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**HOUSE BILL 24-1344**

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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.**

**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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HOUSE  
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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  (5); and **repeal** (4) as follows:

19 **12-155-104. State plumbing board - subject to review - repeal**  
20 **of article.** (4) ~~No major political party shall be represented on the board~~  
21 ~~by more than one member more than the other major political party.~~

22 (5) This article 155 is repealed, effective September 1, ~~2024~~ 2032.  
23 Before the repeal, the board, including provisions related to qualified  
24 state institutions of higher education, is scheduled for review in  
25 accordance with section 24-34-104.

26 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-104, **amend**  
27  (2)(a)(I)(A) as follows:

1           **12-155-104. State plumbing board - subject to review - repeal**  
2 **of article.** (2) (a) (I) The board consists of seven members appointed by  
3 the governor, with the power of removal, and with the confirmation of the  
4 senate, as follows:

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

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

8           **12-155-105. Powers of board - fees - rules.** (1) In addition to all  
9 other powers and duties conferred or imposed upon the board by this  
10 article 155, the board is authorized and empowered to:

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

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

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

22           **12-155-107. Program director.** The director may appoint a  
23 program ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR pursuant to section 13 of article XII of  
24 the state constitution to work with the board in carrying out its duties  
25 under this article 155.

26           **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-108, **amend**  
27 (1), (3), and (6)(b) as follows:

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

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

18           (3) ~~No~~ A person ~~firm, partnership, corporation, or association~~  
19          shall NOT operate as a plumbing contractor until the contractor has  
20          obtained registration from the board. The board shall register a plumbing  
21          contractor upon payment of the fee as provided in section 12-155-105 and  
22          presentation of evidence that the applicant has complied with the  
23          applicable workers' compensation and unemployment compensation laws  
24          of this state. In order to act as a plumbing contractor, the person ~~firm,~~  
25          ~~partnership, corporation, association, or other organization~~ must either be,  
26          or employ full-time, a master plumber, who shall be in charge of the  
27          supervision of all plumbing work performed by the contractor. A master

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

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

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

18 **12-155-108. Plumber must have license - registration - control**  
19 **and supervision - rules.** (1) (a) A person shall not engage in or work at  
20 the business, trade, or calling of a residential, ~~journeyman~~  
21 JOURNEYWORKER, or master plumber in this state until ~~he or she~~ THE  
22 PERSON has received a license from the division, upon written notice from  
23 the board or its authorized agent, or a temporary permit from the board or  
24 its authorized agent; except that a person may practice as a water  
25 conditioning contractor if the person is registered pursuant to subsection  
26 (4) of this section, as a water conditioning installer if the person is  
27 registered pursuant to subsection (5) of this section, or as a water

1 conditioning principal if the person is registered pursuant to subsection  
2 (6) of this section.

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

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

11 **12-155-109. Unauthorized advertising - use of title.** (2) A  
12 person shall not advertise in any manner that the person is a water  
13 conditioning contractor, A water conditioning installer, or a water  
14 conditioning principal unless the person is registered as such pursuant to  
15 this article 155. NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) PROHIBITS A LICENSED  
16 RESIDENTIAL, JOURNEYMAN, OR MASTER PLUMBER, A PLUMBING  
17 APPRENTICE, OR A REGISTERED PLUMBING CONTRACTOR FROM  
18 ADVERTISING SERVICES WITHIN THE PERSON'S RESPECTIVE PRACTICE AREA  
19 AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE 155 RELATING TO WATER CONDITIONING  
20 APPLIANCES.

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

23 **12-155-109. Unauthorized advertising - use of title.** (1) A  
24 person shall not advertise in any manner or use the title or designation of  
25 "master plumber", "~~journeyman~~ "JOURNEYWORKER plumber", or  
26 "residential plumber" unless the person is qualified and licensed under  
27 this article 155.

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

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

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

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

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

21 **12-155-110. License issuance - examination - rules.** (1)(a) The  
22 board shall issue licenses to persons who have, by examination and  
23 experience, shown themselves competent and qualified to engage in the  
24 business, trade, or calling of a residential plumber, ~~journeyman~~  
25 JOURNEYWORKER plumber, or master plumber. The board shall establish  
26 the minimum level of experience required for an applicant to receive a  
27 residential, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or master plumber's license.

1 The maximum experience the board may require for an applicant to  
2 qualify to test for a residential plumber's license is three thousand four  
3 hundred hours of practical experience. The maximum experience the  
4 board may require for an applicant to qualify to test for a journeyman  
5 JOURNEYWORKER plumber's license is six thousand eight hundred hours  
6 of practical experience. The maximum experience the board may require  
7 for an applicant to test for a master plumber's license is eight thousand  
8 five hundred hours of practical experience.

9 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-112, **amend**  
10 **(1) as follows:**

11 **12-155-112. License and registration - term of license -**  
12 **renewal - fees - reinstatement - continuing education - rules.**

13 **(1) (a) BEGINNING WITH THE PLUMBING LICENSE CYCLE THAT BEGINS ON**  
14 **MARCH 1, 2027, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT LICENSE CYCLE THEREAFTER,**  
15 **THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE AND RENEW PLUMBING LICENSES FOR A PERIOD**  
16 **OF THREE YEARS UNLESS OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR.**

17 **(b) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION,**  
18 **all license and registration renewal and renewal fees shall be in**  
19 **accordance with sections 12-20-105 and 12-20-202 (1).**

20 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-113, **amend**  
21 **(1)(a), (1)(l), and (2); and add (1)(s) as follows:**

22 **12-155-113. Disciplinary action by board - procedures -**  
23 **cease-and-desist orders.** (1) The board may take disciplinary or other  
24 action as authorized by section 12-20-404 for any of the following  
25 reasons:

26 (a) Violation of, OR AIDING OR ABETTING IN THE VIOLATION OF,  
27 any of the provisions of this article 155 or an applicable provision of

1 article 20 of this title 12;

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

6 (s) FAILING TO DISPLAY PLUMBING CONTRACTOR AND MASTER  
7 PLUMBER REGISTRATION INFORMATION, AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION  
8 12-155-125.

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

12 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-113, **amend**  
13 (1)(o) and (1)(p) 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 (o) Practicing as a water conditioning contractor, A water  
19 conditioning installer, A water conditioning principal, or a residential,  
20 ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or master plumber during a period when  
21 the person's license or registration has been suspended or revoked;

22 (p) Selling or fraudulently obtaining or furnishing a license or  
23 registration to practice as a residential, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or  
24 master plumber; water conditioning contractor; water conditioning  
25 installer; water conditioning principal; or plumbing contractor or aiding  
26 or abetting in the activity;

27 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-117, **amend**

1 (1) and (4) as follows:

2 **12-155-117. Temporary permits - rules.** (1) The board or its  
3 authorized agent may issue a temporary permit to engage in the work of  
4 a journeyman plumber or a residential plumber to any applicant who has:

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

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

10 (4) Notwithstanding the requirements set forth in section  
11 12-155-108 (3), a temporary master permit may be issued to an existing  
12 plumbing contractor who has lost the services of ~~his or her~~ THE PLUMBING  
13 CONTRACTOR'S master plumber for completion of a current project  
14 underway as long as ~~he or she~~ THE PLUMBING CONTRACTOR has a  
15 journeyman plumber in ~~his or her~~ THE PLUMBING CONTRACTOR'S full-time  
16 employ. The permit ~~shall~~ IS only ~~be~~ valid until the next regularly  
17 scheduled examination.

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

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

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

27 (b) ~~who has~~ Applied for an examination to ~~entitle him or her to the~~

1 ~~license~~ BECOME LICENSED.

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

10 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-118, **amend**  
11 (2) and (4) as follows:

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

26 (4) Persons who are engaged in the business of INSTALLING,  
27 REMOVING, inspecting, testing, and repairing backflow prevention devices

1 ~~shall be~~ ARE NOT exempt from licensure under this article 155, except  
2 when the persons ~~engage in the installation and removal of the devices~~  
3 ARE INSTALLING OR TESTING A STAND-ALONE FIRE SUPPRESSION  
4 SPRINKLER SYSTEM.

5 **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-119, **amend**  
6 (5)(c) introductory portion as follows:

7 **12-155-119. Plumbing inspectors - qualifications - enforcement**  
8 **of licensing and apprentice-supervision-ratio requirements - rules -**  
9 **legislative declaration - definitions.** (5) (c) To ensure compliance with  
10 the licensing and supervisor-to-apprentice ratio requirements pursuant to  
11 subsection ~~(5)(a)(I)~~ (5)(b)(I) of this section, individuals appointed or  
12 employed pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section shall conduct  
13 compliance checks at projects throughout the state where plumbing is  
14 being performed to ensure that:

15 **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-119, **amend**  
16 (1)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(c) as follows:

17 **12-155-119. Plumbing inspectors - qualifications - enforcement**  
18 **of licensing and apprentice-supervision-ratio requirements - rules -**  
19 **legislative declaration - definitions.** (1) (a) The director is authorized  
20 to appoint or employ competent persons licensed under this article 155 as  
21 ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER or master plumbers as state plumbing  
22 inspectors.

23 (4) (a) Plumbing inspectors performing inspections who are  
24 employed by a qualified state institution of higher education shall be  
25 certified as commercial plumbing inspectors by a nationally recognized  
26 model code organization and possess a valid ~~journeyman~~  
27 JOURNEYWORKER or master plumber license issued by the state. In

1 addition, the plumbing inspectors shall possess the same qualifications  
2 required of state plumbing inspectors under this article 155, shall be  
3 registered with the board prior to the assumption of their duties, shall not  
4 inspect any plumbing work in which the inspector has any financial or  
5 other personal interest, and shall not be engaged in the plumbing business  
6 by contracting, supplying material, or performing plumbing work as  
7 ~~defined~~ DESCRIBED in this article 155. In addition, a plumbing inspector  
8 inspecting a medical gas installation shall hold the national inspection  
9 certification ASSE 6020 or recognized equivalent.

10 (5) (c) To ensure compliance with the licensing and  
11 supervisor-to-apprentice ratio requirements pursuant to subsection  
12 ~~(5)(a)(I)~~ (5)(b)(I) of this section, individuals appointed or employed  
13 pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section shall conduct compliance  
14 checks at projects throughout the state where plumbing is being  
15 performed to ensure that:

16 (I) The individual performing the plumbing work is licensed as a  
17 master, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or residential plumber or is a  
18 registered plumbing apprentice being supervised by a licensed master,  
19 ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or residential plumber; and

20 (II) A master, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or residential  
21 plumber is complying with the limit on the number of plumbing  
22 apprentices the plumber may supervise per job site specified in section  
23 12-155-124 (1).

24 **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-120, **amend**  
25 (7)(a), (7)(b), and (7)(c) as follows:

26 **12-155-120. Inspection - plumbing permits - application -**  
27 **standards - definition.** (7) (a) ~~Any~~ A person claiming to be aggrieved

1 by the failure of a state plumbing inspector to inspect the person's  
2 property after proper application or by notice of disapproval without  
3 setting forth the reasons for denying the permit may request the program  
4 administrator DIRECTOR to review the actions of the plumbing inspector  
5 or the manner of the inspection. The request may be made by the person's  
6 authorized representative and shall MUST be in writing.

7 (b) Upon the filing of the request, the program administrator  
8 DIRECTOR shall cause a copy thereof OF THE REQUEST to be served upon  
9 the state plumbing inspector complained of, together with an order  
10 requiring the inspector to answer the allegations of the request within a  
11 time fixed by the program administrator DIRECTOR.

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

18 **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-122, **amend**  
19 (2) as follows:

20 **12-155-122. Unauthorized practice - penalties.** (2) Effective  
21 ~~April 1, 2016~~, A person who engages in or works at or offers or attempts  
22 to engage in or work at the business, trade, or calling of a water  
23 conditioning contractor, water conditioning installer, or water  
24 conditioning principal without an active registration issued under this  
25 article 155 is subject to penalties pursuant to section 12-20-407 (1)(a);  
26 except that nothing in this subsection (2) limits the ability of a licensed  
27 residential, journeyman, or master plumber, a plumbing apprentice, or a

1 registered plumbing contractor to practice within ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S  
2 respective area as authorized by this article 155 with regard to water  
3 conditioning appliances.

4 **SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-155-122  
5 as follows:

6 **12-155-122. Unauthorized practice - penalties.** (1) ~~Any~~ A  
7 person who engages in or works at or offers or attempts to engage in or  
8 work at the business, trade, or calling of a residential, ~~journeyman~~  
9 JOURNEYWORKER, OR master PLUMBER or ~~apprentice plumber~~ PLUMBING  
10 APPRENTICE without an active license, permit, or registration issued under  
11 this article 155 is subject to penalties pursuant to section 12-20-407  
12 (1)(a).

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

23 **SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-123, **amend**  
24 (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c)(I), (3)(b), (4)(b), and (4)(c) as follows:

25 **12-155-123. Violation - fines - rules.** (1) (a) If the board  
26 concludes that ~~any~~ A licensee, registrant, or applicant for licensure has  
27 violated ~~any provision of~~ section 12-155-113 and that disciplinary action

1 is appropriate, the program ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR or the program  
2 ~~administrator's~~ DIRECTOR'S designee may issue a citation in accordance  
3 with subsection (3) of this section to the licensee, registrant, or applicant.

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

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

16 (c) (I) The licensee, registrant, or applicant to whom a citation has  
17 been issued may request an administrative hearing to determine the  
18 propriety of the citation if the request is made in writing within ten  
19 working days after issuance of the citation that is the subject of the  
20 hearing or within a reasonable period after negotiations for a stipulated  
21 settlement agreement pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section have  
22 been deemed futile by the program ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR.

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

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

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

11 **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-124, **amend**  
12 (1) and (2) as follows:

13 **12-155-124. Apprentices - rules.** (1) ~~Any~~ A person may work as  
14 a plumbing apprentice for a registered plumbing contractor but shall not  
15 do any plumbing work for which a license is required pursuant to this  
16 article 155 except under the supervision of a licensed plumber.  
17 Supervision requires that a licensed plumber supervise apprentices at the  
18 job site. One licensed ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER plumber, master  
19 plumber, or residential plumber shall not supervise more than three  
20 ~~apprentice plumbers~~ PLUMBING APPRENTICES at the same job site.

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

27 **SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-155-125 as

1 follows:

2 **12-155-125. Plumbing contractors - requirement to display**  
3 **registration identification - master plumber of contractor.** (1) ON  
4 AND AFTER JULY 1, 2025, A PLUMBING CONTRACTOR SHALL DISPLAY THE  
5 FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE PLUMBING CONTRACTOR'S VEHICLE OR  
6 VEHICLES, BILLING MATERIALS, BID SHEETS, AND WEBSITE:

7 (a) THE PLUMBING CONTRACTOR'S COLORADO REGISTRATION  
8 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER; AND

9 (b) THE COLORADO REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR  
10 THE MASTER PLUMBER ATTACHED TO THE PLUMBING CONTRACTOR.

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12 **SECTION 27.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-20-407, **amend**  
13 (1)(a)(IV) as follows:

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

17 (IV) 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**, master, or apprentice plumber; a water conditioning  
20 contractor; a water conditioning installer; or a water conditioning  
21 principal without an active license, permit, or registration issued under  
22 article 155 of this title 12; or

23 **SECTION 28.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**  
24 (25)(a)(V); and **add** (33)(a)(IX) as follows:

25 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
26 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
27 **declaration - repeal.** (25) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,

1 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2024:

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

3 (33) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled  
4 for repeal on September 1, 2032:

5 (IX) THE STATE PLUMBING BOARD CREATED IN ARTICLE 155 OF  
6 TITLE 12.

7 **SECTION 29.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-3.2-105.7,  
8 **amend** (2)(a) as follows:

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

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

18 **SECTION 30. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2024;  
19 except that sections 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 23, 25 27, and 29 of this  
20 act take effect July 1, 2025.

21 **SECTION 31. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
24 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
25 institutions.