

HOUSE BILL 1532

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By: **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

Introduced and read first time: March 9, 2009

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Fire Marshal – Fire Sprinkler Contractor – Licensing**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision that allowed certain contractors to
4 provide certain services as fire sprinkler contractors without being licensed by
5 the State Fire Marshal; and generally relating to licensing of persons providing
6 fire sprinkler services by the State Fire Marshal.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Public Safety
9 Section 9–903
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 9–903.

16 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person may not
17 provide services as a fire sprinkler contractor in the State unless the person[:

18 (1)] is licensed by the State Fire Marshal[; or

19 (2) is a contractor of a person who is licensed by the State Fire
20 Marshal].

21 (b) This subtitle does not prohibit:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) inspections and tests of fire sprinkler systems by insurance
2 representatives if the representatives are acting in the performance of their assigned
3 duties;

4 (2) inspections, tests, and repairs of fire sprinkler systems by full-time
5 maintenance employees of a property owner if the employees:

6 (i) are knowledgeable about fire sprinkler systems; and

7 (ii) are acting in the performance of their assigned duties for the
8 property owner;

9 (3) inspections, tests, plan review, and ensuring the maintenance of
10 fire sprinkler systems, emergency maintenance activity on fire sprinkler systems, or
11 restoration to active service of operating or recently operated fire sprinkler systems by
12 members of State, county, municipal, career, or volunteer fire departments, or
13 authorities with jurisdiction if the members are acting in their capacity as members of
14 the fire departments or authorities;

15 (4) installation of limited area fire sprinkler systems or emergency
16 temporary repairs on fire sprinkler systems performed by master plumbers if the
17 plumbers are acting in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Fire
18 Prevention Commission; or

19 (5) inspections, tests, preparation of design and specification
20 documents, hydraulic calculations, layout, and plan review of fire sprinkler systems by
21 Maryland professional engineers if the engineers are knowledgeable about fire
22 sprinkler systems.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2009.