



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 396

Senate, March 19, 2002

The Committee on Public Safety reported through SEN. PENN of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK".

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (9) of section 20-330 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (9) "Fire protection sprinkler systems work" means the layout, on-
5 site fabrication, installation, alteration, maintenance or repair of any
6 automatic or manual sprinkler system designed for the protection of
7 the interior or exterior of a building or structure from fire, or any
8 piping or tubing and appurtenances and equipment pertaining to such
9 system including overhead and underground water mains, fire
10 hydrants and hydrant mains, standpipes and hose connections to
11 sprinkler systems, sprinkler tank heaters excluding electrical wiring,
12 air lines and thermal systems used in connection with sprinkler and
13 alarm systems connected thereto, foam extinguishing systems or

14 special hazard systems including water spray, foam, carbon dioxide or
15 dry chemical systems, halon and other liquid or gas fire suppression
16 systems, but does not include (A) any engineering design work
17 connected with the layout of fire protection sprinkler systems, or (B)
18 any work performed by employees of or contractors hired by a public
19 water system, as defined in subsection (a) of section 25-33d.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2002</i> |

PS *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Fund-Type | Agency Affected | Current FY \$ | FY 03 \$ | FY 04 \$ |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| GF - Revenue Gain | Consumer Protection, Dept. | \$4,000 - \$8,000 | \$4,000 - \$8,000 | \$4,000 - \$8,000 |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Passage of the bill would require individuals doing maintenance work on fire protection sprinkler systems to be licensed by the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP). While current law requires those performing fire protection sprinkler work to be licensed, "maintenance" is not included in the statutory definition of "work." Thus, maintenance people performing these duties will be required to be licensed.

DCP receives over 6,000 new license applications per year. It is anticipated that the bill will result in more people seeking licensure. The related annual license fees are \$75 for a contractor and \$60 for a journeyman. If 50 of each were to receive licensure, there would be a revenue gain of \$6,750 to DCP.

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 396

AN ACT AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK"**SUMMARY:**

This bill adds fire sprinkler maintenance to the definition of "fire protection sprinklers system work," thus requiring people doing maintenance work to be licensed by the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP). By law, the annual license fees are \$75 for a contractor and \$60 for a journeyman.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002

BACKGROUND***Licensing Requirements***

By law, with certain exceptions, anyone performing fire protection sprinkler work must be licensed. DCP may issue a contractor's license to an applicant who presents evidence of appropriate education and experience and who passes the required examination. It may issue a journeyman's license to an applicant who has completed an apprenticeship program and has at least four years experience in fire protection sprinkler work or is licensed in this area and has passed an examination.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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