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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.**

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**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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*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.

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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.