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SENATE BILL 15-202

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Senate Committees

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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF WATER CONDITIONING APPLIANCES**

102 **PURSUANT TO THE PLUMBING CODE.**

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>.)

The bill limits the inclusion of water conditioning appliances in the definition of "plumbing" to only the installation of such systems that are connected to potable water systems with a pipe that is greater than 2 inches nominal diameter and specifically excludes from that definition the design, installation, and repair of such systems with a pipe that is 2 inches or less nominal diameter. The bill also clarifies that a person does not

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.*

have to be registered as a plumbing contractor to subcontract with a plumber if all plumbing performed pursuant to the person's contract is performed by a licensed plumber.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-58-102, **amend**
3 (5) (a) as follows:

4 **12-58-102. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context
5 otherwise requires:

6 (5) (a) "Plumbing":

7 (I) Includes the following items located within the building or
8 extending five feet from the building foundation, excluding any service
9 line extending from the first joint to the property line: All potable water
10 supply and distribution pipes and piping; all plumbing fixtures and traps;
11 all drainage and vent pipes; THE INSTALLATION OF all water conditioning
12 appliances connected to the potable water system WITH A PIPE THAT IS
13 GREATER THAN TWO INCHES NOMINAL DIAMETER; all building drains,
14 including their respective joints and connections, devices, receptacles,
15 and appurtenances; all multipurpose residential fire sprinkler systems in
16 one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses that are part of the
17 potable water supply; and all medical gas and vacuum systems in health
18 care facilities; AND

19 (II) EXCLUDES THE DESIGN, INSTALLATION, AND REPAIR OF WATER
20 CONDITIONING APPLIANCES CONNECTED TO A POTABLE WATER SYSTEM
21 WITH A PIPE THAT IS TWO INCHES OR LESS NOMINAL DIAMETER.

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23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-58-113, **amend**
24 (5) as follows:

1 **12-58-113. Exemptions.** (5) Nothing in this article shall be
2 construed to require:

3 (a) Either that employees of the federal government who perform
4 plumbing work on federal property shall be required to be licensed before
5 doing plumbing work on such property or that the plumbing work
6 performed on such property shall be regulated pursuant to this article; OR

7 (b) A CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION FOR RETAILERS OR SUPPLIERS
8 WHO ADVERTISE, SELL, INSTALL, OR CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
9 A WATER CONDITIONING APPLIANCE CONNECTED TO A POTABLE WATER
10 SYSTEM WITH A PIPE THAT IS TWO INCHES OR LESS NOMINAL DIAMETER.

11 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
12 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
13 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
14 general assembly (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6,
15 2015); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
16 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
17 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
18 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
19 to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the
20 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

21 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable
22 effective date of this act.