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SENATE BILL 17-130

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ALIGNMENT OF THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF PRACTICAL
102 EXPERIENCE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SPRINKLER FITTER
103 WITH THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE
104 REQUIRED TO BECOME LICENSED AS A JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER.

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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Under current law, a person must have performed at least 8,000 hours of practical work experience on fire suppression systems over the previous 5 years to register as a sprinkler fitter. This minimum experience

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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requirement is nearly equivalent to the practical experience required to become licensed as a master plumber, which requires at least 8,500 hours of practical experience. The bill aligns the practical experience required to become registered as a sprinkler fitter with the practical experience required to become licensed as a journeyman plumber, which requires 6,800 hours of practical experience.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1202,
3 **amend** (13.7) as follows:

4 **24-33.5-1202. Definitions.** As used in this part 12, unless the
5 context otherwise requires:

6 (13.7) "Sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program" means an
7 apprenticeship training program that is registered with either the office of
8 apprenticeship training, employer and labor services in the employment
9 and training administration in the United States department of labor or a
10 state apprenticeship agency in accordance with the requirements of 29
11 CFR 29.1 et seq., or other similar apprentice program approved by the
12 administrator, and consists of a minimum of ~~eight~~ SIX thousand EIGHT
13 HUNDRED hours of documented practical work experience on fire
14 suppression systems, combined with a minimum of seven hundred hours
15 of related instruction, including classroom or shop instruction, in the
16 sprinkler fitter trade.

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1206.7,
18 **amend** (3)(c) as follows:

19 **24-33.5-1206.7. Sprinkler fitters - registration required - rules.**

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

22 (c) Provide evidence demonstrating that he or she performed at

1 least ~~eight~~ SIX thousand EIGHT HUNDRED hours of documented practical
2 work experience on fire suppression systems; ~~within the past five years;~~
3 or

4 **SECTION 3. Applicability.** This act applies to applications for
5 registration as a sprinkler fitter received on or after the effective date of
6 this act.

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