

CHAPTER 135K

BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TESTERS

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135K.1 Definitions.

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Approved course*” means a course covering the testing and repair of backflow prevention assemblies which has been approved by the department.
2. “*Backflow prevention assembly*” means a device or means to prevent backflow into the potable water system.
3. “*Department*” means the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing.
4. “*Registered backflow prevention assembly tester*” means a person who has successfully completed an approved course and has registered with the department.

[92 Acts, ch 1204, §1; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §1619](#)

135K.2 Applicability.

[This chapter](#) applies to all persons who test or repair backflow prevention assemblies.

[92 Acts, ch 1204, §2](#)

135K.3 Registration and approval required.

A person shall not test or repair backflow prevention assemblies without first having registered with and having been approved by the department.

[92 Acts, ch 1204, §3](#)

135K.4 Powers and duties.

The department shall adopt rules in accordance with [chapter 17A](#), which provide for all of the following:

1. The establishment of minimum qualifications for registered backflow prevention assembly testers.
2. The establishment of minimum standards for approved courses.
3. The establishment and collection of fees to defray the cost of administering [this chapter](#).
4. The provision of a listing of registered backflow prevention assembly testers to local health officials.
5. The administration and enforcement of [this chapter](#).

[92 Acts, ch 1204, §4](#)

135K.5 Penalty.

A person who violates [this chapter](#) is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

[92 Acts, ch 1204, §5](#)

135K.6 Enforcement.

1. The department shall investigate complaints regarding backflow prevention assembly testers. If the department determines that a provision of [this chapter](#) regarding the requirements for a backflow prevention assembly tester has been violated, the department may order a person not to test or repair backflow prevention assemblies or may revoke the registration of a registered backflow prevention assembly tester until the necessary corrective action has been taken.

2. The department shall investigate complaints regarding courses covering the testing and repair of backflow prevention assemblies. If the department determines that a provision of [this chapter](#) regarding approved courses has been violated, the department may revoke the approval of a course until the necessary corrective action has been taken.

[92 Acts, ch 1204, §6](#)