

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 762

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “contractors” in line 10 and substitute “establishing a Task Force to Study the Licensure of Fire Sprinkler Contractors in the office of State Fire Marshal; specifying the membership, duties, and responsibilities of the Task Force; requiring the office of State Fire Marshal to submit a certain report by a certain date to certain committees of the General Assembly; providing for the effective date of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to establishing a Task Force to Study the Licensure of Fire Sprinkler Contractors” .

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 11 through 21, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

Section 18-310

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Fire sprinkler systems properly installed are between 95.7% and 99.8% effective in detecting and extinguishing fires and protecting life and safety; and

WHEREAS, Innumerable threats to life safety have been caused by improper, unqualified, or negligent fire sprinkler system design, installation, maintenance, and repair; and

WHEREAS, The fire sprinkler system installation industry is not an industry where caveat

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emptor should prevail; and

WHEREAS, Any effort to effectively combat the problem of improper, unqualified, or negligent fire sprinkler system design, installation, maintenance, and repair and study and make recommendations on the issue of licensing should be a joint effort between the industry, the office of State Fire Marshal, plumbers, and consumers; now, therefore,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 1 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 1 through line 33 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

18-310.

(A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE LICENSURE OF FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS IN THE OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

(B) THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF 11 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM INDUSTRY;

(2) THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PLUMBING INDUSTRY;

(3) THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM A FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION OR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION; AND

(4) TWO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

(C) THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL SHALL SELECT A CHAIRMAN FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE.

(D) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

(E) (1) THE OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL ALONG WITH THE TASK FORCE SHALL STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE LICENSURE OF PERSONS THAT INSTALL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, INCLUDING STUDYING AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS THAT INSTALL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS AND LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

(2) THE OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL:

(I) SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETINGS OF THE TASK FORCE; AND

(II) SHALL PROVIDE NECESSARY STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.

(F) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1996, THE OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SENATE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

(G) THIS SECTION SHALL TERMINATE AND BE OF NO EFFECT AFTER DECEMBER 1, 1996.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in line 35, strike “October” and substitute “June”.