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## AN ACT

Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania 1 Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further 2 providing for State Fire Commissioner and for Fire Safety 3 Advisory Committee, providing for fire protection and suppression systems and equipment and for licensure of fire 5 equipment service companies and technicians, imposing 6 penalties and establishing the Fire Equipment and Suppression 7 System Fund. 8 9 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows: 10 The safe operation of fire equipment and suppression (1)11 systems protects the health, safety and welfare of the public 12 and both public and private property by assuring competence 13 of those who perform fire equipment and suppression system 14 work. The licensure, certification and regulation of fire 15 16 equipment and suppression system companies and technicians 17 are in the best interest of this Commonwealth. 18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 19 Section 1. Section 7383(a) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania 20

- 1 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 2 § 7383. State Fire Commissioner.
- 3 (a) State Fire Commissioner.--There shall be a State Fire
- 4 Commissioner, who, through the Lieutenant Governor, shall report
- 5 to the Governor on all matters concerning fire safety in this
- 6 Commonwealth. The Office of the State Fire Commissioner shall be
- 7 within the agency for administrative purposes only, and the
- 8 commissioner shall not report to the director of the agency. The
- 9 commissioner shall have the power and duty to:
- 10 (1) Coordinate the activities of State and local
- 11 community interests engaged in fire prevention and control
- 12 activities.
- 13 (2) Serve as a focal point for information relative to
- 14 fires, property damage, injuries and the loss of life.
- 15 (3) Disseminate, through periodic reports, information
- about fire prevention efforts and fire control and detection
- 17 techniques.
- 18 (4) Develop and participate in a program of public
- information and education designed to create a public
- awareness of the incidence and the ravages of fire and
- 21 methods the individual can take to prevent and detect fires
- 22 and minimize loss when they occur.
- 23 (5) Serve as a central point to support local efforts
- 24 and interests in all matters pertinent to fire prevention and
- control.
- 26 (6) Regulate through the issuance of a license any
- 27 <u>person engaged in the business of installing, altering,</u>
- inspecting, repairing, recharging, servicing, maintaining or
- 29 testing portable fire extinguishers, fire alarm systems or
- fire equipment and suppression systems.

Τ	(/) Regulate through the issuance of an industry-
2	recognized and code-referenced certification individuals
3	employed by a licensed fire equipment service company to
4	inspect, repair, recharge, service, maintain or test portable
5	fire extinguishers, fire alarm systems or fire equipment and
6	suppression systems.
7	(8) Enforce the provisions of Subchapter G (relating to
8	fire protection and suppression systems and equipment) and
9	regulations promulgated under Subchapter G to minimize the
10	loss of persons and public and private property through the
11	<pre>following:</pre>
12	(i) Prevention and mitigation of fire or explosion
13	and the spread of fire and panic resulting therefrom
14	through the regulation of fire alarm systems and fire
15	equipment and suppression systems.
16	(ii) Installation and maintenance of fire alarm
17	systems, emergency notification systems and fire
18	protection systems, including fire suppression systems,
19	fire extinguishing equipment and fire sprinkler systems.
20	(iii) Servicing, repairing, recharging, testing,
21	marking, inspecting, installing, maintaining and tagging
22	of fire extinguishers, individually designed fire
23	equipment, pre-engineered fire suppression systems and
24	fire alarm systems.
25	(iv) Licensing of persons engaged in the business of
26	servicing, repairing, recharging, testing, marking,
27	inspecting, installing, maintaining and tagging fire
28	extinguishers, pre-engineered fire suppression systems,
29	individually designed fire equipment protection systems
30	and fire alarm systems.

Τ	(v) Certification of technicians employed by a
2	licensee to service, repair, recharge, test, mark,
3	inspect, install, maintain and tag portable fire
4	extinguishers, pre-engineered fire suppression systems,
5	individually designed fire equipment protection systems
6	and fire alarm systems.
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8	Section 2. Section 7386(a)(1) introductory paragraph of
9	Title 35 is amended and the paragraph is amended by adding
10	subparagraphs to read:
11	§ 7386. Fire Safety Advisory Committee.
12	(a) Creation
13	(1) There is created the Fire Safety Advisory Committee
14	to assist the commissioner. The committee shall consist of
15	[nine members, as follows] the following members:
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17	(vi) Four fire protection and suppression system
18	contractors from geographically dispersed areas of this
19	Commonwealth, one each to be appointed by the President
20	pro tempore of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the
21	Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
22	the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.
23	(vii) Two board members of the Pennsylvania Fire
24	Equipment Distributor Association, to be appointed by the
25	<pre>commissioner.</pre>
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27	Section 3. Chapter 73 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
28	Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:
29	SUBCHAPTER G
30	FIRE PROTECTION AND SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT

- 1 Sec.
- 2 7391. Definitions.
- 3 7392. Fire protection and suppression systems and equipment.
- 4 7393. Fire equipment service company licensure.
- 5 7394. Technician certification.
- 7 7396. Duties of office.
- 8 7397. Municipal prohibitions.
- 9 7398. Fire Equipment and Suppression System Fund.
- 10 7399. Penalties.
- 11 7399.1. Refusal, suspension or revocation of license.
- 12 <u>7399.2. Temporary regulations.</u>
- 13 <u>7399.3. Applicability.</u>
- 14 § 7391. Definitions.
- The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
- 16 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 17 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 18 "Carbon dioxide fire protection system." A special hazard
- 19 fire suppression system that uses carbon dioxide as its
- 20 extinguishing agent.
- 21 "Certified technician." A technician certified by the office
- 22 in accordance with this subchapter.
- 23 "Commissioner." The State Fire Commissioner.
- 24 "Engineered fire suppression system." A fire suppression
- 25 system which is designed individually to suit a purpose or
- 26 hazard and requires individual calculation and design to
- 27 <u>determine the flow rates, nozzle pressures, pipe size, area or</u>
- 28 volume to be protected by each nozzle, quantities of
- 29 extinguishing agent and the number and types of nozzles and
- 30 their placement in a specific system.

- 1 "ESA's NTS." The Electronic Security Association's National
- 2 Training School.
- 3 "Fire alarm system." A system installed in accordance with
- 4 NFPA 72 that provides a warning alarm signaling the presence of
- 5 fire conditions and is capable of initiating an action to
- 6 <u>suppress a fire condition.</u>
- 7 <u>"Fire equipment service company." A person that engages in</u>
- 8 the business of installing, altering, inspecting, repairing,
- 9 recharging, servicing, maintaining or testing portable fire
- 10 extinguishers, sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems or fire
- 11 equipment and suppression systems.
- 12 <u>"Fire extinguisher." A cylinder that:</u>
- 13 (1) Is portable such that it may be carried or is on
- 14 <u>wheels.</u>
- 15 (2) Is manually operated.
- 16 (3) May use a variety of extinguishing agents that are
- 17 expelled under pressure.
- 18 (4) Is rechargeable or nonrechargeable.
- 19 (5) Is installed, serviced, repaired, recharged,
- inspected and hydrotested according to applicable procedures
- 21 of the manufacturer, NFPA standards and Federal regulations.
- 22 (6) Is listed by a nationally recognized testing
- 23 laboratory.
- 24 "Fire protection and suppression system." A system
- 25 individually designed to protect the interior or exterior of a
- 26 specific building or buildings, structure or other special
- 27 <u>hazard from fire. The term includes, but is not limited to, the</u>
- 28 following:
- 29 (1) Water sprinkler systems.
- 30 (2) Water misting systems.

- 1 (3) Foam-water sprinkler systems.
- 2 <u>(4) Foam-water spray systems.</u>
- 3 (5) Carbon dioxide fire protection systems.
- 4 (6) Foam extinguishing systems.
- 5 <u>(7) Dry chemical systems.</u>
- 6 (8) Halon and other chemical systems used for fire
- 7 protection use.
- 8 (9) Overhead and underground fire mains.
- 9 <u>(10) Fire hydrants and hydrant mains.</u>
- 10 (11) Standpipe systems and hoses connected to sprinkler
- 11 <u>systems.</u>
- 12 <u>(12) Sprinkler tank heaters.</u>
- 13 <u>(13) Air lines.</u>
- 14 <u>(14) Thermal systems used regarding fire sprinkler</u>
- 15 systems.
- 16 (15) Tanks and pumps connected to fire sprinkler
- 17 systems.
- 18 "Fire safety inspector." An individual who is officially
- 19 assigned the duties of conducting fire safety inspections of
- 20 buildings and facilities on a recurring or regular basis on
- 21 behalf of a State or local government entity with fire safety
- 22 responsibilities.
- 23 "Fire suppression system." An engineered or pre-engineered
- 24 system that suppresses a fire using an extinguishing agent
- 25 distributed through fixed piping and nozzles that are activated
- 26 either manually or automatically. The system may include
- 27 containers, nozzles, controls, automatic detection, manual
- 28 releases, equipment shut downs and alarms. The system includes
- 29 an extinguishing agent, which is discharged through fixed pipes
- 30 and nozzles into or over a potential fire hazard.

- 1 <u>"Fund." The Fire Equipment and Suppression System Fund</u>
- 2 established in section 7398 (relating to Fire Equipment and
- 3 <u>Suppression System Fund</u>).
- 4 "Hydrotesting." Pressure testing by hydrostatic methods by a
- 5 person in possession of a United States Department of
- 6 Transportation issued Retesters Identification Number (RIN) that
- 7 <u>is conducted in accordance with the procedures in NFPA 10 and</u>
- 8 the portions of 49 CFR Pts. 105 (relating to hazardous materials
- 9 program definitions and general procedures) through 177
- 10 (relating to carriage by public highway), which are referenced
- 11 <u>in Compressed Gas Association Standards.</u>
- 12 <u>"ICC." The International Code Council.</u>
- 13 "Kitchen fire suppression system." A pre-engineered fire
- 14 suppression system designed specifically to protect the hood,
- 15 duct and cooking appliances of a kitchen by having a wet
- 16 <u>extinguishing agent discharged through fixed pipes and nozzles</u>
- 17 over and into the fire hazard area and which may include
- 18 containers, nozzles, controls, automatic detection, manual
- 19 release, cooking appliance shutdown equipment and alarms.
- 20 "License" or "licensure." The authorization granted by the
- 21 office to a fire equipment service company to operate in
- 22 accordance with its designated class of license.
- 23 "Licensee." A fire equipment service company that is in
- 24 possession of a valid license issued by the office to offer to
- 25 undertake or represent itself as being able to undertake, or
- 26 undertakes the installation, service, sale, repair, inspection
- 27 <u>or maintenance of fire protection equipment.</u>
- 28 "Maintenance." The function of keeping equipment in the
- 29 condition to perform as the equipment was originally designed to
- 30 perform.

- 1 "Municipality." Any of the following that has adopted land
- 2 use or zoning regulations:
- 3 (1) A city of the first, second, second class A or third
- 4 <u>class.</u>
- 5 <u>(2) A borough.</u>
- 6 (3) An incorporated town.
- 7 (4) A township of the first or second class.
- 8 (5) A county of the second class, second class A, third
- 9 class, fourth class, fifth class, sixth class, seventh class
- 10 or eighth class.
- 11 (6) A home rule municipality or any similar general
- 12 purpose unit of government which is hereafter created by the
- 13 <u>General Assembly.</u>
- 14 "NAFED." The National Association of Fire Equipment
- 15 Distributors.
- 16 "NFPA." The National Fire Protection Association.
- 17 "NFPA 72." The National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code
- 18 promulgated by the NFPA.
- 19 "NICET." The National Institute for Certification in
- 20 Engineering Technologies.
- 21 "Office." The Office of the State Fire Commissioner.
- 22 "PAFED." The Pennsylvania Association of Fire Equipment
- 23 Distributors.
- 24 "Pre-engineered fire suppression system." A fire suppression
- 25 system that:
- 26 (1) Uses a variety of extinguishing agents.
- 27 (2) Is designed to protect specific hazards.
- 28 (3) Is installed according to pretested limitations and
- 29 <u>configurations specified by the manufacturer.</u>
- 30 (4) Is installed according to applicable NFPA standards

- 1 pertaining to servicing, recharging, repairing, installing,
- 2 <u>hydrotesting or inspecting any type of pre-engineered fire</u>
- 3 <u>suppression system.</u>
- 4 (5) Is installed using components specified by the
- 5 <u>manufacturer or components that are listed as equivalent</u>
- 6 parts by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- 7 (6) Is listed by a nationally recognized testing
- 8 <u>laboratory</u>.
- 9 <u>"Special hazard fire suppression system." A fire suppression</u>
- 10 system that uses an extinguishing agent other than water.
- 11 "Sprinkler system." A type of fire protection system, manual
- 12 or automatic, using water as an extinguishing agent and
- 13 <u>installed in accordance with applicable NFPA standards.</u>
- 14 <u>"Standpipe system." A fire protection system consisting of</u>
- 15 <u>an arrangement of piping, valves, hose outlets and allied</u>
- 16 <u>equipment installed in a building or structure.</u>
- 17 "Technician." An individual who is employed by a licensee to
- 18 install, alter, inspect, repair, recharge, service, maintain or
- 19 <u>test portable fire extinguishers, sprinkler systems, fire alarm</u>
- 20 systems or fire equipment and suppression systems.
- 21 "Trainee." An individual who has not obtained certification
- 22 under this subchapter but who is authorized to work as specified
- 23 <u>in this subchapter when under the immediate supervision of a</u>
- 24 certified technician.
- 25 "Uniform fire safety standard." A requirement or group of
- 26 requirements for the protection of life and property from loss
- 27 by fire which shall be met by each building and structure
- 28 specified by the Uniform Construction Code, ICC or NFPA and not
- 29 more or less stringent than State law or a regulation or local
- 30 ordinance of a State or local government entity with fire safety

- 1 responsibilities.
- 2 § 7392. Fire protection and suppression systems and equipment.
- 3 A fire extinguisher, fire alarm system and engineered and
- 4 pre-engineered fire suppression system that is required by
- 5 statute, rule or regulation must be serviced, recharged,
- 6 <u>repaired, hydrotested, tested, inspected and instal</u>led in
- 7 accordance with:
- 8 <u>(1) This subchapter.</u>
- 9 (2) Current, applicable ICC or NFPA standards.
- 10 (3) Applicable Federal regulations.
- 11 § 7393. Fire equipment service company licensure.
- 12 (a) License required. -- It shall be unlawful for a person to
- 13 engage in the business of servicing, repairing, recharging,
- 14 testing, marking, inspecting, installing or hydrotesting any
- 15 fire extinguisher, fire alarm system, engineered or pre-
- 16 <u>engineered fire suppression system in this Commonwealth without:</u>
- 17 (1) Holding a valid license issued by the office.
- 18 (2) Employing a technician in possession of a valid
- 19 certification in accordance with this subchapter.
- 20 (b) Qualifications for licensure. -- To qualify for licensure,
- 21 an applicant must provide the following:
- 22 (1) A valid Federal tax identification number.
- 23 (2) A valid Department of Revenue State identification
- 24 number.
- 25 (3) Proof that the applicant is current on all Federal
- and Pennsylvania tax obligations, including sales and use
- 27 <u>tax.</u>
- 28 (4) Proof that the applicant is or will be covered by
- 29 general liability, personal injury and property damage
- insurance in the amount of \$500,000.

- 1 (5) A general description of the applicant's fire
- 2 <u>equipment service company operations, including the number of</u>
- 3 certified technicians employed and services offered.
- 4 (6) Identification of the certified technicians employed
- 5 by the fire equipment service company, listed by discipline.
- 6 (7) Proof of current and reputable certification for
- 7 <u>each technician employed by the applicant.</u>
- 8 (8) A sworn statement or affidavit that all information
- 9 <u>contained in the application is valid.</u>
- 10 (9) A notarized signature of the applicant.
- 11 (c) Class of license and fees. -- A licensee shall perform the
- 12 specific type of work in accordance with the specific
- 13 <u>classification of license held. The office shall promulgate</u>
- 14 regulations to set annual licensing fees for each license
- 15 classification established as follows:
- 16 (1) Class PF portable fire extinguisher contractor.
- 17 (2) Class FS fire sprinkler system contractor.
- 18 (3) Class SH special hazard fire suppression system
- 19 contractor.
- 20 (4) Class KF kitchen fire suppression system
- 21 contractor.
- 22 (5) Class FA fire alarm system contractor.
- 23 (6) Class ALL all fire protection equipment
- 24 contractor.
- 25 (d) Inactive status. -- A licensee may transfer a license to
- 26 inactive status during which time the licensee may not engage in
- 27 any work or permit a technician to operate under the license. An
- 28 inactive status license shall be void after two years or at the
- 29 time that the license is renewed, whichever comes first.
- 30 (e) Display of license. -- A license shall be displayed by the

- 1 licensee at the licensee's place of business at all times and
- 2 shall appear on all inspection reports, invoices and tags.
- 3 (f) Interim operation. -- A fire equipment service company
- 4 that has been in business prior to the effective date of this
- 5 <u>section shall have 24 months following the effective date of</u>
- 6 this section to meet the licensure requirements of this
- 7 <u>subchapter</u>.
- 8 § 7394. Technician certification.
- 9 (a) Required qualifications. -- A technician must possess and
- 10 maintain a current certification in each discipline in which the
- 11 <u>individual performs duties</u>. The following apply:
- 12 (1) A portable fire extinguisher technician must be
- certified by PAFED, ICC or NAFED as a certified portable fire
- 14 <u>extinguisher technician.</u>
- 15 (2) A kitchen fire suppression system technician must be
- 16 <u>certified by PAFED, ICC or NAFED as a pre-engineered kitchen</u>
- 17 fire extinguishing systems technician.
- 18 (3) A special hazard fire suppression system technician
- 19 <u>must be certified by NICET as a level II special hazard</u>
- 20 suppression systems technician.
- 21 (4) A fire alarm systems technician must be certified as
- 22 a level II fire alarm technician by NICET, ESA's NTS or any
- NFPA 72 recognized national certification organization.
- 24 (5) A fire sprinkler system technician must be certified
- as a NICET level II inspection and testing of water-based
- 26 systems technician and a NICET level I water-based fire
- 27 <u>protection systems technician.</u>
- 28 (b) Identification. -- A certified technician employed by a
- 29 licensee shall maintain in the technician's personal possession
- 30 <u>a valid photo identification with the technician's certification</u>

- 1 <u>number while engaging in the servicing, recharging, repairing,</u>
- 2 testing, inspecting or installing of fire extinguishers, fire
- 3 <u>alarm systems and engineered and pre-engineered fire suppression</u>
- 4 systems. A certified technician shall produce photo
- 5 <u>identification and proof of certification upon request.</u>
- 6 (c) Construction. -- Nothing in this subchapter shall be
- 7 construed to prohibit a certified technician from servicing any
- 8 brand of fire extinguisher, fire alarm system or engineered or
- 9 pre-engineered fire suppression system regardless of the
- 10 manufacturer of the equipment. A certified technician shall be
- 11 legally qualified to act on behalf of the licensee within the
- 12 <u>authorized scope of practice of the certified technician in all</u>
- 13 <u>matters connected with the business of the licensee.</u>
- 14 <u>§ 7395. Trainees.</u>
- 15 (a) Supervision. -- A trainee is prohibited from engaging in
- 16 the servicing, recharging, repairing, testing, inspecting or
- 17 installing of fire extinguishers, fire alarm systems and
- 18 engineered and pre-engineered fire suppression systems unless
- 19 supervised by a certified technician operating under a licensee.
- 20 No more than two trainees shall be under the supervision of a
- 21 single certified technician, who shall be directly responsible
- 22 for the work performed by a trainee while under the technician's
- 23 supervision. No trainee shall perform work not within the scope
- 24 of the class of license and technician certification held by the
- 25 licensee and technician, respectively.
- 26 (b) Trainee qualifications.--A trainee must:
- 27 (1) Be 18 years of age or older.
- 28 (2) Possess a valid driver's license or a valid State
- 29 <u>identification card, issued by the Department of</u>
- Transportation, that is capable of being produced upon

- 1 <u>request.</u>
- 2 § 7396. Duties of office.
- 3 (a) Identification. -- The office shall develop and issue
- 4 photo identification cards to licensees and certified
- 5 technicians. Nothing in this subchapter shall preclude the
- 6 office from assessing fees commensurate with the cost of
- 7 producing the photo identification.
- 8 (b) Registry required. -- The office shall establish a
- 9 <u>searchable online registry of licensees, identifiable by</u>
- 10 <u>business name</u>, <u>business license number and business address</u>. A
- 11 <u>licensee shall report any changes in the certification of</u>
- 12 <u>technicians operating under its license to the office on a</u>
- 13 <u>quarterly basis.</u>
- 14 § 7397. Municipal prohibitions.
- 15 (a) General rule. -- A municipality is prohibited from:
- 16 (1) Adopting rules, regulations or ordinances for
- 17 licensure, certification or permitting in connection with a
- fire alarm system or fire protection and suppression system
- 19 that would result in duplicate certification, licensure or
- 20 regulation of the State-issued license or certification
- 21 required by this subchapter.
- 22 (2) Assessing additional fees on licensees to service,
- 23 repair, recharge, test, mark, inspect, install, maintain and
- 24 tag fire extinguishers, fire alarm systems, engineered and
- 25 <u>pre-engineered fire suppression systems and individually</u>
- designed fire equipment within a municipality.
- 27 (b) Construction. -- Nothing in this section shall prohibit a
- 28 municipality from adopting an ordinance to contract with a third
- 29 party inspection reporting agency or assessing reporting filing
- 30 fees.

- 1 § 7398. Fire Equipment and Suppression System Fund.
- 2 The Fire Equipment and Suppression System Fund is established
- 3 as a special fund in the State Treasury. Fees collected for
- 4 <u>licensure or certification</u>, including separate licensing
- 5 examination fees, shall be deposited in the fund and are hereby
- 6 appropriated for the use of the office in the administration of
- 7 this subchapter. Money appropriated to the office under this
- 8 <u>section shall be in addition to any appropriation to the office</u>
- 9 <u>in a general appropriation act.</u>
- 10 § 7399. Penalties.
- 11 (a) Criminal penalty. -- A person who violates this subchapter
- 12 <u>or regulation promulgated under this subchapter commits a</u>
- 13 <u>misdemeanor of the third degree and shall:</u>
- 14 (1) Upon conviction for a first offense, be sentenced to
- pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment for not
- more than six months, or both.
- 17 (2) Upon conviction for a second or subsequent offense,
- be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$2,000 or to
- imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.
- 20 (b) Administrative penalty. -- In addition to any other remedy
- 21 or penalty provided for in this section, the office may levy a
- 22 civil penalty of up to \$10,000 for each violation against an
- 23 individual or organization that violates this subchapter. The
- 24 civil penalty shall be subject to the right of notice, hearing,
- 25 <u>adjudication and appeal as provided in 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to</u>
- 26 administrative law and procedure).
- 27 § 7399.1. Refusal, suspension or revocation of license.
- 28 (a) General rule. -- Subject to the right of notice, hearing,
- 29 <u>adjudication and appeal under 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to</u>
- 30 administrative law and procedure), the office may refuse to

- 1 issue or renew, suspend or revoke a license or certification
- 2 upon a violation of this subchapter for any of the following:
- 3 (1) Incompetency or negligence in the performance of
- 4 <u>fire equipment services.</u>
- 5 <u>(2) Conviction of a felony.</u>
- 6 (3) Fraudulent or dishonest practices while rendering
- 7 <u>fire equipment services.</u>
- 8 <u>(4) Use of false evidence, false advertising or</u>
- 9 <u>misrepresentation on an application or in the performance of</u>
- fire equipment services.
- 11 (5) Engaging in or authorizing the planning, design,
- 12 <u>installation, service or maintenance of a fire alarm system,</u>
- 13 <u>emergency notification system or fire protection system</u>,
- including a fire suppression system, fire-extinguishing
- 15 <u>equipment and fire sprinkler system without the required</u>
- 16 <u>license or certification</u>.
- 17 (b) Temporary suspensions.--
- 18 <u>(1) The commissioner may issue an order to suspend a</u>
- 19 license or certification for up to 180 days upon finding a
- clear and immediate danger to the public health, safety or
- 21 property. The order shall be issued without hearing but with
- 22 notice to the licensee's or certified technician's last known
- address.
- 24 (2) The licensee or certified technician shall have a
- 25 right to a hearing within 30 days following the issuance of
- the order.
- 27 <u>(c) Appeals.--The office shall issue a decision within 30</u>
- 28 days after a hearing under this section.
- 29 <u>(d) Procedure.--The office shall have the power to subpoena</u>
- 30 witnesses, administer oaths, examine witnesses, take testimony

- 1 and compel the production of documents. The commissioner may
- 2 petition the Commonwealth Court to enforce an order or subpoena
- 3 issued under this section.
- 4 § 7399.2. Temporary regulations.
- 5 (a) Promulgation. -- In order to facilitate the prompt
- 6 <u>implementation of this subchapter</u>, the office shall, no later
- 7 than 150 days of the effective date of this section, promulgate
- 8 temporary regulations. The temporary regulations shall not be
- 9 <u>subject to the following:</u>
- 10 (1) Sections 201, 202, 203, 204 and 205 of the act of
- 11 <u>July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to as the</u>
- 12 <u>Commonwealth Documents Law.</u>
- 13 (2) Sections 204(b) and 301(10) of the act of October
- 14 <u>15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the Commonwealth</u>
- 15 <u>Attorneys Act.</u>
- 16 (3) The act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as
- 17 the Regulatory Review Act.
- 18 (b) Expiration. -- The temporary regulations under
- 19 subsection(a) shall expire upon the promulgation of final-form
- 20 regulations or within two years following the effective date of
- 21 this section, whichever is later.
- 22 (c) Regulations.--The temporary regulations shall address
- 23 the following:
- 24 (1) Initial license requirements consistent with the
- 25 uniform fire safety standards adopted by the commissioner.
- 26 (2) Certification fees and licensure classifications
- 27 <u>under this subchapter.</u>
- 28 (3) The duration of licenses.
- 29 <u>(4) Auditing procedures of licensees and certified</u>
- 30 technicians to determine compliance with the provisions of

- 1 <u>this subchapter.</u>
- 2 (5) The promulgation of forms and applications for
- 3 <u>licensure and certification required under this subchapter.</u>
- 4 § 7399.3. Applicability.
- 5 The provisions of this subchapter do not apply to inspections
- 6 <u>conducted by fire chiefs, fire inspectors, fire marshals or</u>
- 7 <u>insurance company inspectors</u>.
- 8 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 90 days.