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HOUSE BILL 24-1344

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Lieder and Ricks, Amabile, English, Lindstedt, Mauro, Bacon, Boesenecker, Duran, Jodeh, Bird, McCluskie; also SENATOR(S) Pelton B. and Fields, Ginal, Priola, Sullivan, Zenzinger.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) ~~"Journeyman~~ "JOURNEYWORKER plumber" means any person,

other than a master plumber, residential plumber, or ~~plumber's~~ PLUMBING apprentice, who engages in or works at the actual installation, alteration, repair, and renovation of plumbing in accordance with the standards and rules established by the board.

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

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

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-104, **amend** (5); and **repeal** (4) as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-105, **amend**

(1)(c) and (1)(h) as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) ~~No~~ A person ~~firm, partnership, corporation, or association~~ shall NOT operate as a plumbing contractor until the contractor has obtained registration from the board. The board shall register a plumbing contractor upon payment of the fee as provided in section 12-155-105 and presentation of evidence that the applicant has complied with the applicable workers' compensation and unemployment compensation laws of this state. In order to act as a plumbing contractor, the person ~~firm, partnership, corporation, association, or other organization~~ must either be, or employ full-time, a master plumber, who shall be in charge of the supervision of all plumbing work performed by the contractor. A master plumber shall NOT be responsible for ~~no~~ more than one plumbing contractor at a time. ~~The~~ A master plumber shall ~~be required to~~ notify the board within fifteen days after ~~his or her~~ THE MASTER PLUMBER'S termination as a master plumber for ~~that~~ A plumbing contractor. The master plumber is responsible for all plumbing work performed by the plumbing contractor. Failure to ~~comply with a notification~~ PROVIDE THE NOTICE may lead to suspension or revocation of the master plumber license as provided in section 12-155-113.

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

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

12-155-108. Plumber must have license - registration - control and supervision - rules. (1) (a) A person shall not engage in or work at the business, trade, or calling of a residential, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or master plumber in this state until ~~he or she~~ THE PERSON has received a

license from the division, upon written notice from the board or its authorized agent, or a temporary permit from the board or its authorized agent; except that a person may practice as a water conditioning contractor if the person is registered pursuant to subsection (4) of this section, as a water conditioning installer if the person is registered pursuant to subsection (5) of this section, or as a water conditioning principal if the person is registered pursuant to subsection (6) of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

(2) A person shall not advertise in any manner that the person is a water conditioning contractor, A water conditioning installer, or a water conditioning principal unless the person is registered as such pursuant to this article 155. NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) PROHIBITS A LICENSED

RESIDENTIAL, JOURNEYWORKER, OR MASTER PLUMBER, A PLUMBING APPRENTICE, OR A REGISTERED PLUMBING CONTRACTOR FROM ADVERTISING SERVICES WITHIN THE PERSON'S RESPECTIVE PRACTICE AREA AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE 155 RELATING TO WATER CONDITIONING APPLIANCES.

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

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

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

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

12-155-110. License issuance - examination - rules. (1) (a) The board shall issue licenses to persons who have, by examination and experience, shown themselves competent and qualified to engage in the business, trade, or calling of a residential plumber, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER plumber, or master plumber. The board shall establish the minimum level of experience required for an applicant to receive a residential, ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER, or master plumber's license. The maximum experience the board may require for an applicant to qualify to test for a residential plumber's license is three thousand four hundred hours of practical experience. The maximum experience the board may require for an applicant to qualify to test for a ~~journeyman~~ JOURNEYWORKER plumber's license is six thousand eight hundred hours of practical experience. The maximum experience the board may require for an applicant to test for a master plumber's license is eight thousand five hundred hours of practical experience.

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

12-155-112. License and registration - term of license - renewal

- fees - reinstatement - continuing education - rules. (1) (a) BEGINNING WITH THE PLUMBING LICENSE CYCLE THAT BEGINS ON MARCH 1, 2027, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT LICENSE CYCLE THEREAFTER, THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE AND RENEW PLUMBING LICENSES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS UNLESS OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-113, **amend** (1)(o) and (1)(p) as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

applicant who has:

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Persons who are engaged in the business of INSTALLING, REMOVING, inspecting, testing, and repairing backflow prevention devices ~~shall be~~ ARE NOT exempt from licensure under this article 155, except when the persons ~~engage in the installation and removal of the devices~~ ARE

INSTALLING OR TESTING A STAND-ALONE FIRE SUPPRESSION SPRINKLER SYSTEM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12-155-123. Violation - fines - rules. (1) (a) If the board concludes that ~~any~~ A licensee, registrant, or applicant for licensure has violated ~~any~~

~~provision~~ of section 12-155-113 and that disciplinary action is appropriate, the program ~~administrator~~ DIRECTOR or the program ~~administrator's~~ DIRECTOR'S designee may issue a citation in accordance with subsection (3) of this section to the licensee, registrant, or applicant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Julie McCluskie
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
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