

IL PHCC Legislative Update

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Some of the pieces of legislation that we were following in the Spring Session of the 103rd Illinois General Assembly have now been signed into law. They are listed below. Legislators will return to Springfield for 6 days in November for the Veto Session.

Plumbing/Piping/Construction Trade Related Bills:

HB 3046 (A. Williams & K. Buckner) Provides that the Environmental Protection Agency shall propose and the Board shall adopt (1) amendments to the Board's primary drinking water standards that will repeal the prohibition on the use of recycled sewage treatment plant effluent and that will make any other revisions to those rules that are necessary to facilitate water reuse and (2) rules establishing programs for reuse of treated wastewater for irrigation, including rules establishing permitting standards and a permit application process. Passed the House in 2023 and passed in the Senate on May 25, 2024. The bill was amended in the Senate and the House concurred. Governor Pritzker signed the bill into law on August 9th to become Public Act 103-0801. It becomes effective on January 1, 2025.

SB 2702 (R. Villivalam) Amends the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act. Provides that "fire sprinkler inspector" means an individual who is qualified to perform routine inspection or testing of fire sprinkler systems and who is exclusively employed by a single fire sprinkler contractor at a time. Nothing in the Act shall be construed to prohibit an individual who is licensed as a fire sprinkler inspector from being employed by another employer or self-employed to perform duties that would not require a fire sprinkler inspector license. Passed the Senate and the House, and signed into law on August 2, 2024 to become Public Act 103-0761. Becomes effective on January 1, 2025.

SB 2743 (L. Ellman & N. Toro) Creates the Water Plan Task Force Act. Establishes the State Water Plan Task Force and requires them to identify critical water issues, to develop and implement recommendations that address the critical water issues, and to reevaluate critical water issues and needs. Passed the Senate and the House, and become Public Act 103-0917 when signed by Governor Pritzker on August 9th. It becomes effective on January 1, 2025.