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SENATE BILL 20-120

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTERED APPRENTICES.

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>.)

The bill requires electrician apprentices and plumbing apprentices who have been registered with their respective boards for at least 6 years to take a license examination on a periodic basis until the apprentice passes the examination.

The bill requires an employer, an apprenticeship program registered with the United States department of labor's employment and training administration, and a state apprenticeship council recognized by the United States department of labor that employs an apprentice in

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

Colorado to track the number of practical training hours and, for electrician apprentices, the classroom hours of each apprentice and provide the information to the state electrical board or the state plumbing board, as applicable. The boards must provide the reported information to the department of regulatory agencies' online apprenticeship directory.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-115-115, **add**
3 (3)(c), (4), and (5) as follows:

4 **12-115-115. Apprentices - supervision - registration -**
5 **discipline.** (3) (c) BY JANUARY 1, 2022, AND BY JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR
6 THEREAFTER, AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, AN APPRENTICESHIP
7 PROGRAM REGISTERED WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
8 LABOR'S EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION, AND A STATE
9 APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES
10 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR THAT EMPLOYS AN APPRENTICE IN THIS STATE
11 SHALL REPORT TO THE BOARD THE CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF PRACTICAL
12 TRAINING HOURS AND CERTIFIED CLASSROOM HOURS EACH APPRENTICE
13 HAS COMPLETED TOWARD THE JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN LICENSURE
14 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-115-110. THE BOARD SHALL
15 PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REPORTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
16 (3)(c) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES' ONLINE
17 APPRENTICESHIP DIRECTORY.

18 (4) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021:

19 (a) AN APPRENTICE WHO HAS BEEN REGISTERED FOR AT LEAST SIX
20 YEARS, HAS COMPLETED EIGHT THOUSAND HOURS OF PRACTICAL
21 TRAINING, AND MEETS ALL OTHER JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN LICENSE
22 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-115-110 SHALL TAKE THE
23 JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN LICENSE EXAMINATION ON A BIENNIAL BASIS

1 UNTIL THE APPRENTICE RECEIVES A PASSING SCORE.

2 (b) AN APPRENTICE WHO HAS BEEN REGISTERED FOR AT LEAST SIX
3 YEARS AND WHO DOES NOT MEET THE JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN LICENSE
4 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-115-110 SHALL TAKE THE
5 JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN LICENSE EXAMINATION AT LEAST ONCE EVERY
6 THREE YEARS UNTIL THE APPRENTICE RECEIVES A PASSING SCORE. ONCE
7 THE APPRENTICE PASSES THE LICENSE EXAMINATION, THE APPRENTICE
8 MUST MEET ALL OTHER JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN LICENSE
9 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-115-110 BEFORE THE BOARD
10 MAY ISSUE A JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN LICENSE TO THE APPRENTICE.

11 (5) IF THE CUMULATIVE TRAINING AND CLASSROOM HOURS OF AN
12 APPRENTICE ARE NOT REPORTED AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF
13 THIS SECTION OR IF AN APPRENTICE FAILS TO TAKE THE LICENSE
14 EXAMINATION AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, THE
15 BOARD MAY SUSPEND THE APPRENTICE'S REGISTRATION UNTIL THE
16 REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-124, **add** (3),
18 (4), and (5) as follows:

19 **12-155-124. Apprentices.** (3) BY JULY 1, 2022, AND BY JULY 1
20 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, A REGISTERED PLUMBING CONTRACTOR, AN
21 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM REGISTERED WITH THE UNITED STATES
22 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION,
23 AND A STATE APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED
24 STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR THAT EMPLOYS A PLUMBING APPRENTICE
25 IN THIS STATE SHALL REPORT TO THE BOARD THE CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF
26 PRACTICAL TRAINING HOURS EACH PLUMBING APPRENTICE HAS
27 COMPLETED TOWARD THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN

1 SECTION 12-155-110. THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION
2 REPORTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 REGULATORY AGENCIES' ONLINE APPRENTICESHIP DIRECTORY.

4 (4) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2021:

5 (a) A PLUMBING APPRENTICE WHO HAS BEEN REGISTERED FOR AT
6 LEAST SIX YEARS, HAS COMPLETED SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED HOURS
7 OF PRACTICAL TRAINING, AND MEETS ALL OTHER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS
8 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-155-110 SHALL TAKE THE LICENSE EXAMINATION
9 ON A BIENNIAL BASIS UNTIL THE PLUMBING APPRENTICE RECEIVES A
10 PASSING SCORE.

11 (b) A PLUMBING APPRENTICE WHO HAS BEEN REGISTERED FOR AT
12 LEAST SIX YEARS AND WHO DOES NOT MEET THE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS
13 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-155-110 SHALL TAKE THE LICENSE EXAMINATION
14 AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS UNTIL THE PLUMBING APPRENTICE
15 RECEIVES A PASSING SCORE. ONCE THE PLUMBING APPRENTICE PASSES THE
16 LICENSE EXAMINATION, THE APPRENTICE MUST MEET ALL OTHER LICENSE
17 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-155-110 BEFORE THE BOARD
18 MAY ISSUE A LICENSE TO THE PLUMBING APPRENTICE.

19 (5) IF THE CUMULATIVE TRAINING HOURS OF A PLUMBING
20 APPRENTICE ARE NOT REPORTED AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS
21 SECTION OR IF A PLUMBING APPRENTICE FAILS TO TAKE THE LICENSE
22 EXAMINATION AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, THE
23 BOARD MAY SUSPEND THE PLUMBING APPRENTICE'S REGISTRATION UNTIL
24 THE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

25 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
26 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
27 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August

1 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a
2 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
3 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
4 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
5 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
6 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
7 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.