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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), my office has conducted a review of the Fire Equipment Distributor and Employee Regulation Act of 2011 (225 ILCS 217), which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2023. As a result of this review, it is recommended to the General Assembly that:

The Fire Equipment Distributor and Employee Regulation Act of 2011 (225 ILCS 217) should be continued with the following modifications to its existing statutory and administrative rule framework.

- Increase the length of the licensing cycle.
- Amend or repeal provisions which reflect outdated processes.

Fire extinguishers and other suppression equipment are the first line of defense during fire scenarios. While the primary priority is the safe exit for occupants, portable fire extinguishers can be used to contain or extinguish a small fire, providing greater safety for occupants and limiting costly damage to property. Other forms of fire equipment can be used for protecting sensitive products and equipment. Given the importance of this equipment and these systems, it is essential that they be serviced by qualified technicians. Failing to renew the Fire Equipment Distributor and Employee Regulation Act of 2011 (225 ILCS 217) could result in poor service of fire and life safety equipment, more frequent malfunction of equipment, and consequently greater danger for the public and an increase in the likelihood of more costly fires.

From an environmental and health standpoint, functioning fire extinguishers and other suppression equipment have a proven ability to fight fires in their early stages, which minimizes the spread of toxic gases and the amount of water or other chemicals needed to control the fire. The availability of accessible and working fire extinguishers provides greater opportunities for small fires to be controlled with lower environmental impact. For these reasons GOMB recommends that this Act be extended past the sunset date.

The full report provided by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget is provided as reference.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,
JB Pritzker
Governor