211.357 Certification of installers of on-site sewage disposal systems.

- (1) The cabinet shall establish a program to certify persons as installers of on-site sewage disposal systems. A master plumber licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 318 or a person who provides written verification from the local health department in the county in which the work was completed that he installed five (5) lateral fields and septic tank systems prior to July 13, 1984, and that these installations had been inspected by a certified inspector and passed inspection, shall be certified automatically.
- (2) The cabinet shall establish as a part of the certification program referenced in subsection (1) of this section a means of issuing a probationary certification for installers of on-site sewage disposal systems. This probationary certification shall automatically be converted to a full certification at the time that the holder of the probationary certificate has installed five (5) lateral fields and septic tank systems and has provided written verification from the local health department in the county in which the work was completed that these installations have been inspected by a certificate to the holder of the probationary certification. The cabinet shall issue a full certificate to the holder of the probationary certification. In order to be issued a probationary certification, eligible persons shall certify in writing that they will make installations in accordance with requirements set forth by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- (3) The cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations to establish a fee that shall not exceed administrative costs to the cabinet, but in no event shall the total fees for permitting and inspection increase more than five percent (5%) per year, that shall be paid by persons certified as installers, except master plumbers licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 318.
- (4) The cabinet may revoke or suspend any certification issued pursuant to this section upon proof that the certified person has:
 - (a) Knowingly violated the provisions of this chapter or the regulations of the cabinet;
 - (b) Practiced fraud or deception in applying for or obtaining a certificate;
 - (c) Is incompetent to install on-site sewage disposal systems;
 - (d) Permitted the certification to be used directly or indirectly by another to install on-site sewage disposal systems; or
 - (e) Is guilty of other unprofessional or dishonorable conduct of a character likely to deceive or defraud the public.
- (5) Upon appeal of any decision to revoke or suspend a certification, an administrative hearing shall be conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.
- (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to condone the installation of on-site sewage disposal systems contrary to specifications for these systems established by the cabinet.

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