

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

February 8, 2011
Date

Committee on Economic and Business Development.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB11-1120 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3 **"SECTION 1. Repeal.** 24-33.5-1202 (13.3) and (13.7), Colorado
4 Revised Statutes, as they will become effective July 1, 2011, are repealed
5 as follows:

6 **24-33.5-1202. Definitions.** As used in this part 12, unless the
7 context otherwise requires:

8 (13.3) ~~"Sprinkler fitter" means a person other than an apprentice~~
9 ~~who is registered with the administrator and who installs fire suppression~~
10 ~~systems. "Sprinkler fitter" does not include a person who performs~~
11 ~~maintenance and repair on fire suppression systems as a part of his or her~~
12 ~~employment. A sprinkler fitter does not include a person who performs~~
13 ~~work exclusively on cross-connection control devices or a person who~~
14 ~~performs work exclusively on an underground system. "Sprinkler fitter"~~
15 ~~does not include a person performing work on his or her own home.~~

16 (13.7) ~~"Sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program" means an~~
17 ~~apprenticeship training program that is registered with either the office of~~
18 ~~apprenticeship training, employer and labor services in the employment~~
19 ~~and training administration in the United States department of labor or a~~
20 ~~state apprenticeship agency in accordance with the requirements of 29~~

1 ~~CFR 29.1 et seq., or other similar apprenticeship program approved by the~~
2 ~~administrator, and consists of a minimum of eight thousand hours of~~
3 ~~documented practical work experience on fire suppression systems;~~
4 ~~combined with a minimum of seven hundred hours of related instruction,~~
5 ~~including classroom or shop instruction, in the sprinkler fitter trade.~~

6 **SECTION 2. Repeal.** 24-33.5-1206.7, Colorado Revised
7 Statutes, as it will become effective July 1, 2011, is repealed as follows:

8 **24-33.5-1206.7. Sprinkler fitters - registration required - rules.**

9 ~~(1) No person shall act, assume to act, or advertise as a sprinkler fitter~~
10 ~~who is not registered with the administrator.~~

11 ~~(2) A registered sprinkler fitter shall obtain any locally required~~
12 ~~licenses or permits and comply with local building codes.~~

13 ~~(3) In order to register with the administrator, a sprinkler fitter~~
14 ~~shall pay a fee as determined by the administrator and shall:~~

15 ~~(a) Provide evidence demonstrating that he or she successfully~~
16 ~~completed a sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program and take and pass an~~
17 ~~examination established and approved by the administrator;~~

18 ~~(b) Complete an application for registration by reciprocity~~
19 ~~established by rules of the administrator that demonstrates competent~~
20 ~~evidence that the applicant is currently authorized to practice as a~~
21 ~~sprinkler fitter in another state that has established qualification~~
22 ~~requirements substantially similar to, or greater than, the requirements~~
23 ~~established in this section or by rule of the administrator;~~

24 ~~(c) Provide evidence demonstrating that he or she performed at~~
25 ~~least eight thousand hours of documented practical work experience on~~
26 ~~fire suppression systems within the past five years; or~~

27 ~~(d) Otherwise demonstrate competency as a sprinkler fitter as~~
28 ~~determined by the administrator.~~

29 ~~(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3) of this~~
30 ~~section, a person who is enrolled in a sprinkler fitter apprenticeship~~
31 ~~program may perform work on a fire suppression system under the direct~~
32 ~~supervision of and in the immediate presence of a sprinkler fitter.~~

1 ~~(5) (a) A registered sprinkler fitter shall complete continuing~~
2 ~~education requirements established by rule of the administrator.~~

3 ~~(b) A sprinkler fitter shall apply to renew his or her registration~~
4 ~~annually. The administrator shall renew, for a period of one year, a~~
5 ~~sprinkler fitter registration upon receipt of a completed renewal~~
6 ~~application and a renewal fee as determined by the administrator. In~~
7 ~~years that the fire and safety code is revised, a sprinkler fitter shall also~~
8 ~~successfully complete a revised examination in order to renew his or her~~
9 ~~registration.~~

10 ~~(6) The administrator may promulgate rules as necessary for the~~
11 ~~implementation of this section.~~

12 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety."

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