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HOUSE BILL 25-1077

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Lieder and Ricks,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Roberts,

House Committees
Business Affairs & Labor

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK ON**
102 **BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION**
103 **THEREWITH, REMOVING THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENT FOR**
104 **INDIVIDUALS WHO INSPECT, TEST, OR REPAIR THE DEVICES.**

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/>.)

Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee. Backflow is the reverse flow of water, fluid, or gas caused by back pressure or back siphonage. Under current law, individuals who are

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engaged in the business of installing, removing, inspecting, testing, or repairing backflow prevention devices are subject to the licensure requirements for plumbers, except when the individuals are installing or testing a stand-alone fire suppression sprinkler system.

The bill exempts individuals engaged in the business of inspecting, testing, or repairing backflow prevention devices from licensure requirements but retains the licensure requirements for individuals engaged in the installation or removal of the devices.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-118, **amend**
3 (4) as follows:

4 **12-155-118. Exemptions.** (4) ~~Persons~~ INDIVIDUALS who are
5 engaged in ~~the business of installing, removing,~~ inspecting, testing, ~~and~~
6 OR repairing backflow prevention devices are ~~not~~ exempt from licensure
7 under this article 155. ~~except when the persons are installing or testing a~~
8 ~~stand-alone fire suppression sprinkler system~~ INDIVIDUALS WHO ENGAGE
9 IN THE INSTALLATION OR REMOVAL OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES
10 ARE NOT EXEMPT FROM LICENSURE UNDER THIS **ARTICLE 155, EXCEPT**
11 **WHEN THE INDIVIDUALS ARE INSTALLING OR REPLACING A BACKFLOW**
12 **PREVENTION DEVICE ON A STAND-ALONE FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM, AS**
13 **DEFINED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1202 (6).**

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-155-126 as
15 follows:

16 **12-155-126. Backflow prevention devices - requirements -**
17 **service information provided to customer.** (1) ON AND AFTER JULY 1,
18 2025, A LICENSED PLUMBER WHO INSTALLS, TESTS, INSPECTS, REPAIRS, OR
19 REINSTALLS A BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE SHALL AFFIX A TAG ON THE
20 BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE THAT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING
21 INFORMATION:

1 (a) THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE BUSINESS WITH
2 WHICH THE LICENSED PLUMBER IS AFFILIATED;

3 (b) THE PLUMBING CONTRACTOR'S REGISTRATION NUMBER, OR THE
4 LICENSE NUMBER OF THE MASTER PLUMBER ATTACHED TO THE
5 CONTRACTOR, ISSUED BY THE BOARD;

6 (c) THE DATE THE SERVICE WAS PROVIDED; AND

7 (d) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE PROVIDED.

8 (2) A LICENSED PLUMBER MAY DOCUMENT MULTIPLE SERVICES ON
9 ONE TAG.

10 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 25-8-107** as
11 follows:

12 **25-8-107. Cross-connection control services - backflow**
13 **prevention devices - requirements - definitions.** (1) NOTHING IN THIS
14 SECTION APPLIES TO OR AFFECTS ANY OTHER SECTION IN THIS ARTICLE 8.

15 (2) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO PERFORM INSPECTIONS.

17 (3) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION REQUIRES THE COMMISSION OR THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO ENFORCE THIS
19 SECTION.

20 (4) (a) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2025, A CERTIFIED
21 CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL TECHNICIAN OR A LICENSED PLUMBER WITH
22 A CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION WHO TESTS
23 OR REPAIRS A BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE SHALL AFFIX A TAG ON THE
24 BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE THAT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING
25 INFORMATION:

26 (I) THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE BUSINESS WITH
27 WHICH THE CERTIFIED CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL TECHNICIAN OR THE

1 LICENSED PLUMBER WITH A CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL TECHNICIAN
2 CERTIFICATION IS AFFILIATED;

3 (II) THE DATE THE SERVICE WAS PROVIDED;

4 (III) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE PROVIDED; AND

5 (IV) THE ASSE OR ABPA CERTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE
6 CERTIFIED CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL TECHNICIAN OR THE LICENSED
7 PLUMBER WITH A CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL TECHNICIAN
8 CERTIFICATION, ALONG WITH THE PLUMBING CONTRACTOR'S
9 REGISTRATION NUMBER OR THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE MASTER
10 PLUMBER ATTACHED TO THE CONTRACTOR, ISSUED BY THE STATE
11 PLUMBING BOARD, IF APPLICABLE.

12 (b) A CERTIFIED CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL TECHNICIAN OR A
13 LICENSED PLUMBER WITH A CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL TECHNICIAN
14 CERTIFICATION MAY DOCUMENT MULTIPLE SERVICES ON ONE TAG.

15 (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
16 REQUIRES:

17 (a) "ABPA" MEANS THE AMERICAN BACKFLOW PREVENTION
18 ASSOCIATION OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION.

19 (b) "ASSE" MEANS THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SANITARY
20 ENGINEERING OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION.

21 (c) "CERTIFIED CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL TECHNICIAN" MEANS
22 AN INDIVIDUAL WHO POSSESSES A VALID BACKFLOW PREVENTION
23 ASSEMBLY TESTER CERTIFICATION FROM THE ASSE OR THE ABPA.

24 (d) "LICENSED PLUMBER WITH A CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL
25 TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A LICENSED
26 PLUMBER AND POSSESSES A VALID BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY
27 TESTER CERTIFICATION FROM THE ASSE OR THE ABPA.

1 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
4 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
5 institutions.