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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE STATE PLUMBING BOARD,  
102 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE  
103 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE 2023 SUNSET REPORT BY THE  
104 DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Sunset Process - House Business Affairs and Labor Committee.** The bill implements the recommendations of the department of regulatory agencies (DORA) in its 2023 sunset review of the state

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plumbing board (board).

**Sections 3 and 26** of the bill continue the board for 13 years to September 1, 2037.

**Section 13** authorizes the board to discipline plumbers who aid or abet a person in violating the plumbing practice act or other statutes that apply to plumbers.

**Section 3** removes the statutory requirement that members of the board be confirmed by the senate of the Colorado general assembly.

**Section 3** removes the political affiliation requirement for the board, which requires that a major political party not have more than one member more than the other major political party.

**Sections 1, 7, and 9** clarify that the licensed categories of plumbers, plumbing apprentices, and registered plumbing contractors can work on water conditioning systems without being required to register with the board as a water conditioning contractor, principal, or installer.

**Sections 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 22, 24, 25, and 27** modernize the term "journeyman" by changing it to "journeyworker" throughout the plumbing practice act, effective July 1, 2025.

**Section 13** modifies the grounds for discipline of a licensee regarding habitual or excessive use or abuse of controlled substances or alcohol and removes "substance use disorder" as a ground for discipline.

**Section 13** repeals the requirement that the board send a letter of admonition by certified mail.

**Sections 1, 6, 7, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, and 25** make technical changes, including to replace the word "administrator" with the word "director" where appropriate and to replace references to "he or she" with gender-neutral terms.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-103, **amend**  
3 (3), (9), (13), (14)(a) introductory portion, (15)(a) introductory portion,  
4 and (16)(a) introductory portion; and **repeal** (14)(b), (15)(b), and (16)(b)  
5 as follows:

6           **12-155-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 155, unless the  
7 context otherwise requires:

8           (3) "Journeyman plumber" means any person, other than a master  
9 plumber, residential plumber, or ~~plumber's~~ PLUMBING apprentice, who  
10 engages in or works at the actual installation, alteration, repair, and

1 renovation of plumbing in accordance with the standards and rules  
2 established by the board.

3 (9) "Plumbing apprentice" means any person, other than a master,  
4 journeyman, or residential plumber, who, as ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S  
5 principal occupation, is engaged in learning and assisting in the  
6 installation of plumbing.

7 (13) "Residential plumber" means any person, other than a master  
8 or journeyman plumber or plumbing apprentice, who has the necessary  
9 qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge, as specified  
10 by the board, to install plumbing and equipment in one-, two-, three-, and  
11 four-family dwellings, which dwellings ~~shall~~ MUST not extend more than  
12 two stories aboveground.

13 (14) (a) "Water conditioning contractor" means a person that IS  
14 NOT A PLUMBING CONTRACTOR AND THAT:

15 (b) ~~"Water conditioning contractor" does not include a plumbing~~  
16 ~~contractor.~~

17 (15) (a) "Water conditioning installer" means a person that IS NOT  
18 A LICENSED PLUMBER AND THAT:

19 (b) ~~"Water conditioning installer" does not include a licensed~~  
20 ~~plumber.~~

21 (16) (a) "Water conditioning principal" means a person that IS NOT  
22 A LICENSED PLUMBER AND THAT:

23 (b) ~~"Water conditioning principal" does not include a licensed~~  
24 ~~plumber.~~

25 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-103, **amend**  
26 (3), (9), and (13) as follows:

27 **12-155-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 155, unless the

1 context otherwise requires:

2 (3) ~~"Journeyman"~~ JOURNEYWORKER plumber" means any person,  
3 other than a master plumber, residential plumber, or ~~plumber's~~ PLUMBING  
4 apprentice, who engages in or works at the actual installation, alteration,  
5 repair, and renovation of plumbing in accordance with the standards and  
6 rules established by the board.

7 (9) "Plumbing apprentice" means any person, other than a master,  
8 ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or residential plumber, who, as ~~his or her~~  
9 THE PERSON'S principal occupation, is engaged in learning and assisting  
10 in the installation of plumbing.

11 (13) "Residential plumber" means any person, other than a master  
12 or ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER plumber or plumbing apprentice, who  
13 has the necessary qualifications, training, experience, and technical  
14 knowledge, as specified by the board, to install plumbing and equipment  
15 in one-, two-, three-, and four-family dwellings, which dwellings ~~shall~~  
16 MUST not extend more than two stories aboveground.

17 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-104, **amend**  
18 (2)(a)(I) introductory portion and (5); and **repeal** (4) as follows:

19 **12-155-104. State plumbing board - subject to review - repeal**  
20 **of article.** (2) (a) (I) The board consists of seven members appointed by  
21 the governor, with the power of removal, ~~and with the confirmation of the~~  
22 ~~senate~~, as follows:

23 (4) ~~No major political party shall be represented on the board by~~  
24 ~~more than one member more than the other major political party.~~

25 (5) This article 155 is repealed, effective September 1, ~~2024~~ 2037.  
26 Before the repeal, the board, including provisions related to qualified  
27 state institutions of higher education, is scheduled for review in

1 accordance with section 24-34-104.

2 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-104, **amend**  
3 (2)(a)(I) introductory portion and (2)(a)(I)(A) as follows:

4 **12-155-104. State plumbing board - subject to review - repeal**  
5 **of article.** (2) (a) (I) The board consists of seven members appointed by  
6 the governor, with the power of removal, ~~and with the confirmation of the~~  
7 ~~senate~~, as follows:

8 (A) One a ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER plumber;

9 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-105, **amend**  
10 (1)(c) and (1)(h) as follows:

11 **12-155-105. Powers of board - fees - rules.** (1) In addition to all  
12 other powers and duties conferred or imposed upon the board by this  
13 article 155, the board is authorized and empowered to:

14 (c) Grant the licenses of duly qualified applicants for residential  
15 plumbers, ~~journeymen~~ JOURNEYWORKER plumbers, and master plumbers  
16 as provided in this article 155 and pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ article 4  
17 of title 24;

18 (h) Employ plumbers licensed under this article 155 as  
19 ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER or master plumbers as state plumbing  
20 inspectors and charge fees for making inspections of plumbing work  
21 covered by the Colorado plumbing code in those areas where the local  
22 jurisdiction does not conduct inspections and issue permits;

23 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-155-107  
24 as follows:

25 **12-155-107. Program director.** The director may appoint a  
26 program ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR pursuant to section 13 of article XII of  
27 the state constitution to work with the board in carrying out its duties

1 under this article 155.

2 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-108, **amend**  
3 (1), (3), and (6)(b) as follows:

4 **12-155-108. Plumber must have license - registration - control**  
5 **and supervision - rules.** (1) (a) A person shall not engage in or work at  
6 the business, trade, or calling of a residential, journeyman, or master  
7 plumber in this state until ~~he or she~~ THE PERSON has received a license  
8 from the division, upon written notice from the board or its authorized  
9 agent, or a temporary permit from the board or its authorized agent;  
10 except that a person may practice as a water conditioning contractor if the  
11 person is registered pursuant to subsection (4) of this section, as a water  
12 conditioning installer if the person is registered pursuant to subsection (5)  
13 of this section, or as a water conditioning principal if the person is  
14 registered pursuant to subsection (6) of this section.

15 (b) Nothing in this section limits the ability of, OR REQUIRES  
16 REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4), (5), OR (6) OF THIS SECTION  
17 FOR, a licensed residential, journeyman, or master plumber, a plumbing  
18 apprentice, or a registered plumbing contractor to practice within ~~his or~~  
19 ~~her~~ THE PERSON'S respective area as authorized by this article 155 with  
20 regard to water conditioning appliances.

21 (3) ~~No~~ A person ~~firm, partnership, corporation, or association~~  
22 shall NOT operate as a plumbing contractor until the contractor has  
23 obtained registration from the board. The board shall register a plumbing  
24 contractor upon payment of the fee as provided in section 12-155-105 and  
25 presentation of evidence that the applicant has complied with the  
26 applicable workers' compensation and unemployment compensation laws  
27 of this state. In order to act as a plumbing contractor, the person ~~firm,~~

1 ~~partnership, corporation, association, or other organization~~ must either be,  
2 or employ full-time, a master plumber, who shall be in charge of the  
3 supervision of all plumbing work performed by the contractor. A master  
4 plumber shall NOT be responsible for ~~no~~ more than one plumbing  
5 contractor at a time. ~~The~~ A master plumber shall ~~be required to~~ notify the  
6 board within fifteen days after ~~his or her~~ THE MASTER PLUMBER'S  
7 termination as a master plumber for ~~that~~ A plumbing contractor. The  
8 master plumber is responsible for all plumbing work performed by the  
9 plumbing contractor. Failure to ~~comply with a notification~~ PROVIDE THE  
10 NOTICE may lead to suspension or revocation of the master plumber  
11 license as provided in section 12-155-113.

12 (6) (b) A water conditioning principal shall NOT be responsible for  
13 ~~no~~ more than one water conditioning contractor at a time. The water  
14 conditioning principal shall notify the board within fifteen days after ~~his~~  
15 ~~or her~~ THE WATER CONDITIONING PRINCIPAL'S termination as a water  
16 conditioning principal for a water conditioning contractor. Failure to  
17 provide the notice may lead to suspension or revocation of the water  
18 conditioning principal's registration as provided in section 12-155-113.

19 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-108, **amend**  
20 (1) as follows:

21 **12-155-108. Plumber must have license - registration - control**  
22 **and supervision - rules.** (1) (a) A person shall not engage in or work at  
23 the business, trade, or calling of a residential, ~~journeyman~~  
24 JOURNEYWORKER, or master plumber in this state until ~~he or she~~ THE  
25 PERSON has received a license from the division, upon written notice from  
26 the board or its authorized agent, or a temporary permit from the board or  
27 its authorized agent; except that a person may practice as a water

1 conditioning contractor if the person is registered pursuant to subsection  
2 (4) of this section, as a water conditioning installer if the person is  
3 registered pursuant to subsection (5) of this section, or as a water  
4 conditioning principal if the person is registered pursuant to subsection  
5 (6) of this section.

6 (b) Nothing in this section limits the ability of, OR REQUIRES  
7 REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4), (5), OR (6) OF THIS SECTION  
8 FOR, a licensed residential, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or master  
9 plumber, a plumbing apprentice, or a registered plumbing contractor to  
10 practice within ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S respective area as authorized by  
11 this article 155 with regard to water conditioning appliances.

12 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-109, **amend**  
13 (2) as follows:

14 **12-155-109. Unauthorized advertising - use of title.** (2) A  
15 person shall not advertise in any manner that the person is a water  
16 conditioning contractor, A water conditioning installer, or a water  
17 conditioning principal unless the person is registered as such pursuant to  
18 this article 155. NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) PROHIBITS A LICENSED  
19 RESIDENTIAL, JOURNEYMAN, OR MASTER PLUMBER, A PLUMBING  
20 APPRENTICE, OR A REGISTERED PLUMBING CONTRACTOR FROM  
21 ADVERTISING SERVICES WITHIN THE PERSON'S RESPECTIVE PRACTICE AREA  
22 AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE 155 RELATING TO WATER CONDITIONING  
23 APPLIANCES.

24 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-109, **amend**  
25 (1) and (2) as follows:

26 **12-155-109. Unauthorized advertising - use of title.** (1) A  
27 person shall not advertise in any manner or use the title or designation of



1 "master plumber", ~~"journeyman~~ "JOURNEYWORKER plumber", or  
2 "residential plumber" unless the person is qualified and licensed under  
3 this article 155.

4 (2) A person shall not advertise in any manner that the person is  
5 a water conditioning contractor, A water conditioning installer, or a water  
6 conditioning principal unless the person is registered as such pursuant to  
7 this article 155. NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) PROHIBITS A LICENSED  
8 RESIDENTIAL, JOURNEYWORKER, OR MASTER PLUMBER, A PLUMBING  
9 APPRENTICE, OR A REGISTERED PLUMBING CONTRACTOR FROM  
10 ADVERTISING SERVICES WITHIN THE PERSON'S RESPECTIVE PRACTICE AREA  
11 AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE 155 RELATING TO WATER CONDITIONING  
12 APPLIANCES.

13 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-110, **amend**  
14 (1)(b) introductory portion and (1)(b)(I) as follows:

15 **12-155-110. License issuance - examination - rules.** (1) (b) ~~Any~~  
16 AN applicant for ~~the~~ A license ~~shall be permitted to~~ MAY substitute for  
17 required practical experience evidence of academic training in the  
18 plumbing field, which training shall be credited as follows:

19 (I) If the applicant is a graduate of a community college or trade  
20 school plumbing program approved by the board, ~~he or she shall receive~~  
21 THE APPLICANT RECEIVES one year of work experience credit.

22 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-110, **amend**  
23 (1)(a) as follows:

24 **12-155-110. License issuance - examination - rules.** (1) (a) The  
25 board shall issue licenses to persons who have, by examination and  
26 experience, shown themselves competent and qualified to engage in the  
27 business, trade, or calling of a residential plumber, ~~journeyman~~

1 JOURNEYWORKER plumber, or master plumber. The board shall establish  
2 the minimum level of experience required for an applicant to receive a  
3 residential, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or master plumber's license.  
4 The maximum experience the board may require for an applicant to  
5 qualify to test for a residential plumber's license is three thousand four  
6 hundred hours of practical experience. The maximum experience the  
7 board may require for an applicant to qualify to test for a ~~journeyman~~  
8 JOURNEYWORKER plumber's license is six thousand eight hundred hours  
9 of practical experience. The maximum experience the board may require  
10 for an applicant to test for a master plumber's license is eight thousand  
11 five hundred hours of practical experience.

12 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-113, **amend**  
13 (1)(a), (1)(l), and (2) as follows:

14 **12-155-113. Disciplinary action by board - procedures -**  
15 **cease-and-desist orders.** (1) The board may take disciplinary or other  
16 action as authorized by section 12-20-404 for any of the following  
17 reasons:

18 (a) Violation of, OR AIDING OR ABETTING IN THE VIOLATION OF,  
19 any of the provisions of this article 155 or an applicable provision of  
20 article 20 of this title 12;

21 (l) ~~A substance use disorder, as defined in section 27-81-102, or~~  
22 HABITUAL OR excessive use OR ABUSE of any habit-forming drug, any  
23 controlled substance, as defined in section 18-18-102 (5), or any alcohol  
24 beverage;

25 (2) The board may issue and send a letter of admonition ~~by~~  
26 ~~certified mail~~ to a licensee under the circumstances specified in and in  
27 accordance with section 12-20-404 (4).

1           **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-113, **amend**  
2 (1)(o) and (1)(p) as follows:

3           **12-155-113. Disciplinary action by board - procedures -**  
4 **cease-and-desist orders.** (1) The board may take disciplinary or other  
5 action as authorized by section 12-20-404 for any of the following  
6 reasons:

7           (o) Practicing as a water conditioning contractor, A water  
8 conditioning installer, A water conditioning principal, or a residential,  
9 ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or master plumber during a period when  
10 the person's license or registration has been suspended or revoked;

11           (p) Selling or fraudulently obtaining or furnishing a license or  
12 registration to practice as a residential, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or  
13 master plumber; water conditioning contractor; water conditioning  
14 installer; water conditioning principal; or plumbing contractor or aiding  
15 or abetting in the activity;

16           **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-117, **amend**  
17 (1) and (4) as follows:

18           **12-155-117. Temporary permits - rules.** (1) The board or its  
19 authorized agent may issue a temporary permit to engage in the work of  
20 a journeyman plumber or a residential plumber to any applicant who has:

21           (a) Furnished satisfactory evidence to the board that ~~he or she~~ THE  
22 APPLICANT has the required experience to qualify for the examination, as  
23 provided in the rules promulgated by the board; and

24           (b) ~~who has~~ Applied for an examination to ~~entitle him or her to the~~  
25 ~~license~~ BECOME LICENSED.

26           (4) Notwithstanding the requirements set forth in section  
27 12-155-108 (3), a temporary master permit may be issued to an existing

1 plumbing contractor who has lost the services of ~~his or her~~ THE PLUMBING  
2 CONTRACTOR'S master plumber for completion of a current project  
3 underway as long as ~~he or she~~ THE PLUMBING CONTRACTOR has a  
4 journeyman plumber in ~~his or her~~ THE PLUMBING CONTRACTOR'S full-time  
5 employ. The permit ~~shall~~ IS only ~~be~~ valid until the next regularly  
6 scheduled examination.

7 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-117, **amend**  
8 (1) and (4) as follows:

9 **12-155-117. Temporary permits - rules.** (1) The board or its  
10 authorized agent may issue a temporary permit to engage in the work of  
11 a ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER plumber or a residential plumber to any  
12 applicant who has:

13 (a) Furnished satisfactory evidence to the board that ~~he or she~~ THE  
14 APPLICANT has the required experience to qualify for the examination, as  
15 provided in the rules promulgated by the board; and

16 (b) ~~who has~~ Applied for an examination to ~~entitle him or her to the~~  
17 ~~license~~ BECOME LICENSED.

18 (4) Notwithstanding the requirements set forth in section  
19 12-155-108 (3), a temporary master permit may be issued to an existing  
20 plumbing contractor who has lost the services of ~~his or her~~ THE PLUMBING  
21 CONTRACTOR'S master plumber for completion of a current project  
22 underway as long as ~~he or she~~ THE PLUMBING CONTRACTOR has a  
23 ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER plumber in ~~his or her~~ THE PLUMBING  
24 CONTRACTOR'S full-time employ. The permit ~~shall~~ IS only ~~be~~ valid until  
25 the next regularly scheduled examination.

26 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-118, **amend**  
27 (2) as follows:

1           **12-155-118. Exemptions.** (2) Nothing in this article 155 shall be  
2 construed to require any REQUIRES AN individual to hold a license to  
3 perform plumbing work on his or her THE INDIVIDUAL'S own property or  
4 residence nor shall it prevent OR PREVENTS a person from employing an  
5 individual on either a full- or a part-time basis to do routine repair,  
6 maintenance, and replacement of sinks, faucets, drains, showers, tubs,  
7 toilets, and domestic appliances and equipment equipped with backflow  
8 preventers; except that, if such property or residence is intended for sale  
9 or resale by a person engaged in the business of constructing or  
10 remodeling the facilities or structures or is rental property that is occupied  
11 or is to be occupied by tenants for lodging, either transient or permanent,  
12 or is a commercial or industrial building, the owner shall be IS responsible  
13 for and the property shall be IS subject to all of the provisions of this  
14 article 155 pertaining to licensing, unless specifically exempted therein.

15           **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-119, **amend**  
16 (5)(c) introductory portion as follows:

17           **12-155-119. Plumbing inspectors - qualifications - enforcement**  
18 **of licensing and apprentice-supervision-ratio requirements - rules -**  
19 **legislative declaration - definitions.** (5) (c) To ensure compliance with  
20 the licensing and supervisor-to-apprentice ratio requirements pursuant to  
21 subsection ~~(5)(a)(I)~~ (5)(b)(I) of this section, individuals appointed or  
22 employed pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section shall conduct  
23 compliance checks at projects throughout the state where plumbing is  
24 being performed to ensure that:

25           **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-119, **amend**  
26 (1)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(c) as follows:

27           **12-155-119. Plumbing inspectors - qualifications - enforcement**

1 **of licensing and apprentice-supervision-ratio requirements - rules -**  
2 **legislative declaration - definitions.** (1) (a) The director is authorized  
3 to appoint or employ competent persons licensed under this article 155 as  
4 ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER or master plumbers as state plumbing  
5 inspectors.

6 (4) (a) Plumbing inspectors performing inspections who are  
7 employed by a qualified state institution of higher education shall be  
8 certified as commercial plumbing inspectors by a nationally recognized  
9 model code organization and possess a valid ~~journeyman~~  
10 JOURNEYWORKER or master plumber license issued by the state. In  
11 addition, the plumbing inspectors shall possess the same qualifications  
12 required of state plumbing inspectors under this article 155, shall be  
13 registered with the board prior to the assumption of their duties, shall not  
14 inspect any plumbing work in which the inspector has any financial or  
15 other personal interest, and shall not be engaged in the plumbing business  
16 by contracting, supplying material, or performing plumbing work as  
17 ~~defined~~ DESCRIBED in this article 155. In addition, a plumbing inspector  
18 inspecting a medical gas installation shall hold the national inspection  
19 certification ASSE 6020 or recognized equivalent.

20 (5) (c) To ensure compliance with the licensing and  
21 supervisor-to-apprentice ratio requirements pursuant to subsection  
22 ~~(5)(a)(I)~~ (5)(b)(I) of this section, individuals appointed or employed  
23 pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section shall conduct compliance  
24 checks at projects throughout the state where plumbing is being  
25 performed to ensure that:

26 (I) The individual performing the plumbing work is licensed as a  
27 master, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or residential plumber or is a

1 registered plumbing apprentice being supervised by a licensed master,  
2 ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or residential plumber; and

3 (II) A master, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or residential  
4 plumber is complying with the limit on the number of plumbing  
5 apprentices the plumber may supervise per job site specified in section  
6 12-155-124 (1).

7 **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-120, **amend**  
8 (7)(a), (7)(b), and (7)(c) as follows:

9 **12-155-120. Inspection - plumbing permits - application -**  
10 **standards - definition.** (7) (a) ~~Any~~ A person claiming to be aggrieved  
11 by the failure of a state plumbing inspector to inspect the person's  
12 property after proper application or by notice of disapproval without  
13 setting forth the reasons for denying the permit may request the program  
14 ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR to review the actions of the plumbing inspector  
15 or the manner of the inspection. The request may be made by the person's  
16 authorized representative and ~~shall~~ MUST be in writing.

17 (b) Upon the filing of the request, the program ~~administrator~~  
18 DIRECTOR shall cause a copy ~~thereof~~ OF THE REQUEST to be served upon  
19 the state plumbing inspector complained of, together with an order  
20 requiring the inspector to answer the allegations of the request within a  
21 time fixed by the program ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR.

22 (c) If the request is not granted within ten days after it is filed, it  
23 may be treated as rejected. ~~Any~~ A person aggrieved by the action of the  
24 program ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR in refusing the review requested or in  
25 failing or refusing to grant all or part of the relief requested may file a  
26 written complaint and request for a hearing with the board, specifying the  
27 grounds relied upon.

1           **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-122, **amend**  
2 (2) as follows:

3           **12-155-122. Unauthorized practice - penalties.** (2) ~~Effective~~  
4 ~~April 1, 2016,~~ A person who engages in or works at or offers or attempts  
5 to engage in or work at the business, trade, or calling of a water  
6 conditioning contractor, water conditioning installer, or water  
7 conditioning principal without an active registration issued under this  
8 article 155 is subject to penalties pursuant to section 12-20-407 (1)(a);  
9 except that nothing in this subsection (2) limits the ability of a licensed  
10 residential, journeyman, or master plumber, a plumbing apprentice, or a  
11 registered plumbing contractor to practice within ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S  
12 respective area as authorized by this article 155 with regard to water  
13 conditioning appliances.

14           **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-155-122  
15 as follows:

16           **12-155-122. Unauthorized practice - penalties.** (1) ~~Any~~ A  
17 person who engages in or works at or offers or attempts to engage in or  
18 work at the business, trade, or calling of a residential, ~~journeyman~~  
19 ~~JOURNEYWORKER,~~ OR master PLUMBER or ~~apprentice plumber~~ PLUMBING  
20 APPRENTICE without an active license, permit, or registration issued under  
21 this article 155 is subject to penalties pursuant to section 12-20-407  
22 (1)(a).

23           (2) ~~Effective April 1, 2016,~~ A person who engages in or works at  
24 or offers or attempts to engage in or work at the business, trade, or calling  
25 of a water conditioning contractor, water conditioning installer, or water  
26 conditioning principal without an active registration issued under this  
27 article 155 is subject to penalties pursuant to section 12-20-407 (1)(a);



1 except that nothing in this subsection (2) limits the ability of a licensed  
2 residential, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or master plumber, a plumbing  
3 apprentice, or a registered plumbing contractor to practice within ~~his or~~  
4 ~~her~~ THE PERSON'S respective area as authorized by this article 155 with  
5 regard to water conditioning appliances.

6 **SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-123, **amend**  
7 (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c)(I), (3)(b), (4)(b), and (4)(c) as follows:

8 **12-155-123. Violation - fines - rules.** (1) (a) If the board  
9 concludes that ~~any~~ A licensee, registrant, or applicant for licensure has  
10 violated ~~any provision of~~ section 12-155-113 and that disciplinary action  
11 is appropriate, the program ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR or the program  
12 ~~administrator's~~ DIRECTOR'S designee may issue a citation in accordance  
13 with subsection (3) of this section to the licensee, registrant, or applicant.

14 (b) (I) The licensee, registrant, or applicant to whom a citation has  
15 been issued may make a request to negotiate a stipulated settlement  
16 agreement with the program ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR or the program  
17 ~~administrator's~~ DIRECTOR'S designee, if the request is made in writing  
18 within ten working days after issuance of the citation that is the subject  
19 of the settlement agreement.

20 (II) All stipulated settlement agreements shall be conducted  
21 pursuant to rules adopted by the board pursuant to section 12-155-105  
22 (1)(e). The board shall adopt a rule to allow any licensee, registrant, or  
23 applicant unable, in good faith, to settle with the program ~~administrator~~  
24 DIRECTOR to request an administrative hearing pursuant to subsection  
25 (1)(c) of this section.

26 (c) (I) The licensee, registrant, or applicant to whom a citation has  
27 been issued may request an administrative hearing to determine the

1 propriety of the citation if the request is made in writing within ten  
2 working days after issuance of the citation that is the subject of the  
3 hearing or within a reasonable period after negotiations for a stipulated  
4 settlement agreement pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section have  
5 been deemed futile by the program ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR.

6 (3) (b) A citation or copy of a citation issued pursuant to this  
7 section may be served by certified mail or in person by a THE program  
8 ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR or the ~~administrator's~~ PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S  
9 designee upon a person or the person's agent in accordance with rule 4 of  
10 the Colorado rules of civil procedure.

11 (4) (b) Any fine assessed in a citation or an administrative hearing  
12 or any amount due pursuant to a stipulated settlement agreement that is  
13 not paid may be collected by the program ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR through  
14 a collection agency or in an action in the district court of the county in  
15 which the person against whom the fine is imposed resides or in the  
16 county in which the office of the program ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR is  
17 located.

18 (c) The attorney general shall provide legal assistance and advice  
19 to the program ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR in any action to collect an unpaid  
20 fine.

21 **SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-124, **amend**  
22 (1) and (2) as follows:

23 **12-155-124. Apprentices - rules.** (1) ~~Any~~ A person may work as  
24 a plumbing apprentice for a registered plumbing contractor but shall not  
25 do any plumbing work for which a license is required pursuant to this  
26 article 155 except under the supervision of a licensed plumber.  
27 Supervision requires that a licensed plumber supervise apprentices at the

1 job site. One licensed ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER plumber, master  
2 plumber, or residential plumber shall not supervise more than three  
3 ~~apprentice plumbers~~ PLUMBING APPRENTICES at the same job site.

4 (2) ~~Any~~ A master, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or residential  
5 plumber who is the supervisor of ~~any~~ A plumbing apprentice ~~shall be~~ IS  
6 responsible for the work performed by the apprentice. The license of ~~any~~  
7 A plumber may be revoked, suspended, or denied under ~~the provisions of~~  
8 section 12-155-113 for any improper work performed by a plumbing  
9 apprentice while under the supervision of the licensee.

10 **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-20-407, **amend**  
11 (1)(a)(IV) as follows:

12 **12-20-407. Unauthorized practice of profession or occupation**  
13 **- penalties - exclusions.** (1) (a) A person commits a class 2 misdemeanor  
14 and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-501 if the person:

15 (IV) Engages in or works at or offers or attempts to engage in or  
16 work at the business, trade, or calling of a residential, ~~journeyman~~  
17 JOURNEYWORKER, master, or apprentice plumber; a water conditioning  
18 contractor; a water conditioning installer; or a water conditioning  
19 principal without an active license, permit, or registration issued under  
20 article 155 of this title 12; or

21 **SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**  
22 (25)(a)(V); and **add** (38)(a)(II) as follows:

23 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
24 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
25 **declaration - repeal.** (25) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
26 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2024:

27 (V) ~~The state plumbing board created in article 155 of title 12;~~

1 (38) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled  
2 for repeal on September 1, 2037:

3 (II) THE STATE PLUMBING BOARD CREATED IN ARTICLE 155 OF  
4 TITLE 12.

5 **SECTION 27.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-3.2-105.7,  
6 **amend** (2)(a) as follows:

7 **40-3.2-105.7. Labor standards for state thermal energy**  
8 **network and thermal energy system projects - definitions.** (2) Any  
9 thermal energy network or thermal energy system plumbing and electrical  
10 work performed in the state shall:

11 (a) Be performed by licensed plumbers, licensed electricians, or  
12 supervised apprentices at a ratio no greater than three apprentices for each  
13 licensed master or ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER plumber or MASTER OR  
14 JOURNEYMAN electrician, as required pursuant to section 12-115-115 (1)  
15 or 12-155-124 (1); and

16 **SECTION 28. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2024;  
17 except that sections 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 22, 24, 25, and 27 of this  
18 act take effect July 1, 2025.

19 **SECTION 29. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
22 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
23 institutions.