

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2124**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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SENATE, Thursday, February 4, 2016

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 150) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, Anne M. Gobi, David M. Nangle, Thomas A. Golden, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation to maintain public water systems; and (accompanied by bill, House, No. 218) of Stephen Kulik and Jennifer E. Benson for legislation to exempt certain persons experienced in performing sprinkler fitting from sprinkler fitters' examining and licensing requirements, - reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2124).

For the committee,  
Barbara A. L'Italien

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An Act to maintain public water systems.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 146 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 88 the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 88A. The sprinkler fitter's examining and licensing requirements, under sections  
4 81to 86, inclusive, shall not apply to individuals who are (1) regularly in the employ of a public  
5 water system or utility contractors approved and working for the public water system and (2)  
6 performing sprinkler fitting work related to the emergency installation and repair, and the testing  
7 and maintenance of hydrants and appurtenant pipes and valves that are within the jurisdiction of  
8 the public water system; provided, that this exemption shall only apply to work related to  
9 hydrants and appurtenant pipes and valves and shall not include work on any other component of  
10 a fire protection sprinkler system. Individuals who are regularly in the employ of a public water  
11 system or utility contractors approved and working for the public water system may perform  
12 sprinkler fitting work related to the installation, repair, testing and maintenance of hydrants and  
13 appurtenant pipes and valves of a multi-purpose system within the jurisdiction of the public

- 14 water system, but shall not include work on any other component of a fire protection sprinkler
- 15 system. The department may promulgate rules and regulations to enforce this section.