

# 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 440

September 2, 1999 - Introduced by Representatives KREUSER, REYNOLDS, BRANDEMUEHL, GOETSCH, GUNDERSON, KLUSMAN, J. LEHMAN, SPILLNER, STASKUNAS, STEINBRINK and YOUNG, cosponsored by Senator WELCH. Referred to Committee on Labor and Employment.

1 AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 145.15 (4); *to amend* 101.02 (20) (a) and  
2 101.02 (21) (a); and *to create* 145.155 (title) and 145.155 (2) of the statutes;  
3 **relating to:** the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, only an automatic fire sprinkler contractor or journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitter licensed or registered by the department of commerce (department) may install an automatic fire sprinkler system (sprinkler system). The sprinkler system includes underground and overhead piping and a suitable water supply. Under current law, a master plumber or utility contractor licensed by the department may not install any portion of a sprinkler system.

This bill expands current law by authorizing a master plumber or utility contractor licensed by the department to install the underground piping for a sprinkler system.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

4 SECTION 1. 101.02 (20) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5 101.02 (20) (a) For purposes of this subsection, "license" means a license,  
6 permit or certificate of certification or registration issued by the department under

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1 ss. 101.09 (3) (c), 101.122 (2) (c), 101.143 (2) (g), 101.15 (2) (e), 101.17, 101.177 (4) (a),  
2 101.178 (2) or (3) (a), 101.63 (2) or (2m), 101.653, 101.73 (5) or (6), 101.82 (2), 101.87,  
3 101.95, 145.02 (4), 145.035, 145.045, 145.15, 145.155, 145.16, 145.165, 145.17,  
4 145.175, 145.18 or 167.10 (6m).

5 **SECTION 2.** 101.02 (21) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 101.02 **(21)** (a) In this subsection, “license” means a license, permit or  
7 certificate of certification or registration issued by the department under s. 101.09  
8 (3) (c), 101.122 (2) (c), 101.143 (2) (g), 101.15 (2) (e), 101.17, 101.177 (4) (a), 101.178  
9 (2) or (3) (a), 101.63 (2), 101.653, 101.73 (5) or (6), 101.82 (2), 101.87, 101.95, 145.02  
10 (4), 145.035, 145.045, 145.15, 145.155, 145.16, 145.165, 145.17, 145.175, 145.18 or  
11 167.10 (6m).

12 **SECTION 3.** 145.15 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 145.155 (1) and amended  
13 to read:

14 145.155 **(1)** ~~No Except as provided under sub. (2), no person may install an~~  
15 ~~automatic fire sprinkler systems~~ system unless licensed or registered to do so by the  
16 department. ~~Licenses and registrations~~ A license or registration pertaining to an  
17 ~~automatic fire sprinkler systems are~~ system is not transferable.

18 **SECTION 4.** 145.155 (title) of the statutes is created to read:

19 **145.155** (title) **Automatic fire sprinkler system, license required.**

20 **SECTION 5.** 145.155 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

21 145.155 **(2)** A utility contractor or a master plumber licensed by the  
22 department may install the underground piping for an automatic fire sprinkler  
23 system up to the first flange above the finished floor.

24 **SECTION 6. Effective date.**

