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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING STATE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN  
102 LICENSED CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS, AND, IN CONNECTION  
103 THEREWITH, REQUIRING THE STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD AND  
104 THE STATE PLUMBING BOARD TO DIRECT ENFORCEMENT OF  
105 STATE LICENSING AND SUPERVISOR-TO-APPRENTICE RATIO  
106 REQUIREMENTS, SPECIFYING WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR  
107 ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING PERMITS, AND REDUCING THE  
108 SUPERVISOR-TO-APPRENTICE RATIO.

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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*

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**Sections 2 and 6** of the bill authorize the director of the division of professions and occupations in the department of regulatory agencies to appoint or employ individuals who are licensed or, if not licensed, who demonstrate substantial work experience in the electrical, plumbing, or construction industry to:

- Conduct compliance checks to ensure compliance with licensing and supervisor-to-apprentice ratio requirements applicable to electricians and plumbers on projects throughout the state; and
- Prioritize for compliance checks projects that provide or will provide critical needs to state residents.

The bill also:

- Specifies that only a homeowner performing work on the homeowner's home or a licensed master electrician or plumber who is either a registered electrical or plumbing contractor or directly employed by a registered electrical or plumbing contractor may apply for an electrical or a plumbing permit (**sections 3 and 7**);
- Prohibits a licensed master electrician or plumber who is not a registered electrical or plumbing contractor and who is working as an independent contractor from applying for an electrical or a plumbing permit (**sections 3 and 7**) and makes a violation of this prohibition specific grounds for discipline by the electrical or plumbing board, as applicable (**sections 4 and 5**);
- Requires the entity issuing the permit to verify that the applicant meets the qualifications to apply for the permit (**sections 3 and 7**); and
- Requires inspecting entity procedures to include a provision allowing the inspecting entity to request worker documentation indicating compliance with worker license requirements and the supervisor-to-apprentice ratio (**sections 3 and 7**).

Additionally, current law specifies that a single licensed electrician or plumber may supervise no more than 3 apprentices on any one job site. For nonresidential electrical and plumbing work, **sections 1 and 8** reduce the supervisor-to-apprentice ratio to 1-to-2 starting July 1, 2025, and to 1-to-1 on and after July 1, 2028.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-115-115, **amend**

1 (1) as follows:

2 **12-115-115. Apprentices - supervision - registration -**  
3 **discipline - rules - repeal - definition.** (1) (a) Any person may work as  
4 an apprentice but shall not do any electrical wiring for the installation of  
5 electrical apparatus or equipment for light, heat, or power except under  
6 the direct supervision of a licensed electrician.

7 (b) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION,  
8 a licensed electrician shall not directly supervise more than three  
9 apprentices at a job site. ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2025, THIS SUBSECTION  
10 (1)(b) APPLIES ONLY TO RESIDENTIAL JOB SITES.

11 (c) (I) (A) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2025, AND BEFORE JULY 1, 2028,  
12 A LICENSED ELECTRICIAN SHALL NOT DIRECTLY SUPERVISE MORE THAN  
13 TWO APPRENTICES AT A JOB SITE THAT IS NOT A RESIDENTIAL JOB SITE.

14 (B) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(c)(I) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
15 2028.

16 (II) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2028, A LICENSED ELECTRICIAN SHALL  
17 NOT DIRECTLY SUPERVISE MORE THAN ONE APPRENTICE AT A JOB SITE  
18 THAT IS NOT A RESIDENTIAL JOB SITE.

19 (d) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1), "RESIDENTIAL JOB SITE"  
20 MEANS A JOB SITE AT WHICH ELECTRICAL WORK IS PERFORMED AND THAT  
21 IS A ONE-, TWO-, THREE-, OR FOUR-FAMILY DWELLING THAT DOES NOT  
22 EXTEND MORE THAN TWO STORIES ABOVEGROUND.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-115-119, **amend**  
24 (1)(a)(II) and (2); and **add** (1)(a)(I.5) and (3) as follows:

25 **12-115-119. Inspectors - qualifications - enforcement of**  
26 **licensing and apprentice-supervision-ratio requirements - rules -**  
27 **legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.** (1) (a) (I.5) FOR PURPOSES

1 OF CONDUCTING COMPLIANCE CHECKS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF  
2 THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT OR EMPLOY TWO  
3 INDIVIDUALS TO CONDUCT THE COMPLIANCE CHECKS. THE DIRECTOR MAY  
4 APPOINT OR EMPLOY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE LICENSED UNDER THIS  
5 ARTICLE 115 OR MAY APPOINT OR EMPLOY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT  
6 LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 115 BUT WHO DEMONSTRATE SUBSTANTIAL  
7 PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE ELECTRICAL OR CONSTRUCTION  
8 INDUSTRY. INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED OR EMPLOYED PURSUANT TO THIS  
9 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I.5) SHALL LIMIT THEIR ACTIVITIES TO CONDUCTING  
10 COMPLIANCE CHECKS OF MATTERS SPECIFIED IN SAID SUBSECTION (3).

11 (II) ~~The~~ STATE ELECTRICAL inspectors AND INDIVIDUALS  
12 PERFORMING COMPLIANCE CHECKS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS  
13 SECTION may be employed either on a full-time or on a part-time basis as  
14 the circumstances in each case shall warrant; except that the director ~~of~~  
15 ~~the division~~ may contract with any electrical inspector regularly engaged  
16 as such and certify ~~him or her~~ THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR to make  
17 inspections in a designated area at such compensation as ~~shall be~~ fixed by  
18 the director. State electrical inspectors AND INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING  
19 COMPLIANCE CHECKS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION have  
20 the right of ingress and egress to and from all public and private premises  
21 during reasonable working hours where this ~~law~~ ARTICLE 115 applies for  
22 the purpose of making electrical inspections, CONDUCTING COMPLIANCE  
23 CHECKS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, or otherwise  
24 determining compliance with ~~the provisions of~~ this article 115. In order  
25 to avoid conflicts of interest, a state electrical inspector hired under this  
26 section shall not inspect any electrical work in which the inspector has  
27 any financial or other personal interest and shall not ~~be engaged~~ ENGAGE

1 in the electrical business by contracting, supplying material, or  
2 performing electrical work. ~~as defined in this article 115.~~

3 (2) (a) State electrical inspectors appointed or employed pursuant  
4 to subsection (1) of this section may:

5 (a) (I) Conduct inspections and investigations pursuant to section  
6 12-115-122 (2) on behalf of the program director; AND

7 (b) (II) Provide service of process for a citation served pursuant  
8 to section 12-115-122 (4)(b) in compliance with rule 4 of the Colorado  
9 rules of civil procedure.

10 (b) INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED OR EMPLOYED PURSUANT TO  
11 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I.5) OF THIS SECTION WHO ARE NOT LICENSED MASTER  
12 OR JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIANS BUT WHO DEMONSTRATE SUBSTANTIAL  
13 PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE ELECTRICAL OR CONSTRUCTION  
14 INDUSTRY MAY CONDUCT COMPLIANCE CHECKS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
15 (3) OF THIS SECTION.

16 (3) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT IT IS  
17 A MATTER OF STATEWIDE CONCERN TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
18 HEALTH BY ENSURING THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO PERFORM ELECTRICAL  
19 WORK HAVE THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO PERFORM THE WORK. THE  
20 GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEREFORE DETERMINES THAT BOARD ENFORCEMENT  
21 OF THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS IN THIS ARTICLE 115 AND THE LIMITS ON  
22 THE NUMBER OF APPRENTICES A LICENSED ELECTRICIAN IS PERMITTED TO  
23 SUPERVISE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-115-115 (1) IS ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT  
24 PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH.

25 (b) THE BOARD SHALL DIRECT INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED OR  
26 EMPLOYED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I.5) OF THIS SECTION TO:

27 (I) CONDUCT COMPLIANCE CHECKS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH

1 THE LICENSING AND SUPERVISOR-TO-APPRENTICE RATIO REQUIREMENTS  
2 SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE 115 ON PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE  
3 WHERE ELECTRICAL WORK IS BEING PERFORMED, REGARDLESS OF  
4 WHETHER THE PERMIT FOR THE ELECTRICAL WORK WAS ISSUED BY THE  
5 BOARD, AN INCORPORATED TOWN OR CITY, A COUNTY, A CITY AND  
6 COUNTY, OR A QUALIFIED STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

7 (II) PRIORITIZE FOR COMPLIANCE CHECKS PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE  
8 OR WILL PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

9 (c) TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENSING AND  
10 SUPERVISOR-TO-APPRENTICE RATIO REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO  
11 SUBSECTION (3)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED OR  
12 EMPLOYED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I.5) OF THIS SECTION SHALL  
13 CONDUCT COMPLIANCE CHECKS AT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE  
14 WHERE ELECTRICAL WORK IS BEING PERFORMED TO ENSURE THAT:

15 (I) THE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING THE ELECTRICAL WORK IS  
16 LICENSED AS A MASTER ELECTRICIAN, JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, OR  
17 RESIDENTIAL WIREMAN OR IS A REGISTERED APPRENTICE BEING DIRECTLY  
18 SUPERVISED BY A LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN, JOURNEYMAN  
19 ELECTRICIAN, OR RESIDENTIAL WIREMAN; AND

20 (II) A MASTER ELECTRICIAN, JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, OR  
21 RESIDENTIAL WIREMAN IS COMPLYING WITH THE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF  
22 APPRENTICES THE ELECTRICIAN MAY SUPERVISE PER JOB SITE SPECIFIED IN  
23 SECTION 12-115-115 (1).

24 (d) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (3) AFFECTS THE ABILITY OF A  
25 LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT OR INSPECT ELECTRICAL WORK IN  
26 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-115-120 (1).

27 (e) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3):

1 (I) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS AN INCORPORATED TOWN OR  
2 CITY, A COUNTY, OR A CITY AND COUNTY.

3 (II) "PROJECT THAT PROVIDES OR WILL PROVIDE CRITICAL  
4 SERVICES" MEANS A PROJECT INVOLVING THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION,  
5 ALTERATION, REPAIR, OR IMPROVEMENT OF ANY PUBLIC STRUCTURE,  
6 BUILDING, ROAD, OR OTHER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT OF ANY KIND,  
7 INCLUDING:

8 (A) A PUBLIC BUILDING;

9 (B) A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

10 (C) AN AIRPORT;

11 (D) A TRAIN STATION OR PUBLIC TRANSIT STATION;

12 (E) A HOSPITAL, NURSING FACILITY, ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE,  
13 OR OTHER HEALTH-CARE FACILITY REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED OR  
14 CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT  
15 UNDER TITLE 25;

16 (F) A RENEWABLE ENERGY INSTALLATION OR A PROJECT OF A  
17 UTILITY REGULATED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PURSUANT TO  
18 TITLE 40; AND

19 (G) ANY OTHER COMMERCIAL OR MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
20 PUBLIC PROJECT SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD BY RULE.

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-115-120, **amend**  
22 (1)(a), (2)(b), (3), (6), and (10)(b); and **add** (11) as follows:

23 **12-115-120. Inspection - electrical permits - application -**  
24 **standard - definition.** (1) (a) (I) An individual required to have  
25 electrical inspection under this article 115 shall apply to the board for an  
26 electrical permit, REFERRED TO WITHIN THIS SECTION AS A "PERMIT",  
27 except where an incorporated town or city, county, city and county, or

1 qualified state institution of higher education has a building department  
2 that meets the minimum standards of this article 115 and that processes  
3 applications for building permits and inspections, in which case the  
4 individual shall apply to the building department.

5 (II) A qualified state institution of higher education with a  
6 building department that meets or exceeds the minimum standards  
7 adopted by the board under this article 115 shall process applications for  
8 permits and inspections only from the institution and from contractors  
9 working for the benefit of the institution and shall conduct inspections  
10 only of work performed for the benefit of the institution. Each inspection  
11 must include a contemporaneous review to ensure that the requirements  
12 of this article 115, and specifically section 12-115-115, have been met.

13 (III) (A) ONLY A QUALIFIED APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR A PERMIT.  
14 A LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN WHO IS NOT A REGISTERED ELECTRICAL  
15 CONTRACTOR AND WHO IS OPERATING AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR  
16 FOR ANOTHER BUSINESS SHALL NOT APPLY FOR A PERMIT.

17 (B) BEFORE ISSUING A PERMIT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1),  
18 THE BOARD OR, IF APPLICABLE, THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT OF AN  
19 INCORPORATED TOWN OR CITY, COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR QUALIFIED  
20 STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL VERIFY THAT THE  
21 PERMIT APPLICANT IS A QUALIFIED APPLICANT.

22 (2) (b) A state electrical inspector shall inspect any new  
23 construction, remodeling, or repair subject to this subsection (2) within  
24 three working days after the receipt of the application for inspection. Prior  
25 to the commencement of any electrical installation, the person making the  
26 installation, WHO MUST BE A QUALIFIED APPLICANT, shall apply for an  
27 ~~electrical~~ A permit and pay the required permit fee.

1           (3) (a) A state electrical inspector shall inspect the work  
2 performed, and, if the work meets the minimum standards set forth in the  
3 national electrical code referred to in section 12-115-107 (2)(a), THE  
4 INSPECTOR SHALL ISSUE a certificate of approval. ~~shall be issued by the~~  
5 ~~inspector.~~

6           (b) (I) If the installation is disapproved, THE INSPECTOR SHALL  
7 GIVE written notice ~~thereof together with~~ OF THE DISAPPROVAL AND OF the  
8 reasons for the disapproval ~~shall be given by the inspector~~ to the  
9 QUALIFIED applicant. If the installation is hazardous to life or property,  
10 the inspector disapproving it may order the electrical service ~~thereto~~ TO  
11 THE INSTALLATION discontinued until the installation is rendered safe and  
12 shall send a copy of the notice of disapproval and order for  
13 discontinuance of service to the supplier of electricity. The QUALIFIED  
14 applicant may appeal the disapproval to the board, and THE BOARD shall  
15 ~~be granted~~ GRANT a hearing ~~by the board~~ within seven days after notice  
16 of appeal is filed with the board.

17           (II) After ~~removal of~~ REMOVING the cause of the disapproval, the  
18 QUALIFIED applicant shall ~~make application~~ APPLY for reinspection in the  
19 same manner as for the original inspection and pay the required  
20 reinspection fee.

21           (6) (a) All ~~inspection~~ permits issued by the board ~~shall be~~ ARE  
22 valid for a period of twelve months, and the board shall cancel the permit  
23 and remove it from its files at the end of the twelve-month period, except  
24 in the following circumstances:

25           (I) If ~~an~~ A QUALIFIED applicant ~~makes a showing~~ DEMONSTRATES  
26 at the time of application for a permit that the electrical work is  
27 substantial and is likely to take longer than twelve months, the board may

1 issue a permit to be valid for a period longer than twelve months, but not  
2 exceeding three years.

3 (II) If the QUALIFIED applicant notifies the board prior to the  
4 expiration of the twelve-month period of extenuating circumstances, as  
5 determined by the board, during the twelve-month period, the board may  
6 extend the validity of the permit for a period not to exceed six months.

7 (b) If A QUALIFIED APPLICANT REQUESTS an inspection ~~is requested~~  
8 ~~by an applicant~~ after a permit has expired or has been canceled, THE  
9 QUALIFIED APPLICANT MUST APPLY FOR AND BE ISSUED a new permit ~~must~~  
10 ~~be applied for and granted~~ before an inspection is performed.

11 (10) (b) (I) To ensure that enforcement is consistent, timely, and  
12 efficient, each entity, including the state, as described in this subsection  
13 (10), shall develop standard procedures to advise its inspectors how to  
14 conduct a contemporaneous review. Each entity's standard procedures  
15 need not require a contemporaneous review for each and every inspection  
16 of a project, but the procedures must preserve an inspector's ability to  
17 verify compliance with sections 12-115-109 and 12-115-115 at any time.  
18 Each entity's procedures must also include provisions that allow for  
19 inspectors to:

20 (A) Conduct occasional, random, on-site inspections while actual  
21 electrical work is being conducted, with a focus on large commercial and  
22 multi-family residential projects permitted by the entity; AND

23 (B) REQUEST DOCUMENTATION INDICATING WHO PERFORMED THE  
24 ELECTRICAL WORK TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 12-115-109  
25 AND 12-115-115.

26 (II) Each entity, including the state, shall post its current  
27 procedures regarding contemporaneous reviews in a prominent location

1 on its public website. Each entity shall provide a website link to or an  
2 electronic copy of its procedures to the board, and the board shall post all  
3 of the procedures on a single location on the department's website.

4 (11) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "QUALIFIED APPLICANT" MEANS:

5 (a) A LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN, INCLUDING A LICENSED  
6 MASTER ELECTRICIAN WHO IS OPERATING AS A SOLE PROPRIETOR, SO LONG  
7 AS THE LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN IS ALSO A REGISTERED  
8 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR;

9 (b) A LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN WHO IS DIRECTLY EMPLOYED  
10 BY A REGISTERED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR; OR

11 (c) A HOMEOWNER PERFORMING WORK ON THE HOMEOWNER'S  
12 HOME.

13 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-115-122, **add**  
14 (1)(q) as follows:

15 **12-115-122. Violations - citations - settlement agreements -**  
16 **hearings - fines - rules.** (1) The board may take disciplinary or other  
17 action as authorized by section 12-20-404 in regard to any license or  
18 registration issued or applied for under the provisions of this article 115  
19 or may issue a citation to a licensee, registrant, or applicant for licensure  
20 for any of the following reasons:

21 (q) APPLYING FOR AN ELECTRICAL PERMIT PURSUANT TO SECTION  
22 12-115-120 (1) IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A QUALIFIED APPLICANT, AS  
23 DEFINED IN SECTION 12-115-120 (11).

24 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-113, **add**  
25 (1)(r) as follows:

26 **12-155-113. Disciplinary action by board - procedures -**  
27 **cease-and-desist orders.** (1) The board may take disciplinary or other

1 action as authorized by section 12-20-404 for any of the following  
2 reasons:

3 (r) APPLYING FOR A PLUMBING PERMIT PURSUANT TO SECTION  
4 12-155-120 (1) IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A QUALIFIED APPLICANT, AS  
5 DEFINED IN SECTION 12-155-120 (11).

6 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-119, **amend**  
7 (1), (2), and (4)(b); and **add** (5) as follows:

8 **12-155-119. Plumbing inspectors - qualifications - enforcement**  
9 **of licensing and apprentice-supervision-ratio requirements - rules -**  
10 **legislative declaration - definitions.** (1) (a) The director is authorized  
11 to appoint or employ competent persons licensed under this article 155 as  
12 journeyman or master plumbers as state plumbing inspectors.

13 (b) FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING COMPLIANCE CHECKS  
14 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL  
15 APPOINT OR EMPLOY TWO INDIVIDUALS TO CONDUCT THE COMPLIANCE  
16 CHECKS. THE DIRECTOR MAY APPOINT OR EMPLOY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
17 LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 155 OR MAY APPOINT OR EMPLOY  
18 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 155 BUT WHO  
19 DEMONSTRATE SUBSTANTIAL PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE PLUMBING  
20 OR CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED OR EMPLOYED  
21 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b) SHALL LIMIT THEIR ACTIVITIES TO  
22 CONDUCTING COMPLIANCE CHECKS OF MATTERS SPECIFIED IN SAID  
23 SUBSECTION (5).

24 (2) ~~The STATE PLUMBING inspector~~ INSPECTORS AND INDIVIDUALS  
25 CONDUCTING COMPLIANCE CHECKS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS  
26 SECTION may be employed either on a full-time or on a part-time basis as  
27 the circumstances in each case warrant. State plumbing inspectors AND

1 INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING COMPLIANCE CHECKS PURSUANT TO  
2 SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION have the right of ingress and egress to  
3 and from all public and private premises during reasonable working hours  
4 where this article 155 applies for the purpose of making plumbing  
5 inspections, CONDUCTING COMPLIANCE CHECKS PURSUANT TO  
6 SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION, or otherwise determining compliance  
7 with ~~the provisions of~~ this article 155.

8 (4) (b) As part of their duties, plumbing inspectors performing  
9 inspections who are employed by a qualified state institution of higher  
10 education have the authority to verify the plumbing licenses or  
11 apprenticeship registration cards issued by the state for those people  
12 performing the plumbing work on a project AND TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE  
13 WITH SECTION 12-155-124 (1).

14 (5) (a) CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 12-155-101 AND THE STATE'S  
15 DUTY TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC HEALTH BY ENSURING THAT  
16 INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN, INSTALL, ALTER, EXTEND, REPAIR, OR MAINTAIN  
17 PLUMBING SYSTEMS HAVE THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO PERFORM THOSE  
18 TASKS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DETERMINES THAT BOARD  
19 ENFORCEMENT OF THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS IN THIS ARTICLE 155  
20 AND THE LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF PLUMBING APPRENTICES A LICENSED  
21 PLUMBER IS PERMITTED TO SUPERVISE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-155-124  
22 (1) IS A MATTER OF STATEWIDE CONCERN AND IS ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT  
23 PUBLIC HEALTH.

24 (b) THE BOARD SHALL DIRECT INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED OR  
25 EMPLOYED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION TO:

26 (I) CONDUCT COMPLIANCE CHECKS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH  
27 THE LICENSING AND SUPERVISOR-TO-APPRENTICE RATIO REQUIREMENTS

1 SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE 155 ON PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE  
2 WHERE PLUMBING SYSTEMS ARE BEING PLANNED, INSTALLED, ALTERED,  
3 EXTENDED, REPAIRED, OR MAINTAINED, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE  
4 PERMIT FOR THE PLUMBING WORK WAS ISSUED BY THE BOARD, AN  
5 INCORPORATED TOWN OR CITY, A COUNTY, A CITY AND COUNTY, OR A  
6 QUALIFIED STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

7 (II) PRIORITIZE FOR COMPLIANCE CHECKS PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE  
8 OR WILL PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

9 (c) TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENSING AND  
10 SUPERVISOR-TO-APPRENTICE RATIO REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO  
11 SUBSECTION (5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED OR  
12 EMPLOYED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION SHALL  
13 CONDUCT COMPLIANCE CHECKS AT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE  
14 WHERE PLUMBING IS BEING PERFORMED TO ENSURE THAT:

15 (I) THE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING THE PLUMBING WORK IS  
16 LICENSED AS A MASTER, JOURNEYMAN, OR RESIDENTIAL PLUMBER OR IS A  
17 REGISTERED PLUMBING APPRENTICE BEING SUPERVISED BY A LICENSED  
18 MASTER, JOURNEYMAN, OR RESIDENTIAL PLUMBER; AND

19 (II) A MASTER, JOURNEYMAN, OR RESIDENTIAL PLUMBER IS  
20 COMPLYING WITH THE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF PLUMBING APPRENTICES  
21 THE PLUMBER MAY SUPERVISE PER JOB SITE SPECIFIED IN SECTION  
22 12-155-124 (1).

23 (d) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (5) AFFECTS THE ABILITY OF A  
24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT OR INSPECT PLUMBING OR GAS PIPING  
25 INSTALLATIONS IN ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION OR REMODELING OR REPAIR  
26 LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

27 (e) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5):

1 (I) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS AN INCORPORATED TOWN OR  
2 CITY, A COUNTY, OR A CITY AND COUNTY.

3 (II) "PROJECT THAT PROVIDES OR WILL PROVIDE CRITICAL  
4 SERVICES" MEANS A PROJECT INVOLVING THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION,  
5 ALTERATION, REPAIR, OR IMPROVEMENT OF ANY PUBLIC STRUCTURE,  
6 BUILDING, ROAD, OR OTHER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT OF ANY KIND,  
7 INCLUDING:

8 (A) A PUBLIC BUILDING;

9 (B) A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

10 (C) AN AIRPORT;

11 (D) A TRAIN STATION OR PUBLIC TRANSIT STATION;

12 (E) A HOSPITAL, NURSING FACILITY, ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE,  
13 OR OTHER HEALTH-CARE FACILITY LICENSED OR CERTIFIED BY THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT UNDER TITLE 25;

15 (F) A RENEWABLE ENERGY INSTALLATION OR A PROJECT OF A  
16 UTILITY REGULATED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PURSUANT TO  
17 TITLE 40; AND

18 (G) ANY OTHER COMMERCIAL OR MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
19 PUBLIC PROJECT SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD BY RULE.

20 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-120, **amend**  
21 (1), (2), (3), (7)(a), and (10)(b); and **add** (11) as follows:

22 **12-155-120. Inspection - plumbing permits - application -**  
23 **standards - definition.** (1) (a) Any plumbing or gas piping installation  
24 in any new construction or remodeling or repair, other than manufactured  
25 units inspected in accordance with the provisions of part 7 of article 32  
26 of title 24, AND except for ~~the~~ new construction or remodeling or repair  
27 in any incorporated town or city, county, or city and county, or in a

1 building owned or leased or on land owned by a qualified state institution  
2 of higher education where the local entity or qualified state institution of  
3 higher education conducts inspections and issues PLUMBING permits,  
4 REFERRED TO WITHIN THIS SECTION AS "PERMITS", must be inspected by  
5 a state plumbing inspector. A state plumbing inspector shall inspect any  
6 new construction, remodeling, or repair subject to the provisions of this  
7 subsection (1) within three working days after the receipt of the  
8 application for inspection.

9 (b) (I) Prior to the commencement of any plumbing or gas piping  
10 installation, the person making the installation, WHO MUST BE A QUALIFIED  
11 APPLICANT, shall apply for a permit and pay the required fee.

12 (II) (A) ONLY A QUALIFIED APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR A PERMIT  
13 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1). A LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER WHO  
14 IS NOT A REGISTERED PLUMBING CONTRACTOR AND WHO IS OPERATING AS  
15 AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR ANOTHER BUSINESS SHALL NOT APPLY  
16 FOR A PERMIT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1).

17 (B) BEFORE ISSUING A PERMIT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1),  
18 THE BOARD OR, IF APPLICABLE, THE LOCAL ENTITY OR QUALIFIED STATE  
19 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT CONDUCTS INSPECTIONS AND  
20 ISSUES PERMITS SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PERMIT APPLICANT IS A  
21 QUALIFIED APPLICANT.

22 (c) Every mobile home or movable structure owner shall have the  
23 plumbing and gas piping hookup for the mobile home or movable  
24 structure inspected prior to obtaining new or different plumbing or gas  
25 service.

26 (d) A qualified state institution of higher education with a building  
27 department that meets or exceeds the minimum standards adopted by the

1 board under this article 155 shall process applications for permits and  
2 inspections only from the institution and from contractors working for the  
3 benefit of the institution, and shall conduct inspections only of work  
4 performed for the benefit of the institution. Each inspection must include  
5 a contemporaneous review to ensure that the requirements of section  
6 12-155-108 have been met. A qualified state institution of higher  
7 education shall enforce standards that are at least as stringent as any  
8 minimum standards adopted by the board.

9 (2) (a) A state plumbing inspector shall inspect the work  
10 performed, and, if the work meets the minimum standards set forth in the  
11 Colorado plumbing code referred to in section 12-155-106, THE  
12 INSPECTOR SHALL ISSUE a certificate of approval. ~~shall be issued by the~~  
13 ~~inspector.~~

14 (b) (I) If the installation is disapproved, THE INSPECTOR SHALL  
15 GIVE written notice together with the reasons for the disapproval ~~shall be~~  
16 ~~given by the inspector~~ to the QUALIFIED applicant. If the installation is  
17 hazardous to life or property, the inspector disapproving it may order the  
18 plumbing or gas service ~~thereto~~ TO THE INSTALLATION discontinued until  
19 the installation is rendered safe. The QUALIFIED applicant may appeal the  
20 disapproval to the board, and THE BOARD shall ~~be granted~~ GRANT THE  
21 QUALIFIED APPLICANT a hearing ~~by the board~~ within seven days after  
22 notice of appeal is filed with the board.

23 (II) After ~~removal of~~ REMOVING the cause of the disapproval, the  
24 QUALIFIED applicant shall ~~make application~~ APPLY for reinspection in the  
25 same manner as for the original inspection and pay the required  
26 reinspection fee.

27 (3) (a) All ~~inspection~~ permits issued by the board are valid for a

1 period of twelve months. The board shall close a permit and mark its  
2 status as "expired" at the end of the twelve-month renewal period, except  
3 in the following circumstances:

4 (I) If ~~an~~ A QUALIFIED applicant ~~makes a showing~~ DEMONSTRATES  
5 at the time of application for a permit that the plumbing or gas piping  
6 work is substantial and is likely to take longer than twelve months, the  
7 board may issue a permit to be valid for a period longer than twelve  
8 months, but not exceeding three years.

9 (II) If the QUALIFIED applicant notifies the board prior to the  
10 expiration of the twelve-month period of extenuating circumstances, as  
11 determined by the board, during the twelve-month period, the board may  
12 extend the validity of the permit for a period not to exceed six months.

13 (b) If A QUALIFIED APPLICANT REQUESTS an inspection ~~is requested~~  
14 ~~by an applicant~~ after a permit has expired or has been canceled, THE  
15 QUALIFIED APPLICANT MUST APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED a new permit  
16 ~~must be applied for and granted~~ before an inspection is performed.

17 (7) (a) Any person claiming to be aggrieved by the failure of a  
18 state plumbing inspector to inspect ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S property after  
19 proper application or by notice of disapproval without setting forth the  
20 reasons for denying the ~~inspection~~ permit may request the program  
21 administrator to review the actions of the plumbing inspector or the  
22 manner of the inspection. The request may be made by the person's  
23 authorized representative and shall be in writing.

24 (10) (b) (I) Inspections performed by an inspecting entity must  
25 include, for each project, a contemporaneous review to ensure compliance  
26 with sections 12-155-108 and 12-155-124. A contemporaneous review  
27 may include a full or partial review of the plumbers and apprentices

1 working at a job site being inspected.

2 (II) To ensure that enforcement is consistent, timely, and efficient,  
3 each inspecting entity employing inspectors shall develop standard  
4 procedures to advise its inspectors on how to conduct a contemporaneous  
5 review. An inspecting entity's standard procedures need not require a  
6 contemporaneous review for each inspection of a project, but the  
7 procedures must preserve an inspector's ability to verify compliance with  
8 sections 12-155-108 and 12-155-124 at any time. Each inspecting entity's  
9 procedures must include provisions that allow for inspectors to:

10 (A) Conduct occasional, random, on-site inspections while actual  
11 plumbing work is being conducted, with a focus on large commercial and  
12 multi-family residential projects permitted by the inspecting entity; AND

13 (B) REQUEST DOCUMENTATION INDICATING WHO PERFORMED THE  
14 PLUMBING WORK TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 12-155-108  
15 AND 12-155-124.

16 (III) Each inspecting entity subject to ~~this~~ subsection (10)(b)(II)  
17 OF THIS SECTION, including the state, shall post its current procedures  
18 regarding contemporaneous reviews in a prominent location on its public  
19 website and provide the director with a link to the web page on which the  
20 procedures have been posted or, if an inspecting entity does not have a  
21 website, provide its current procedures to the director for posting on the  
22 board's website.

23 ~~(HH)~~ (IV) An inspector may file a complaint with the board for any  
24 violation of this article 155.

25 (11) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "QUALIFIED APPLICANT" MEANS:

26 (a) A LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER, INCLUDING A LICENSED MASTER  
27 PLUMBER WHO IS OPERATING AS A SOLE PROPRIETOR, SO LONG AS THE

1 LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER IS ALSO A REGISTERED PLUMBING  
2 CONTRACTOR;

3 (b) A LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER WHO IS DIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY  
4 A REGISTERED PLUMBING CONTRACTOR; OR

5 (c) A HOMEOWNER PERFORMING WORK ON THE HOMEOWNER'S  
6 HOME.

7 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-155-124, **amend**  
8 (1) as follows:

9 **12-155-124. Apprentices - supervision - rules - definition -**  
10 **repeal.** (1) (a) Any person may work as a plumbing apprentice for a  
11 registered plumbing contractor but shall not do any plumbing work for  
12 which a license is required pursuant to this article 155 except under the  
13 supervision of a licensed plumber. Supervision requires that a licensed  
14 plumber supervise PLUMBING apprentices at the job site.

15 (b) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION,  
16 one licensed journeyman plumber, master plumber, or residential plumber  
17 shall not supervise more than three ~~apprentice plumbers~~ PLUMBING  
18 APPRENTICES at the same job site. ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2025, THIS  
19 SUBSECTION (1)(b) APPLIES ONLY TO RESIDENTIAL JOB SITES.

20 (c) (I) (A) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2025, AND BEFORE JULY 1, 2028,  
21 ONE LICENSED JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER, MASTER PLUMBER, OR  
22 RESIDENTIAL PLUMBER SHALL NOT SUPERVISE MORE THAN TWO PLUMBING  
23 APPRENTICES AT THE SAME JOB SITE THAT IS NOT A RESIDENTIAL JOB SITE.

24 (B) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(c)(I) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
25 2028.

26 (II) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2028, ONE LICENSED JOURNEYMAN  
27 PLUMBER, MASTER PLUMBER, OR RESIDENTIAL PLUMBER SHALL NOT

1 SUPERVISE MORE THAN ONE PLUMBING APPRENTICE AT THE SAME JOB SITE  
2 THAT IS NOT A RESIDENTIAL JOB SITE.

3 (d) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1), "RESIDENTIAL JOB SITE"  
4 MEANS A JOB SITE AT WHICH PLUMBING WORK IS PERFORMED AND THAT IS  
5 A ONE-, TWO-, THREE-, OR FOUR-FAMILY DWELLING THAT DOES NOT  
6 EXTEND MORE THAN TWO STORIES ABOVEGROUND.

7 **SECTION 9. 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, or safety.