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An Act

HOUSE BILL 26-1034

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also SENATOR(S) Pelton R. and Hinrichsen, Catlin, Exum, Kipp, Roberts, Simpson, Coleman.

CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR
CERTAIN IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 6-7.5-102, **repeal** (10), (38), (47), and (62) as follows:

6-7.5-102. Definitions.

As used in this article 7.5, unless the context otherwise requires and except as determined by rule pursuant to section 6-7.5-106 (1):

(10) ~~"Check valve" means a component that is internal to a spray sprinkler body and prevents system drainage during periods of~~

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nonoperation.

~~(38) "Irrigation controller" means a standalone controller, an add-on device, or a plug-in device that is used to operate an automatic irrigation system such as a lawn sprinkler or drip irrigation system designed and intended for nonagricultural purposes. "Irrigation controller" includes:~~

~~(a) A soil moisture-based irrigation controller that inhibits or allows an irrigation event based on a reading from a soil moisture sensor mechanism; and~~

~~(b) A weather-based irrigation controller that uses current weather data as a basis for scheduling irrigation.~~

~~(47) "Pressure regulator" means a device that maintains constant operating pressure immediately downstream from a spray sprinkler body, given higher pressure upstream of the device.~~

~~(62) "Spray sprinkler body" means the exterior case or shell of a sprinkler designed and intended for nonagricultural uses, which case or shell:~~

~~(a) Incorporates a means of connection to the piping system; and~~

~~(b) Is designed to convey water to a nozzle or orifice.~~

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 6-7.5-104, **repeal** (1)(j.7) and (1)(n) as follows:

6-7.5-104. Scope and applicability.

(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section and as further specified in section 6-7.5-105, this article 7.5 applies to the following products sold as new in Colorado:

~~(j.7) Irrigation controllers;~~

~~(n) Spray sprinkler bodies;~~

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 6-7.5-105, **repeal**

(5)(h) and (5)(k) as follows:

6-7.5-105. Standards - effective dates.

(5) On and after January 1, 2026, a person shall not sell, offer to sell, lease, or offer to lease any of the following new products in Colorado unless the efficiency of the new product meets or exceeds the following efficiency standards, as applicable:

~~(h) Irrigation controllers must comply with the following requirements:~~

~~(I) Weather-based irrigation controllers included within the scope of the WaterSense program product specification for weather-based irrigation controllers must meet the water efficiency and performance criteria and other requirements for that specification; and~~

~~(H) Soil moisture-based irrigation controllers included within the scope of the WaterSense program product specification for soil moisture-based irrigation controllers must meet the water efficiency and performance criteria and other requirements for that specification.~~

~~(k) Spray sprinkler bodies that are not specifically excluded from the scope of the WaterSense program product specification for spray sprinkler bodies must include an integral pressure regulator and a check valve and must meet the water efficiency and performance criteria and other requirements of that specification.~~

SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability. (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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

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