

AN ACT relating to licensure.

***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. KRS 198B.560 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, no person other than a certificate holder or an employee of a certificate holder shall engage in the preparation of technical drawings, installation, repair, alteration, extension, maintenance or inspection of a fire protection sprinkler system or use any title, sign, card or device indicating, or intending to indicate, or represent in any manner that he *or she* is a certified fire protection sprinkler contractor without first obtaining the fire protection sprinkler contractor's license or certificate under the provisions of KRS 198B.570 or 198B.580; it being the purpose of KRS 198B.550 to 198B.630 to safeguard life, health, property, and welfare of the public.
- (2) KRS 198B.550 to 198B.630 shall not apply to state or local building officials, fire marshals, fire inspectors, or insurance inspectors when acting in their official capacities.
- (3) This chapter shall not apply to professional engineers in the preparation of plans or construction inspection pursuant to KRS Chapter 322.
- (4) This chapter shall not apply to limited area sprinkler systems served by a domestic water supply consisting of ten (10) sprinkler heads or less in one (1) structure.

➔Section 2. KRS 198B.565 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The design for any fire protection sprinkler system for buildings and structures shall be prepared by a licensed professional engineer or, if the licensed, professional engineer chooses not to prepare the design, a licensed fire protection sprinkler contractor whose certificate holder is a certified engineering technician, NICET Level III or Level IV, may prepare the design.
- (2) When a fire protection sprinkler system is designed by a professional engineer in accordance with subsection (1) of this section, the licensed fire protection sprinkler

contractor shall submit to the professional engineer, for his ***or her*** approval, technical drawings and, when required, hydraulic calculations for the installation of the fire protection sprinkler system. Such technical drawings, after approved by the professional engineer, shall be submitted by the professional engineer to the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, the insurance authority having jurisdiction, if any, and other authority when required by Kentucky law.

- (3) When a fire protection sprinkler system is designed by a licensed fire protection sprinkler contractor in accordance with subsection (1) of this section, the licensed fire protection sprinkler contractor shall submit such design and detailed plans to:
- (a) The Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction; ~~[,]~~
  - (b) The insurance authority having jurisdiction, if any; ~~[,]~~ and
  - (c) Other authority when required by Kentucky law.

➔Section 3. The following KRS section is repealed:

198B.4015 Qualifications for licensure prior to July 1, 2012.