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SENATE BILL No. 326

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Citations Affected: IC 22-12; IC 22-14; noncode.

Synopsis: Certification of fire sprinkler inspectors. Requires the fire prevention and building safety commission to adopt rules that require an individual who inspects an automatic fire sprinkler system to hold certain certification from the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies. Provides an exception to the requirement of certification for the inspection or servicing by a company of its own fire protection sprinkler systems by its own personnel who have knowledge of the installation, construction, or operation of the systems. Makes conforming amendments.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2007.

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January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce, Public Policy & Interstate Cooperation.
February 22, 2007, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.
February 26, 2007, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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SENATE BILL No. 326

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 22-12-1-2.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2007]: **Sec. 2.7. (a) "Automatic fire sprinkler system" means an**
4 **integrated system of underground and overhead piping for fire**
5 **protection purposes that is designed in accordance with the fire**
6 **safety laws of the commission.**
- 7 **(b) The system may include the following:**
- 8 **(1) A water, gas, or chemical supply, including any of the**
9 **following:**
- 10 **(A) A gravity tank.**
11 **(B) A fire pump.**
12 **(C) A reservoir.**
13 **(D) A pressure tank.**
14 **(E) A connection beginning at the supply side of a gate**
15 **valve located at or near the property line where the pipe or**
16 **piping system provides water, gas, or chemicals used**
17 **exclusively for fire protection and related appurtenances**



- 1 **and to standpipes connected to automatic sprinkler**
- 2 **systems.**
- 3 **(2) An aboveground network of specially sized or**
- 4 **hydraulically designed piping installed in a building or part of**
- 5 **a building to which sprinklers are connected in a systematic**
- 6 **pattern.**
- 7 **(3) A controlling valve and a device for actuating an alarm**
- 8 **when the system is in operation.**
- 9 **(4) Activation of the system by:**
 - 10 **(A) heat from a fire; and**
 - 11 **(B) discharge of water, gas, or chemicals over the fire area.**
- 12 **(c) The term includes the following:**
 - 13 **(1) Wet pipe systems.**
 - 14 **(2) Dry pipe systems.**
 - 15 **(3) Pre-action systems.**
 - 16 **(4) Deluge systems.**
 - 17 **(5) Combined dry pipe and pre-action systems.**
 - 18 **(6) Antifreeze systems.**
 - 19 **(7) Closed loop systems.**
 - 20 **(8) Systems using gases or chemicals.**
 - 21 **(9) Any other fire suppression system approved by the state**
 - 22 **fire marshal.**

23 SECTION 2. IC 22-14-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 24 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 25 1, 2007]:

26 **Chapter 6. Certification of Automatic Fire Sprinkler Inspectors**

27 **Sec. 1. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that**
 28 **requires an individual who inspects an automatic fire sprinkler**
 29 **system to be certified as a:**

- 30 **(1) Level II; or**
- 31 **(2) Level III;**

32 **inspector for the inspection and testing of water based systems by**
 33 **the National Institute for Certification in Engineering**
 34 **Technologies.**

35 **Sec. 2. This chapter shall not apply to the inspection or servicing**
 36 **by a company of its own fire protection sprinkler systems by its**
 37 **own personnel who have knowledge of the installation,**
 38 **construction or operation of the systems.**

39 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a)
 40 Notwithstanding IC 22-14-6-1, as added by this act, the fire
 41 prevention and building safety commission shall carry out the
 42 duties imposed upon the commission under IC 22-14-6-1, as added

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1 by this act, under interim written guidelines approved by the state
2 fire marshal.

3 (b) This SECTION expires on the earlier of the following:

4 (1) The date rules are adopted under IC 22-14-6-1, as added
5 by this act.

6 (2) December 31, 2008.

7 SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Public Policy and Interstate Cooperation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 326, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 27, after "1." delete "An" and insert "**The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that requires an**".

Page 2, line 28, delete "must" and insert "to".

Page 2, delete lines 34 through 35.

Page 2, line 37, delete "IC 22-14-6-2," and insert "**IC 22-14-6-1**".

Page 2, line 39, delete "IC 22-14-6-2," and insert "**IC 22-14-6-1**".

Page 3, line 1, delete "IC 22-14-6-2," and insert "**IC 22-14-6-1**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 326 as introduced.)

RIEGSECKER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 326 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, between lines 34 and 35, begin a new paragraph and insert: "**Sec. 2. This chapter shall not apply to the inspection or servicing by a company of its own fire protection sprinkler systems by its own personnel who have knowledge of the installation, construction or operation of the systems.**".

(Reference is to SB 326 as printed February 23, 2007.)

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