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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF REQUIRED REGISTRATION OF PERSONS**
102 **WHO WORK ON FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS, AND MAKING AN**
103 **APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.**

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

In 2010, the general assembly passed House Bill 10-1241 concerning the required registration for persons who work on fire suppression systems, which is to take effect July 1, 2011. This bill reverses the statutory changes made by House Bill 10-1241. Specifically,

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

the bill repeals the prohibition against a person acting or advertising as a sprinkler fitter unless the person has registered with the state fire suppression administrator. The bill also repeals requirements that must be fulfilled prior to registration, including:

- ! Demonstration that a sprinkler fitter has successfully completed a sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program;
- ! Completion of an application for reciprocity;
- ! Performance of at least 8,000 hours of documented practical work experience on fire suppression systems; and
- ! Demonstration of competency as a sprinkler fitter as determined by the administrator.

The bill also repeals the requirements that a sprinkler fitter complete continuing education and repeals the annual renewal of registration and the required successful completion of a revised examination in the years that the fire and building codes are revised.

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

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3 Revised Statutes, as they will become effective July 1, 2011, are repealed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

5 **24-33.5-1202. Definitions.** As used in this part 12, unless the
6 context otherwise requires:

7 (13.3) ~~"Sprinkler fitter" means a person other than an apprentice~~
8 ~~who is registered with the administrator and who installs fire suppression~~
9 ~~systems. "Sprinkler fitter" does not include a person who performs~~
10 ~~maintenance and repair on fire suppression systems as a part of his or her~~
11 ~~employment. A sprinkler fitter does not include a person who performs~~
12 ~~work exclusively on cross-connection control devices or a person who~~
13 ~~performs work exclusively on an underground system. "Sprinkler fitter"~~
14 ~~does not include a person performing work on his or her own home.~~

15 (13.7) ~~"Sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program" means an~~
16 ~~apprenticeship training program that is registered with either the office of~~
17 ~~apprenticeship training, employer and labor services in the employment~~

1 and training administration in the United States department of labor or a
2 state apprenticeship agency in accordance with the requirements of 29
3 CFR 29.1 et seq., or other similar apprentice program approved by the
4 administrator, and consists of a minimum of eight thousand hours of
5 documented practical work experience on fire suppression systems,
6 combined with a minimum of seven hundred hours of related instruction,
7 including classroom or shop instruction, in the sprinkler fitter trade.

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

10 **24-33.5-1206.7. Sprinkler fitters - registration required - rules.**

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

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

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

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

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

26 (c) Provide evidence demonstrating that he or she performed at
27 least eight thousand hours of documented practical work experience on

- 1 ~~fire suppression systems within the past five years; or~~
- 2 ~~(d) Otherwise demonstrate competency as a sprinkler fitter as~~
- 3 ~~determined by the administrator.~~
- 4 ~~(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3) of this~~
- 5 ~~section, a person who is enrolled in a sprinkler fitter apprenticeship~~
- 6 ~~program may perform work on a fire suppression system under the direct~~
- 7 ~~supervision of and in the immediate presence of a sprinkler fitter.~~
- 8 ~~(5) (a) A registered sprinkler fitter shall complete continuing~~
- 9 ~~education requirements established by rule of the administrator.~~
- 10 ~~(b) A sprinkler fitter shall apply to renew his or her registration~~
- 11 ~~annually. The administrator shall renew, for a period of one year, a~~
- 12 ~~sprinkler fitter registration upon receipt of a completed renewal~~
- 13 ~~application and a renewal fee as determined by the administrator. In~~
- 14 ~~years that the fire and safety code is revised, a sprinkler fitter shall also~~
- 15 ~~successfully complete a revised examination in order to renew his or her~~
- 16 ~~registration.~~
- 17 ~~(6) The administrator may promulgate rules as necessary for the~~
- 18 ~~implementation of this section.~~

19 **SECTION 3. Appropriation - adjustments to the 2011 long**

20 **bill.** (1) For the implementation of this act, the appropriation to the

21 department of public safety, office of preparedness, security, and fire

22 safety, for personal services, is reduced by forty-six thousand one hundred

23 seventy-five dollars (\$46,175) and 1.0 FTE from the fire suppression cash

24 fund created in section 24-33.5-1207.6, Colorado Revised Statutes.

25 (2) For the implementation of this act, the appropriation to the

26 department of public safety, office of preparedness, security, and fire

27 safety, for operating expenses, is reduced by twenty-nine thousand five

1 hundred twenty dollars (\$29,520) from the fire suppression cash fund
2 created in section 24-33.5-1207.6, Colorado Revised Statutes.

3 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.