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House Bill No. 4512

(By Delegates Morgan, Martin, Argento and Rowan)

Passed March 6, 2008

In Effect from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact §29-3D-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing classifications of licensees to be licensed by the State Fire Marshal to engage in fire protection work.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §29-3D-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§29-3D-2. Definitions.

1 As used in this article:

2 (a) "Engineered Suppression Systems Installer" means a person certified by a manufacturer to install, alter, extend, maintain, layout or repair an agent suppression system.

3 (b) "Engineered Suppression Systems Technician" means a person certified by a manufacturer to maintain or repair an agent suppression system.
(c) "Fire protection layout technician" is an individual who has achieved National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) Level III or higher certification, and who has the knowledge, experience and skills necessary to layout fire protection systems based on engineering design documents.

(d) "Fire protection system" means any fire protection suppression device or system designed, installed and maintained in accordance with the applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes and standards, but does not include public or private mobile fire vehicles.

(e) "Fire protection work" means the installation, alteration, extension, maintenance, or testing of all piping, materials and equipment inside a building, including the use of shop drawings prepared by a fire protection layout technician, in connection with the discharge of water, other special fluids, chemicals or gases and backflow preventers for fire protection for the express purpose of extinguishing or controlling fire.

(f) "Journeyman sprinkler fitter" means a person qualified by at least ten thousand hours of work experience installing, adjusting, repairing and dismantling fire protection systems and who is competent to instruct and supervise the fire protection work of a sprinkler fitter in training.

(g) "License" means a valid and current license issued by the State Fire Marshal in accordance with the provisions of this article.

(h) "Portable Fire Extinguisher Technician" means a person certified in accordance with NFPA 10 to install, maintain, repair and certify portable fire extinguishers as defined by NFPA 10.
(i) "Pre-Engineered Suppression Systems Installer" means a person certified by a manufacturer to install, alter, extend, maintain, layout or repair an agent suppression system.

(j) "Pre-Engineered Suppression Systems Technician" means a person certified to maintain or repair an agent suppression system.

(k) "Sprinkler fitter in training" means a person with interest in and an aptitude for performing fire protection work but who alone is not capable of performing such work, and who has fewer than ten thousand hours of experience installing, adjusting, repairing and dismantling fire protection systems.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 13th day of March, 2008.

Governor