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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee

BILL TOPIC: Backflow Prevention Devices Reqmnts
DEADLINES: File by: 8/28/2024

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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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing law.*

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.

11 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
12 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
13 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
14 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
15 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
16 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
17 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
18 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
19 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.