

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 617

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after “licensing;” insert “defining a certain term; providing for the construction of this Act;”; and after line 21, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

Section 14A(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume)”.”

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 7, after “(1)” insert “IN THIS SECTION, “PERSON” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, RECEIVER, TRUSTEE, GUARDIAN, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, FIDUCIARY, REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY KIND, PARTNERSHIP, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY.

(2)”;

and in lines 13 and 23, strike “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)” and “(4)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 13, insert:

“(I) LICENSE FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS;”;

and in lines 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, strike “(I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, “(IV)”, “(V)”, and “(VI)”,

(Over)

respectively, and substitute “(II)”, “(III)”, “(IV)”, “(V)”, “(VI)”, and “(VII)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 19, after “SYSTEM” insert “, PROVIDED THAT THERE BE NO CONFLICT WITH § 12-101(J) OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE;

(VIII) DEFINE SPRINKLER CONTRACTOR”;

in line 20, strike “(VII)” and substitute:

“(IX) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO”;

in line 27, strike “AN INDIVIDUAL” and substitute “A PERSON”; in line 29, strike “AN ORGANIZATION” and substitute “A PERSON”; and in line 31, strike “ORGANIZATION” and substitute “PERSON”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, in line 8, strike the third “OR”; in line 12, after “SYSTEMS” insert “; OR

(V) INSTALLATION OF A LIMITED AREA FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM OR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY REPAIRS PERFORMED BY A LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION”;

in line 18, strike “AND”; and in line 20, after “STATE” insert “; AND

(4) INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS RELATED TO VIOLATIONS OF THIS LICENSING SUBTITLE”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, after line 20, insert:

“14A.

(a) Notwithstanding any provisions in §§ 1 through 14 of this article, the powers, duties and

jurisdiction conferred by these sections upon the State Fire Prevention Commission and the State Fire Marshal and any code, regulation or practice promulgated by them under the authority thereof shall not apply to or within Baltimore City except THOSE PROVISIONS OF §§ 3 AND 8 OF THIS ARTICLE THAT PERTAIN TO THE LICENSING OF FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS AND on properties owned or operated by the State of Maryland. The State Fire Code shall apply in Baltimore City to hospitals, nursing homes and similar institutions which require State licensure.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, before line 21, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act does not supersede any local law or ordinance that establishes standards or qualifications for fire sprinkler contractors involved in the installation, inspection, testing, repair, or modification of any fire sprinkler system.”;

and in line 21, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.