contractor must provide to the Department an indemnification bond in the amount of \$20,000 or an irrevocable letter of credit from a financial institution guaranteeing that funds shall be available only to the Department and shall be released upon written notification by the Department in the same amount for any work on lawn sprinkler systems performed by the registered irrigation contractor. The letter of credit shall be printed on the letterhead of the issuing financial institution, be signed by an officer of the same financial institution, name the Department as the sole beneficiary, and expire on February 28 of each year.

Every irrigation contractor doing business in this State shall also register with the Department each and every employee who installs or supervises the installation of lawn sprinkler systems. The registration shall include the employee's name, home address, and telephone number. The Department may provide by rule for the administration of registrations under this subsection. The annual registration fee shall be set by the Department pursuant to Section 30 of this Act. Each registered irrigation contractor must provide proof that he or she employs at least one irrigation employee who has completed and passed an approved class in the design and installation of lawn sprinkler systems.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Department may provide by rule for the temporary waiver process for registered irrigation contractors who are unable to comply with the requirements of this subsection.

When a temporary waiver is granted, it shall not be for a duration of more than 3 consecutive months. Upon the expiration of a temporary waiver issued by the Department, the registered irrigation contractor shall demonstrate that justifiable reasons exist why he or she is still unable to comply with the requirements of this subsection, despite good faith efforts to comply with the requirements. In no case shall a temporary waiver be granted for an irrigation contractor for more than a total of 6 months in a two-year period. In no case shall an irrigation contractor be relieved of the requirement that a licensed plumber shall inspect every sprinkler system installed by an irrigation contractor to ensure the provisions of this Section have been met and that the system works mechanically and make the physical connection between a sprinkler system and the backflow prevention device.

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

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

(f) A college, university, trade school, vocational school, or association that has established a program providing a course of instruction in lawn sprinkler design and installation may submit a letter to the Department requesting approval of its program or course of instruction.

The request for approval shall include information on the curriculum offered by the program and the qualifications of the organization. The course shall consist of a minimum of 2 days of classroom education and an exam and shall include a provision for continuing education.

The Department shall evaluate the curriculum and organization before making a determination to approve or deny a request for approval.

In addition to providing to the Department the names of licensed plumbers who are employed by or contract with an irrigation contractor, an irrigation contractor must also provide to the Department the names of employees who have successfully completed an approved course on the installation of lawn sprinkler systems and proof that the course was successfully completed and that continuing education is also being completed.

(Source: P.A. 94-101, eff. 1-1-08.)

(225 ILCS 320/2.6)

Sec. 2.6. Golf courses. A golf course with a lawn sprinkler system installed prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly may extend, relocate, or modify up to 200 linear yards of an existing lawn sprinkler system without being subject to the requirements of Section 2.5 of this Act. However, if the extension, relocation, or modification of an existing lawn sprinkler system involves a connection of the system to a backflow prevention device, a licensed plumber shall make the physical

connection between the lawn sprinkler system and the backflow prevention device.

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

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

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

(2) Nothing herein contained shall prohibit the owner 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.

(b) An applicant for licensing as an apprentice 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 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, 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 operate, maintain or repair a water or sewer plant facility which is owned or operated by such governmental unit or privately owned municipal water supplier to be licensed plumbers under this Act. 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 performed prior to the effective date of such Act by persons who were licensed plumbers or subcontracted to persons who were licensed plumbers must continue to be performed by persons who are licensed plumbers or subcontracted to persons who are licensed plumbers. When necessary under this Act, the Department shall make the determination whether or not persons who are licensed plumbers customarily performed such work.

(Source: P.A. 91-91, eff. 1-1-00; 91-678, eff. 1-26-00; 92-338, eff. 8-10-01.)

(225 ILCS 320/4)

Sec. 4. (Repealed).

(Source: P.A. 91-35, eff. 6-10-99. Repealed internally, eff. 12-3-99.)

(225 ILCS 320/5) (from Ch. 111, par. 1104)

Sec. 5. Advertising.

(a) Persons who advertise plumbing services shall, at their place of business, display the licensed plumber's license of at least one member of the firm, partnership or officer of the corporation and shall maintain a register listing the names and license numbers of all licensed plumbers and all licensed apprentice plumbers currently employed by them. The number of the license so displayed shall also be

included with the plumbing identification on vehicles.

(b) No person who provides plumbing services may advertise those services unless that person includes in the advertisement the license number that is required to be displayed under subsection (a). Nothing contained in this subsection requires the publisher of advertising for plumbing services to investigate or verify the accuracy of the license number provided by the advertiser.

(b.5) Any person who advertises plumbing services (i) who fails to display the license number required by subsection (a) in all manners required by that subsection, (ii) who fails to provide a publisher with the correct number under subsection (b), or (iii) who provides a publisher with a false license number or a license number of a person other than the person designated under subsection (a), or any person who allows his or her license number to be displayed or used in order to allow any other person to circumvent any provisions of this Section is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor with a fine of \$1,000, which shall be subject to the enforcement provisions of Section 29 of this Act. Each day that a person fails to display the required license under subsection (a) and each day that an advertisement runs or each day that a person allows his or her license to be displayed or used in violation of this Section constitutes a separate offense.

In addition to, and not in lieu of, the penalties and remedies provided for in this Section and Section 29 of this Act, any person licensed under this Act who violates any provision of this Section shall be subject to suspension or revocation of his or her license under Section 19 of this Act.

(b.10) In addition to, and not in lieu of, the penalties and remedies provided for in this Section and Sections 19, 20, and 29 of this Act, and after notice and an opportunity for hearing as provided for in this subsection and Section 19 of this Act, the Department may issue an Order Of Correction to the telecommunications carrier furnishing service to any telephone number contained in a printed advertisement for plumbing services that is found to be in violation of the provisions of this subsection. The Order of Correction shall be limited to the telephone number contained in the unlawful advertisement. The Order of Correction shall notify the telecommunications carrier to disconnect the telephone service furnished to any telephone number contained in the unlawful advertisement and that subsequent calls to that number shall not be referred by the telecommunications carrier to any new telephone number obtained by or any existing number registered to the person.

If, upon investigation, the Department has probable cause to believe that a person has placed an advertisement with a telecommunications carrier that: (i) contains a false license number, (ii) contains a license number of a person other than the person designated under subsection (a), or (iii) is placed or circulated by a person who is not properly licensed under this Act, the Department shall provide notice to the person of the Department's intent to issue an Order of Correction to the telecommunications carrier to disconnect the telephone service furnished to any telephone number contained in the unlawful advertisement, and that subsequent calls to that number shall

not be referred by the telecommunications carrier to any new telephone number obtained by or any existing number registered to the person.

Notice shall be provided by certified mail or by personal service setting forth the particular reasons for the proposed action and fixing a date, not less than 20 days from the date of the mailing or service, within which time the person must request a hearing in writing. Failure to serve upon the Department a written request for hearing within the time provided in the notice shall constitute a waiver of the person's right to an administrative hearing. The hearing, findings, and conclusions shall be in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 19 of this Act and the Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure in Administrative Hearings (77 Ill. Admin. Code 100), which are incorporated by reference herein.

Upon a finding that the person has violated the provisions of this subsection, the Department shall issue the Order of Correction to the telecommunications carrier. If the telecommunications carrier fails to comply with the Order of Correction within 20 days after the order is final, the Department shall inform the Illinois Commerce Commission of the failure to comply and the Illinois Commerce Commission shall require the telecommunications carrier furnishing services to that person to disconnect the telephone service furnished to the telephone number contained in the unlawful advertisement and direct that subsequent calls to that number shall not be referred by the telecommunications carrier to any new telephone number obtained by or any existing number registered to the person.

A person may have his or her telephone services restored, after an Order of Correction has been issued, upon a showing, to the satisfaction of the Department, that he or she is in compliance with the provisions of this Act.

(c) The Department may require by rule and regulation additional information concerning licensed plumbers and licensed apprentice plumbers maintained in the register. The Department shall have the right to examine the payroll records of such persons to determine compliance with this provision. The Department's right to examine payroll records is limited solely to those records and does not extend to any other business records.

(Source: P.A. 91-184, eff. 1-1-00.)

(225 ILCS 320/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 1105)

Sec. 6. No municipal corporation or political subdivision shall engage in plumbing unless such plumbing is performed by one or more licensed plumbers, or licensed apprentice plumbers under supervision in accordance with this Act, provided that any such governmental unit may contract for plumbing with any person authorized to engage in plumbing in this State.

(Source: P.A. 83-878.)

(225 ILCS 320/7) (from Ch. 111, par. 1106)

Sec. 7. (1) There is created an Illinois State Board of Plumbing Examiners which shall exercise its duties provided in this Act under the supervision of the Department. The Board shall consist of 9 licensed plumbers designated from time to time by the Director. In making the appointments to the Board, the Director shall consider the recommendations of individuals, firms or organizations involved in plumbing in this State.

(2) The Board shall aid the Director and the Department by:

(a) Preparing subject matter for examinations as provided in this Act.

(b) Suggesting rules to govern examinations and hearings for suspension, revocation or reinstatement of licenses.

(c) Submitting recommendations to the Director from time to time for the efficient administration of this Act.

(d) Grading all tests and examinations for licenses and promptly reporting the results to the Director.

(e) Performing such other duties from time to time prescribed by the Director.

(3) Each Board member shall be compensated the sum of \$50 for each day or part thereof on which he serves on business of the Board and in addition thereto shall be reimbursed for per diem expenses as authorized for State employees.

(Source: P.A. 85-981.)

(225 ILCS 320/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 1107)

Sec. 8. The Director shall:

(1) Prepare forms for application for examination for a plumber's license.

(2) Prepare and issue licenses as provided in this Act.

(3) With the aid of the Board prescribe rules and regulations for examination of applicants for plumber's licenses.

(4) With the aid of the Board prepare and give uniform and comprehensive examinations to applicants for a plumber's license which shall test their knowledge and qualifications in the planning and design of plumbing systems, their knowledge, qualifications, and manual skills in plumbing, and their knowledge of the State's minimum code of standards relating to fixtures, materials, design and installation methods of plumbing systems, promulgated pursuant to this Act.

(5) Issue a plumber's license and license renewal to every applicant who has passed the examination and who has paid the required license and renewal fee.

(6) Prescribe rules for hearings to deny, suspend, revoke or reinstate licenses as provided in this Act.

(7) Maintain a current record showing (a) the names and addresses of registered plumbing contractors, licensed plumbers, licensed apprentice plumbers, and licensed retired plumbers, (b) the dates of issuance of licenses, (c) the date and substance of the charges set forth in any hearing for denial, suspension or revocation of any license, (d) the date and substance of the final order issued upon each such hearing, and (e) the date and substance of all petitions for

reinstatement of license and final orders on such petitions.

(8) Prescribe, in consultation with the Board, uniform and reasonable rules defining what constitutes an approved course of instruction in plumbing, in colleges, universities, or trade schools, and approve or disapprove the courses of instruction offered by such colleges, universities, or trade schools by reference to their compliance or noncompliance with such rules. Such rules shall be designed to assure that an approved course of instruction will adequately teach the design, planning, installation, replacement, extension, alteration and repair of plumbing.

(Source: P.A. 92-338, eff. 8-10-01.)

(225 ILCS 320/9) (from Ch. 111, par. 1108)

Sec. 9. The Department shall hold examinations for applicants for plumbers' licenses at least once every three months in some place in this State.

(Source: P.A. 83-878.)

(225 ILCS 320/10) (from Ch. 111, par. 1109)

Sec. 10. (1) An applicant for a plumber's license shall file a written application in the office of the Department on the form designated by the Department at least 30 days before the date set by the Department for the examination.

(2) The Director shall promptly approve the application for examination if:

- (a) the required application fee has been paid, and
- (b) the applicant has submitted evidence that he or she is a citizen of the United States or has declared his or her intention to become a citizen, and
- (c) the applicant has submitted evidence that he or she has completed at least a 2 year course of study in a high school, or an equivalent course of study, and
- (d) the applicant has been employed as an Illinois licensed apprentice plumber under supervision in accordance with this Act for at least 4 years preceding the date of application and has submitted evidence that he or she has worked at the plumbing trade in accordance with this Act for the 4 year Illinois licensed apprentice plumber apprenticeship period, or
- (e) the applicant has submitted evidence that he or she has successfully completed an approved course of instruction in plumbing in colleges, universities, or trade schools.

(3) If the application for examination is approved, the Department shall promptly notify the applicant in writing of such approval and of the place and time of the examination. If the application is disapproved, the Department shall promptly notify the applicant in writing of such disapproval, stating the reasons for disapproval.

(4) If an applicant neglects, fails or refuses to take an examination for license under this Act, the application is denied. However, such applicant may submit a new application

for examination, accompanied by the required application fee. Application fees for examination for a plumber's license are not refundable.

(Source: P.A. 87-885.)

(225 ILCS 320/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 1110)

Sec. 11. The Director shall issue a plumber's license to each applicant who successfully passes the examination and has paid to the Department the required license fee. Each plumber's license shall be issued in the name of the Department with the seal thereof attached.

A person once licensed as a plumber under the provisions of this Act shall not be relicensed except by renewal or restoration of such license as provided in this Act.

(Source: P.A. 83-878.)

(225 ILCS 320/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 1112)

Sec. 13. An applicant who fails to pass the examination for a plumber's license may submit a request for re-examination on forms provided by the Department, at least 30 days prior to the date for re-examination, accompanied by the re-examination fee.

(Source: P.A. 79-1000.)

(225 ILCS 320/13.1)

(Text of Section from P.A. 94-55)

Sec. 13.1. Plumbing contractors; registration; applications.

(1) On and after May 1, 2002, all persons or corporations desiring to engage in the business of plumbing contractor, other than any entity that maintains an audited net worth of shareholders' equity equal to or exceeding \$100,000,000, shall register in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) Application for registration shall be filed with the Department each year, on or before the last day of September, in writing and on forms prepared and furnished by the Department. All plumbing contractor registrations expire on the last day of September of each year.

(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 of \$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.

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

(Source: P.A. 94-55, eff. 6-17-05.)

(Text of Section from P.A. 94-258)

Sec. 13.1. Plumbing contractors; registration; applications.

(1) On and after May 1, 2002, all persons or corporations desiring to engage in the business of plumbing contractor, other than any entity that maintains an audited net worth of shareholders' equity equal to or exceeding \$100,000,000, shall register in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) Application for registration shall be filed with the Department each year, on or before the last day of April, in writing and on forms prepared and furnished by the Department. All plumbing contractor registrations expire on the last day of April of each year.

(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, a minimum of \$300,000 aggregate for bodily injury, property damage insurance with a minimum of \$50,000 or a minimum of \$300,000 combined single limit, and workers compensation insurance with a minimum \$500,000 employer's liability. 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.

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

(Source: P.A. 94-258, eff. 7-19-05.)

(225 ILCS 320/14) (from Ch. 111, par. 1113)

Sec. 14. License renewal; continuing education. All plumber's licenses and apprentice plumber's licenses issued under this Act shall expire on April 30 next following date of issuance. The term for retired plumber's licenses shall be prescribed by Department rule after consultation with the Board of Plumbing Examiners.

An apprentice plumber's license shall also expire the date that the licensed plumber sponsor of such licensed apprentice plumber severs his or her sponsor status with the licensed apprentice plumber. The licensed plumber sponsor shall immediately notify the Department of the severance of his or her relationship with the licensed apprentice plumber. Such apprentice plumber may, on forms provided by the Department, apply for reinstatement of his or her apprentice license by submitting to the Department a new application and new apprentice plumber's license fee. The application shall verify that the applicant for reinstatement of his or her apprentice plumber's license is sponsored by an Illinois licensed plumber. If the applicant is employed by a firm, the application shall contain the name and license number of an Illinois licensed plumber employee of the firm or name and license number of an Illinois licensed plumber member of the firm, or name and Illinois plumber's license number of an officer of a corporation who is the sponsor. Licensed apprentice plumbers shall not accumulate more than 6 years as a licensed apprentice plumber.

Upon the recommendation of the Board, the Department may require by rule that each licensed plumber annually complete a minimum number of hours of classroom instruction and provide evidence of attending the classes before receiving a renewal plumber license. A continuing education requirement established by the Department for all licensed plumbers shall

not exceed 15 hours per year. In addition, the Department shall by rule establish guidelines for additional continuing education to be required for licensed plumbers found to have committed repeated Plumbing Code violations. In support of these requirements, the Department shall by rule establish curricula for continuing education and requirements for instructors and may certify instructors and training programs and schools for continuing education.

A plumber's license and an apprentice plumber's license may be renewed for a period of one year from each succeeding May 1st upon payment prior to May 1st of the required renewal fee and submission of required evidence of successful completion of any required continuing education courses. Application for renewal shall be on forms provided by the Department. An application for renewal of licenses received by the Department after May 1st shall include the annual renewal fees plus reinstatement fees, provided that the apprentice plumber's application is received by November 1 of the same year.

A plumber licensed pursuant to this Act whose license has been expired for a period of less than 5 years may apply to the Department for reinstatement of his or her plumber's license. The Department shall issue such license renewal provided the applicant pays to the Department all lapsed renewal fees, plus the reinstatement fee. A plumber licensed pursuant to this Act who has permitted his or her license to expire for more than 5 years may apply, in writing, to the Department for restoration of his or her license. The Department shall restore his or her license provided he or she pays to the Department the required restoration fee and shall successfully pass the examination for an Illinois plumber's license. The restoration fee includes the applicant's examination fee. Failure by the applicant to successfully pass the plumber's license examination shall be sufficient grounds for the Department to withhold issuance of the requested restoration of the applicant's plumber's license. The applicant may retake the examination in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

A retired plumber licensed under this Act who has surrendered his or her plumber's license for a period of less than 5 years may apply to the Department for reinstatement of his or her plumber's license. The Department shall renew the license provided the applicant pays to the Department any reinstatement fee required by Department rule. A retired plumber licensed under this Act who has surrendered his or her plumber's license for a period of more than 5 years may apply in writing to the Department for restoration of his or her license. The Department shall restore his or her license provided he or she pays to the Department the restoration fee required by Department rule and successfully passes the examination for an Illinois plumber's license. The restoration fee includes the applicant's examination fee. Failure by the applicant to successfully pass the plumber's license examination shall be sufficient grounds for the Department to withhold issuance of the requested restoration of the applicant's plumber's license. The applicant may retake the examination in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 89-665, eff. 8-14-96; 90-714, eff. 8-7-98.)

(225 ILCS 320/15) (from Ch. 111, par. 1114)

Sec. 15. The Department shall reinstate a license which expires while a licensee is in the active Military Service of the United States upon application to the Department by the former licensee within 2 years after termination of such military service, payment of the annual license fee and submission of evidence of such military service. Such license shall be reinstated without examination and without payment of the lapsed renewal fee.

(Source: P.A. 79-1000.)

(225 ILCS 320/16) (from Ch. 111, par. 1115)

Sec. 16. (1) Any city, village or incorporated town, having a population of 500,000 or more may, by an ordinance containing provisions substantially the same as those in this Act and specifying educational or experience requirements equivalent to those prescribed in this Act, provide for a board of plumbing examiners to conduct examinations for, and to issue, suspend, or revoke, plumbers' licenses, within such city, village or incorporated town. Upon the enactment of such ordinance the provisions of this act shall not apply within any such municipality except as otherwise provided herein.

(2) Any person licensed as a plumber pursuant to such ordinance, or licensed by the Department under this Act, may engage in plumbing anywhere in this State.

(3) Any board of plumbing examiners created pursuant to this Section shall maintain a current record similar to that required of the Director by Section 8 of this Act, and shall provide the Department with a copy thereof. The Department shall be advised of changes in such record at least every six months.

(Source: Laws 1953, p. 1293.)

(225 ILCS 320/16.1)

Sec. 16.1. Local ordinances; irrigation contractors.

(1) Any city, village, or incorporated town having a population of 500,000 or more may, by an ordinance containing provisions substantially the same as those in this Act with respect to the registration of irrigation contractors, provide for the registration of irrigation contractors within such city, village, or incorporated town. Upon the enactment of the ordinance, the provisions of this Act relating to irrigation contractors shall not apply within any such municipality except as otherwise provided herein.

(2) Any person registered as an irrigation contractor pursuant to such ordinance, or registered by the Department under this Act, may install or supervise the installation of lawn sprinkler systems anywhere in this State.

(3) Any municipality enacting an ordinance pursuant to this Section shall maintain a current record similar to that required of the Department by Section 2.5 of this Act, and

shall provide the Department with a copy thereof. The Department shall be advised of changes in such record at least every 6 months.

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

(225 ILCS 320/17) (from Ch. 111, par. 1116)

Sec. 17. (a) Upon the payment of the required fee, an applicant who is a plumber, registered or licensed in another state, or municipality, may, without examination, be granted a license as a licensed plumber by the Department provided:

(1) that the applicant is at least twenty-one years of age and is a citizen of the United States, or has declared his intention to become a citizen, and

(2) that the Board finds that the requirements for the registration or licensing of plumbers in such other state or municipality, were, at the date of the registration or license, substantially equal to the requirements then in force in this State, and provided that the same privilege of registration is accorded by said state or municipality, to licensed plumbers in the State of Illinois.

(b) A plumber licensed or registered as a plumber by another state or municipality, whose license requirements are substantially equal to the requirements for an Illinois Plumber's license, and such governmental unit, does not have a reciprocal agreement with the State of Illinois, may apply for and be issued an Illinois Plumber's license provided that the applicant successfully passes the Illinois plumber's examination and pays the required fees.

(Source: P.A. 79-1000.)

(225 ILCS 320/18) (from Ch. 111, par. 1117)

Sec. 18. Local regulation; Department standards.

(1) It is hereby declared to be the policy of this State that each city, town, village, township or county with a water supply system or sewage disposal system or both should so soon after the enactment of this Act as practicable, with the advice of the State Department of Public Health, provide by ordinance, bylaws or rules and regulations for the materials, construction, alteration, and inspection of all plumbing placed in or in connection with any building in any such city, town, village, township, or county and to provide for and appoint a competent Plumbing Inspector or more as required. The Department may by rule establish voluntary standards for the content and conduct of local plumbing regulation and inspection programs and may evaluate and certify local programs that are in compliance with the voluntary standards. The Department may by rule establish voluntary education, training, and experience standards for Plumbing Inspectors and may certify Plumbing Inspectors who are in compliance with the voluntary standards. Nothing contained in this Act shall prohibit any city, town, village, township or county from providing for a Plumbing Inspector or from requiring permits for the installation and repair of plumbing and collecting a fee therefor, but a city, town, village, township, or county

that requires a permit for installation and repair of plumbing may not issue that permit without verification that the applicant has a valid plumbing license or that the applicant is the owner occupant of a single family residence that is the subject of the permit. For the purpose of this Section, the term "occupant" has the same meaning as in subsection (2) of Section 3 of this Act. No person shall be appointed as a Plumbing Inspector who is not a licensed plumber under this Act, including persons employed as Plumbing Inspectors in home rule units.

(2) The Department of Public Health shall conduct inquiry in any city, town, village, township, or county or at any other place in the State when reasonably necessary in the judgment of the Director of the Department of Public Health to safeguard the health of any person or persons in this State, on account of piping or appurtenant appliances within any building, or outside, when such piping and appliances are for the use of plumbing as defined in this Act and for the use of carrying sewage or waste within or from any building.

The Department of Public Health may conduct such inquiries in any city, town, village, township or county in this State by directing the Plumbing Inspector thereof to aid in or conduct such inquiry or investigation in behalf of the Department of Public Health or the Department of Public Health may designate some other person or persons to conduct such investigation.

(Source: P.A. 94-132, eff. 7-7-05.)

(225 ILCS 320/19) (from Ch. 111, par. 1118)

Sec. 19. The Director, after notice and opportunity for hearing to the applicant, license holder, or registrant, may deny, suspend, or revoke a license or registration in any case in which he or she finds that there has been a substantial failure to comply with the provisions of this Act or the standards, rules, and regulations established under this Act.

Notice shall be provided by certified mail or by personal service setting forth the particular reasons for the proposed action and fixing a date, not less than 20 days from the date of the mailing or service, within which time the applicant or license holder must request in writing a hearing. Failure to serve upon the Department a request for hearing in writing within the time provided in the notice shall constitute a waiver of the person's right to an administrative hearing.

The hearing shall be conducted by the Director or by an individual designated in writing by the Director as a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The Director or hearing officer shall give written notice of the time and place of the hearing, by certified mail or personal service, to the applicant, license holder, or registrant at least 10 days prior to the hearing. On the basis of the hearing, or upon default of the applicant, license holder, or registrant, the Director shall make a determination specifying his or her findings and conclusions. A copy of the determination shall be sent by certified mail or served personally upon the applicant, license holder, or registrant. The decision of the

Director shall be final on issues of fact and final in all respects unless judicial review is sought as provided in this Act.

The procedure governing hearings authorized by this Section shall be in accordance with rules promulgated by the Department. A full and complete record shall be kept of all proceedings, including the notice of hearing, complaint, and all other documents in the nature of pleadings, written motions filed in the proceedings, and the report and orders of the Director and hearing officer.

The Department at its expense shall provide a court reporter to take testimony. Technical error in the proceedings before the Department or hearing officer or their failure to observe the technical rules of evidence shall not be grounds for the reversal of any administrative decision unless it appears to the Court that such error or failure materially affects the rights of any party and results in substantial injustice to them.

The Department or hearing officer, or any parties in an investigation or hearing before the Department, may cause the depositions of witnesses within the State to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for depositions in civil actions in courts of this State, and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, records, or memoranda.

The Department shall not be required to certify any record to the Court or file any answer in Court or otherwise appear in any Court in a judicial review proceeding, unless there is filed in the Court with the complaint a receipt from the Department acknowledging payment of the costs of furnishing and certifying the record. Such cost shall be paid by the party requesting a copy of the record. Failure on the part of the person requesting a copy of the record to pay the cost shall be grounds for dismissal of the action.

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

(225 ILCS 320/20) (from Ch. 111, par. 1119)
Sec. 20. Grounds for discipline.

(1) The Director may deny, revoke or suspend a license or registration when findings show one or more of the following:

(a) That the licensee or registrant obtained or conspired with others to obtain a license or registration 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, licensed or registered plumbing contractors, licensed plumbers, licensed apprentice plumbers, licensed retired plumbers, water well pump installations and private sewage disposal systems.

(c) That the licensee or registrant has been guilty of negligence or incompetence in the performance of plumbing.

(d) That the licensee or registrant 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.

(f) That the owner or officer of a registered plumbing contractor failed to maintain a valid plumbing license.

(g) That the registered plumbing contractor used a plumbing license without the permission of the licensee.

(2) If a license is suspended or revoked, the license shall be surrendered to the Department but, if suspended, it shall be returned to the licensee upon the termination of the suspension period.

The Department may refuse to issue or may suspend the license of any person who fails to file a return, or to pay the tax, penalty or interest shown in a filed return, or to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest, as required by any tax Act administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, until such time as the requirements of any such tax Act are satisfied.

(Source: P.A. 92-338, eff. 8-10-01.)

(225 ILCS 320/22) (from Ch. 111, par. 1121)

Sec. 22. The Director or hearing officer shall have power to subpoena to any hearing authorized by this Act any person in this State to give testimony and evidence either orally or by deposition or both. The Director or hearing officer may also issue subpoena duces tecum for production of any books and records and other documents for evidence at any authorized hearing under this Act. Witnesses subpoenaed as provided herein shall be paid the same witness fees and mileage as provided for witnesses who are subpoenaed to give testimony in any civil case in a court of this State. The Director or hearing officer is hereby empowered to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses at any hearing authorized by this Act.

(Source: P.A. 87-885.)

(225 ILCS 320/23) (from Ch. 111, par. 1122)

Sec. 23. Any circuit court upon the application of the Director or any party of record to a hearing authorized by this Act may order the attendance of any witness and the production of any books, papers or documents in this State at any hearing authorized by this Act for the purpose of giving testimony or evidence. Any court thereof as provided in this section may compel obedience to such order for appearance or production of records by proceedings for contempt.

(Source: P.A. 83-334.)

(225 ILCS 320/25) (from Ch. 111, par. 1124)

Sec. 25. Order or certified copy; prima facie proof. An order of suspension, revocation, or reinstatement of a license, or of dismissal of a complaint or petition, or a certified copy of such an order, over the seal of the Department and purporting to be signed by the Director, shall be prima facie proof that:

(a) the signature is the genuine signature of the Director; and

(b) the Director is duly appointed and qualified.

(Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

(225 ILCS 320/26) (from Ch. 111, par. 1125)

Sec. 26. All final administrative decisions of the Director hereunder shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Review Law, and all amendments and modifications thereof, and the rules adopted pursuant thereto. The term "administrative decision" is defined as in Section 3-101 of the Code of Civil Procedure. (Source: P.A. 82-783.)

(225 ILCS 320/28) (from Ch. 111, par. 1127)

Sec. 28. Administrative Procedure Act. The provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act are hereby expressly adopted and shall apply to all administrative rules and procedures of the Department of Public Health under this Act, except that Section 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act relating to procedures for rule-making does not apply to the adoption of any rule required by federal law in connection with which the Department is precluded by law from exercising any discretion.

(Source: P.A. 88-45.)

(225 ILCS 320/29) (from Ch. 111, par. 1128)

Sec. 29. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b.5) of Section 5 of this Act, any person violating any provision of this Act or of a rule or regulation or a plumbing code promulgated thereunder including the minimum code of plumbing standards promulgated hereunder shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and a fine of \$500 for the first offense; and a second or subsequent violation of this Act shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor with a fine of \$1,000. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense. The State's Attorney of the County in which the violation occurred or the Attorney General shall bring such actions in the name of the People of the State of Illinois. The court may enjoin the use of plumbing installed in violation of this Act or of a rule or regulation promulgated thereunder until it has been corrected to comply with the minimum standards for plumbing promulgated under Section 35 of this Act.

(2) If it is established that the defendant contrary to this Act has been or is engaging in or about to engage in plumbing without having been issued a license or has been or is engaged in or is about to engage in plumbing after his or

her license has been suspended or revoked or after his license has not been renewed, the Court may enter a judgment perpetually enjoining the defendant from further engaging in plumbing contrary to this Act. In case of violation of any injunction entered under this Section, the Court may summarily try and punish the offender for contempt of Court. Such injunction proceedings shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all penalties and other remedies in this Act provided.

(Source: P.A. 88-501.)

(225 ILCS 320/29.5)

(Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 94-101)

Sec. 29.5. Unlicensed and unregistered practice; violation; civil penalty.

(a) A person who practices, offers to practice, attempts to practice, or holds himself or herself out to practice as a plumber or plumbing contractor without being licensed or registered under this Act, or as an irrigation contractor 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 offense as determined by the Department. The civil penalty shall be assessed by the Department after a hearing is held in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Act regarding the provision of a hearing for the discipline of a licensee or registrant.

(b) The Department has the authority and power to investigate any person who practices, offers to practice, attempts to practice, or holds himself or herself out to practice as a plumber or plumbing contractor without being licensed or registered under this Act, or as an irrigation contractor without being registered under this Act.

(c) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty. The order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed and execution had on the judgment in the same manner as a judgment from a court of record. All fines and penalties collected by the Department under this Section of the Act and accrued interest shall be deposited into the Plumbing Licensure and Program Fund for use by the Department in performing activities relating to the administration and enforcement of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 91-678, eff. 1-26-00; 92-338, eff. 8-10-01.)

(Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 94-101)

Sec. 29.5. Unlicensed and unregistered practice; violation; civil penalties.

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assessed by the Department after a hearing is held in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Act regarding the provision of a hearing for the discipline of a licensee or registrant.

(b) The Department has the authority and power to investigate any person who practices, offers to practice, attempts to practice, or holds himself or herself out to practice as a plumber or plumbing contractor without being licensed or registered under this Act, or as an irrigation contractor without being registered under this Act.

(c) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty. The order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed and execution had on the judgment in the same manner as a judgment from a court of record. All fines and penalties collected by the Department under this Section of the Act and accrued interest shall be deposited into the Plumbing Licensure and Program Fund for use by the Department in performing activities relating to the administration and enforcement of this Act.

(d) A person who practices, offers to practice, or holds himself or herself out to practice as an irrigation contractor without being registered under this Act shall be subject to the following:

(1) For a first offense:

(A) Where no violations of the Illinois Plumbing Code are found, the person shall pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 and may be referred to the State's Attorney or the Attorney General for prosecution under Section 29 of this Act.

(B) Where violations of the Illinois Plumbing Code are found, the person shall pay a civil penalty of \$3,000 (the amount of \$3,000 may be reduced to \$1,000 upon the condition that the unregistered person pays for a licensed plumber who is acceptable to the other party to the original contract or agreement to correct the violations of the Illinois Plumbing Code) and may be referred to the State's Attorney or the Attorney General for prosecution under Section 29 of this Act.

(2) For a second offense:

(A) Where no violations of the Illinois Plumbing Code are found, the person shall pay a civil penalty of \$3,000 and may be referred to the State's Attorney or the Attorney General for prosecution under Section 29 of this Act.

(B) Where violations of the Illinois Plumbing Code are found, the person shall pay a civil penalty

under Section 29 of this Act.

(3) For a third or subsequent offense, the person shall pay a civil penalty of \$5,000 and be referred to the State's Attorney or the Attorney General for prosecution under Section 29 of this Act.

(e) A registered irrigation contractor, firm, corporation, partnership, or association that directs, authorizes, or allows a person to practice, offer to practice, attempt to practice, or hold himself or herself out to practice as an irrigation employee without being registered under the provisions of this Act, shall be subject to the following:

(1) For a first offense, the registrant:

(A) shall pay a civil penalty of \$5,000;

(B) shall be required to pay for a licensed plumber who is acceptable to the other party to the original contract or agreement to correct any violations of the Illinois Plumbing Code;

(C) shall have his, her, or its plumbing license suspended; and

(D) may be referred to the State's Attorney or the Attorney General for prosecution under Section 29 of this Act.

(2) For a second offense, the registrant:

(A) shall pay a civil penalty of \$5,000;

(B) shall be required to pay for a licensed plumber who is acceptable to the other party to the original contract or agreement to correct any violations of the Illinois Plumbing Code;

(C) shall have his, her, or its registration revoked; and

(D) shall be referred to the State's Attorney or the Attorney General for prosecution under Section 29 of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 94-101, eff. 1-1-08.)

(225 ILCS 320/30) (from Ch. 111, par. 1129)

Sec. 30. (1) The Department shall, by rule, establish a schedule of fees for examination, registration, and licensure sufficient to offset a portion of the costs of administration and enforcement of this Act.

(2) The Department may, by rule, establish a schedule of fees for the publication and mailing of the Illinois State Plumbing Code.

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

(225 ILCS 320/31)

Sec. 31. Retired plumber's license. The Department may establish by rule a retired plumber's license for any licensed plumber who is at least 62 years old, is physically unable to perform the responsibilities of a plumber, or any other

licensed plumber as prescribed by Department rule. These rules shall only be proposed after consultation with the State Board of Plumbing Examiners. A licensed plumber shall only be issued a retired plumber's license after surrender of his or her plumber's license and payment of any applicable license fee as established by Department rule.

A retired plumber cannot perform plumbing as defined in this Act, cannot sponsor or supervise apprentice plumbers, and cannot inspect plumbing under this Act. A retired plumber cannot fulfill the requirements of subsection (3) of Section 3 of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 89-665, eff. 8-14-96.)

(225 ILCS 320/32) (from Ch. 111, par. 1130)

Sec. 32. The judicial determination that any section, paragraph, provision or part of this Act is unconstitutional, shall not in any way affect the constitutionality of any other provision, paragraph, section or part hereof.

(Source: Laws 1953, p. 1293.)

(225 ILCS 320/35) (from Ch. 111, par. 1133)

Sec. 35. The Department shall promulgate and publish and may from time to time amend a minimum code of standards for plumbing and the fixtures, materials, design and installation methods of plumbing systems based upon the findings of the sciences of pneumatics and hydraulics, after consideration of the recommendations of the Plumbing Code Advisory Council. The Department may promulgate and publish rules in the State's minimum code of standards for the minimum number of plumbing fixtures required for the comfort and convenience of workers and the public not inconsistent with, but not limited to, the requirements of the federal Americans With Disabilities Act, the Equitable Restrooms Act, and the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Safety and Health Administration. The minimum code of standards for plumbing and any amendments thereto shall be filed with the Secretary of State as a public record. In preparing plumbing code standards and amendments thereto the Department may give consideration to the recommendations contained in nationally recognized plumbing codes and recommendations of nationally recognized material and equipment testing laboratories. The plumbing code promulgated by the Department under authority of this Act shall remain in effect as the minimum code authorized by this Act until the Department promulgates a new code under authority of this Act. At least 20 days' notice of a public hearing shall be given by the Department in a manner which the Department considers adequate to bring the hearing to the attention of persons interested in plumbing code standards. Notice of any public hearing shall be given by the Department to those who file a request for a notice of hearings.

(Source: P.A. 87-885.)

(225 ILCS 320/36) (from Ch. 111, par. 1134)

Sec. 36. Governmental units which are authorized to regulate plumbing and the fixtures, materials, design and installation methods of plumbing systems may adopt a minimum code of standards pursuant to local ordinance at least as stringent as the minimum code of standards promulgated by the Department, or may by ordinance or resolution, adopt the minimum code of standards, promulgated by the Department. The minimum code of standards promulgated by the Department may be incorporated in the ordinance or resolution by reference. (Source: P.A. 83-878.)

(225 ILCS 320/37) (from Ch. 111, par. 1135)

Sec. 37. Each governmental unit which is authorized to adopt and has adopted any ordinance or resolution regulating plumbing may provide for its administration and enforcement by requiring permits for any plumbing system installation, the inspection of plumbing system installations by inspectors who are licensed as plumbers in accordance with the Illinois Plumbing License Law, and the issue of certificates of approval or compliance which shall be evidence that a plumbing system has been installed in compliance with the Code of standards so adopted.

A letter of intent shall be included with all plumbing permit applications. The letter shall be written on the licensed plumber of record's business stationery and shall include the license holder's signature and, if the license holder is incorporated, the license holder's corporate seal. If the license holder is not incorporated, the letter must be notarized.

A governmental unit authorized to adopt regulations may, by ordinance or resolution, prescribe reasonable fees for the issue of permits for installation work, the issue of certificates of compliance or approval, and for the inspection of plumbing installations.

(Source: P.A. 94-132, eff. 7-7-05.)

(225 ILCS 320/38) (from Ch. 111, par. 1136)

Sec. 38. The Department shall furnish advisory service to officials of governmental units with respect to the adoption, administration and enforcement of a minimum code of standards regulating plumbing and the fixtures, materials, design and installation methods of plumbing systems.

(Source: P.A. 79-1000.)

(225 ILCS 320/39) (from Ch. 111, par. 1137)

Sec. 39. The Governor shall appoint a Plumbing Code Advisory Council to consult with and advise the Department. The Council shall be composed of the Director or his or her authorized representative, who shall serve as chairman ex-officio, and 11 members appointed by the Governor. The appointed members shall consist of 4 Illinois licensed plumbers engaged in plumbing in Illinois who are residents of Illinois, one registered professional engineer actively

engaged in construction and design of plumbing systems; one licensed architect; one elected official of a municipality in Illinois; 2 representatives of the consumer public in Illinois; and two persons representing labor. Members of the Council shall be appointed for 3 year terms. The Plumbing Code Advisory Council as appointed by the Governor under authority of this Act shall remain in effect for the term of their appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his or her predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of the term.

The Council shall meet as frequently as the Chairman deems necessary, but not less than once each year. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairman or by 3 members of the Council upon delivery of 10 days' written notice to the office of each member of the Council. Six members of the Council shall constitute a quorum. Each appointed member of the Council shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties.

(Source: P.A. 87-885.)

(225 ILCS 320/40) (from Ch. 111, par. 1138)

Sec. 40. All persons engaged in plumbing as defined in this Act shall comply with the minimum code of standards for plumbing and the fixtures, materials, design and installation methods of plumbing systems published by the Department and filed with the Secretary of State as required by this Act.

All installations of equipment, fixtures, appliances or piping which are used or intended for use entirely for or as a part of a water supply system or sewage disposal system and thereby can affect the public health shall comply with the provisions of the State Plumbing Code for design, materials, installation and maintenance. The installation, repair, maintenance, alteration or extension of building sewers shall be done in accordance with the State Plumbing Code. Any person engaged in any of such work shall upon investigation and determination of non-compliance with the provisions of the State Plumbing Code be subject to the penalties contained in this Act. Such prosecution shall be the responsibility of the State's Attorney or other authority as authorized by this Act.

(Source: P.A. 83-878.)

(225 ILCS 320/41) (from Ch. 111, par. 1139)

Sec. 41. The Department is authorized and directed to make inspections necessary to determine compliance with this Act and the plumbing code promulgated hereunder.

Subject to constitutional limitation, the Department, by its representatives, after proper identification, is authorized and shall have the power to enter at reasonable times, upon private and public property for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions relating to the enforcement of this Act and regulations issued hereunder.

(Source: P.A. 83-878.)

(225 ILCS 320/42)

Sec. 42. Home rule. Pursuant to paragraph (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 the power to regulate the licensing of plumbers, the promulgation of a minimum plumbing code of standards, and the power to regulate the registration of irrigation contractors 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 the State and may not be exercised by any unit of local government, including home rule units.

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

(225 ILCS 320/43) (from Ch. 111, par. 1141)

Sec. 43. Plumbing Licensure and Program Fund. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Plumbing Licensure and Program Fund. All fees collected under Section 30 of this Act and interest accrued thereon shall be deposited into this Fund. The amount collected as fees shall be appropriated by the General Assembly to the Department for the purpose of conducting activities relating to administration and enforcement of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 87-885.)