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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 Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor's License Act (225 ILCS 345), which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2022. As a result of this review, it is recommended to the General Assembly that:

The Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor's License Act (225 ILCS 345) should be continued with the following modifications to its existing statutory and administrative rule framework.

- Changes to the Water Well Construction Code to redefine definitions and decrease the regulatory burden on contractors and the residents of Illinois.

Lack of regulation in the water well industry would have an adverse effect on public health. Current laws protect public health by requiring the proper construction, operation and decommissioning of water wells. Water wells are permitted and inspected by the Illinois Department of Public Health or its designated agents and are installed by licensed contractors. Without enforcement of these requirements improperly constructed wells would result which pose a danger to the safety of the aquifers providing water to Illinois residents.

The absence of regulation of the water well industry would pose a significant and direct harm to the welfare of the public. There is currently not sufficient evidence to suggest that the burdens imposed by regulation outweigh the benefits to the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois in continuing the regulation of this profession. Consequently, the continuation of this regulation is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois.

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

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,
JB Pritzker
Governor