

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2022 SESSION

## CHAPTER 340

*An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-1147 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board for Contractors; certification of automatic fire sprinkler inspectors; exemptions.*

[H 474]

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**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 54.1-1147 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 54.1-1147. Certified automatic fire sprinkler inspector.**

A. No person may perform or offer to perform inspections of automatic fire sprinkler systems in the Commonwealth unless he is certified under the provisions of this section.

B. The Board shall certify as an automatic fire sprinkler inspector any person who receives (i) a Level II or higher Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Systems certificate issued through the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies or (ii) a substantially similar certification from a nationally recognized training program approved by the Board. The Board may suspend or revoke certification as an automatic fire sprinkler inspector for any person that does not maintain a certification required under this subsection.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, a person lacking certification under this section but participating in a training or apprenticeship program may perform automatic fire sprinkler inspections so long as (i) such person is accompanied by a certified automatic fire sprinkler inspector and (ii) any required inspection forms are signed by the certified automatic fire sprinkler inspector.

*D. This section shall not apply to building officials and technical assistants enforcing the Uniform Statewide Building Code (§ 36-97 et seq.) or fire officials and technical assistants enforcing the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code Act (§ 27-94 et seq.).*