

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2289

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT FIREWATER STANDPIPE AND  
10 HOSE SYSTEMS SHALL BE REGULATED BY THE ARKANSAS  
11 FIRE PROTECTION LICENSING BOARD AND INSTALLED BY  
12 LICENSED FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 HOSE SYSTEMS SHALL BE REGULATED BY THE  
17 ARKANSAS FIRE PROTECTION LICENSING BOARD  
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19 CONTRACTORS.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-22-602(3), concerning the definition for  
26 "fire protection sprinkler system" under the Fire Protection Licensing Board  
27 law, is amended to read as follows:

28 (3) "Fire protection sprinkler system" means:

29 (A) an An assembly of underground or overhead piping or conduits  
30 that convey water with or without other agents to dispersal openings or  
31 devices in order to extinguish, control, or contain fire and so provide  
32 protection from exposure to fire or the products of combustion; and

33 (B) A standpipe and hose system as defined under the provisions  
34 of National Fire Protection Association pamphlet number fourteen (No. 14);  
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-22-603(a), concerning the exceptions to



1 the Fire Protection Licensing Board law, is amended to read as follows:

2 (a) The provisions of this subchapter do not apply to the following:

3 (1) The filling or charging of a portable fire extinguisher by  
4 the manufacturer prior to its initial sale;

5 (2) The servicing by a firm of its own portable fire  
6 extinguishers, fixed systems, or fire protection sprinkler systems by its own  
7 personnel specially trained for such servicing;

8 (3) The hydrostatic testing by a firm of its own United States  
9 Department of Transportation specification compressed gas cylinders used for  
10 or with fire extinguishers, or its own pressure vessels, other than  
11 Department of Transportation specification cylinders, used as fire  
12 extinguishers, when the testing is performed by personnel of the firm who  
13 have been specially trained to perform the testing;

14 (4) Firms engaged in the retailing or wholesaling of portable  
15 fire extinguishers, as defined in § 20-22-602, but not engaged in the  
16 installing, servicing, or recharging of them, shall only be exempt from the  
17 registration and licensing provisions as outlined in § 20-22-610, but all  
18 other provisions of this subchapter shall apply; and

19 (5) Fire departments recharging portable fire extinguishers as a  
20 public service where a nominal charge or no charge is made, provided the  
21 members of the fire department performing the services are trained in the  
22 proper filling and recharging of the fire extinguishers, such servicing is  
23 performed according to the standards adopted and the rules and regulations of  
24 the Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board, and specifically to National  
25 Fire Protection Association pamphlet number ten (No. 10), "Portable Fire  
26 Extinguishers", and at least one (1) member of each fire department servicing  
27 portable extinguishers holds a license issued by the board; and.

28 ~~(6)(A) The installation of a standpipe and hose system as~~  
29 ~~defined under the provisions of National Fire Protection Association pamphlet~~  
30 ~~number fourteen (No. 14) may be done according to the following provisions:~~

31 ~~(i) Persons or firms installing the standpipe and~~  
32 ~~hose system shall be exempt from the registration and licensing provisions as~~  
33 ~~outlined in § 20-22-610 and from that part of the rules and regulations that~~  
34 ~~apply to service tags and, specifically, paragraph numbers sixteen (16) and~~  
35 ~~seventeen (17) of the "Rules and Regulations Applicable to Fire Protection~~  
36 ~~Sprinkler Systems";~~

~~(ii) The standpipe and hose system shall:~~

~~(a) Be designed, installed, and tested according to the standards adopted in the "Rules and Regulations Applicable to Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems" of the board and, specifically, the provisions of the appropriate National Fire Protection Association pamphlets;~~

~~(b) Be designed by an Arkansas licensed responsible managing employee or a registered professional engineer licensed by the State of Arkansas; and~~

~~(c) Be installed by a firm licensed by the board or a mechanical or plumbing contractor licensed by the State of Arkansas.~~

~~(B) This exception does not apply to the servicing or maintaining of a standpipe and hose system, nor to the installation, servicing, or maintaining of combined systems as defined in National Fire Protection Association pamphlet number fourteen (No. 14).~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-22-607 is amended to read as follows:

20-22-607. Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board - Powers and duties.

(a) The Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board shall:

(1) Formulate and administer such policies as may be determined necessary for the protection and preservation of life and property, in regard to:

(A) The registration of firms engaging in the business of servicing portable fire extinguishers or installing and maintaining fixed fire extinguisher systems;

(B) The registration of firms engaged in the business of hydrostatic testing of portable fire extinguishers. However, no person or firm shall be granted a Class A hydrostatic testing certificate until the applicant submits proof satisfactory to the board that the test equipment of the applicant has been tested and certified by the United States Department of Transportation;

(C) The examination and licensure of persons applying for a license to service portable fire extinguishers and to install fixed fire extinguisher systems;

(D) The registration of firms engaged in the business of

1 installing or servicing fire protection sprinkler systems, including  
 2 standpipe and hose systems;

3 (E) The examination and licensing of persons desiring to  
 4 be licensed as a responsible managing employee for the purpose of installing  
 5 or servicing fire protection sprinkler systems, including standpipe and hose  
 6 systems; and

7 (F) The examination and licensing of persons desiring to  
 8 be licensed as fire sprinkler inspectors for the purpose of inspection of  
 9 fire sprinkler systems;

10 (2) Establish reasonable qualifications for firms or individuals  
 11 for a certificate of registration or license to engage in the business of  
 12 servicing portable fire extinguishers, installing fixed fire extinguisher  
 13 systems, or installing or servicing fire protection systems;

14 (3) Conduct examinations to ascertain the qualifications and  
 15 fitness of applicants for a license to service portable fire extinguishers,  
 16 install fixed fire extinguisher systems, or install or service fire  
 17 protection sprinkler systems;

18 (4) Issue certificates of registration for those firms that  
 19 qualify to engage in the business of servicing portable fire extinguishers,  
 20 installing and servicing fixed fire extinguisher systems, or installing or  
 21 servicing fire protection sprinkler systems, and issue licenses, apprentice  
 22 permits, and authorizations to perform hydrostatic testing to the firms or  
 23 individuals who qualify; ~~and~~

24 (5) Evaluate the qualifications of firms seeking approval as  
 25 testing laboratories for portable fire extinguishers; and

26 (6)(A) Regulate and license as a part of a fire protection  
 27 sprinkler system, the installation, service, and maintenance of a standpipe  
 28 and hose system as defined under the provisions of National Fire Protection  
 29 Association pamphlet number fourteen (No. 14).

30 (b)(1) The installation, service, and maintenance of a standpipe and  
 31 hose system shall be performed by a licensed fire sprinkler contractor.

32 (2) However, the design of the standpipe and hose system shall  
 33 be:

34 (A) Designed, installed, and tested according to the  
 35 standards adopted in the "Rules and Regulations Applicable to Fire Protection  
 36 Sprinkler Systems" of the board and, specifically, the provisions of the

1 appropriate National Fire Protection Association pamphlets;

2 (B) Designed by an Arkansas-licensed responsible managing  
3 employee or a registered professional engineer licensed by the State of  
4 Arkansas; and

5 (C) Installed by a fire sprinkler contractor licensed by  
6 the board.

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