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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE FIRE SUPPRESSION PROGRAMS OF THE DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT'S 2025 SUNSET REPORT.

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/.)

Sunset Process - House Transportation, Housing, and Local Government Committee. The bill implements the recommendations of

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the department of regulatory agencies in its 2025 sunset review and report.

Sections 1 and **2** of the bill continue the fire suppression programs of the division of fire prevention and control for 11 years until 2037 (*recommendation 1*).

Sections 3 through **5** modify certain provisions of the fire suppression programs of the division of fire prevention and control to replace gender-specific terminology with gender-neutral terminology (*recommendation 2*).

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1209, **amend** (2) as follows:

24-33.5-1209. Repeal of sections.

(2) Sections 24-33.5-1204.5, 24-33.5-1206.1, 24-33.5-1206.2, 24-33.5-1206.3, 24-33.5-1206.4, 24-33.5-1206.5, 24-33.5-1206.6, and 24-33.5-1207.6, concerning programs for fire suppression administered by the division ~~of fire prevention and control~~, and this section are repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2026~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2037. Before the repeal, the programs administered pursuant to those sections are scheduled for review in accordance with section 24-34-104.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal** (27)(a)(XIII); and **add** (38)(a)(II) as follows:

24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative declaration - repeal.

(27) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2026:

(XIII) ~~The fire suppression programs of the division of fire prevention and control created in sections 24-33.5-1204.5,~~

~~24-33.5-1206.1, 24-33.5-1206.2, 24-33.5-1206.3, 24-33.5-1206.4, 24-33.5-1206.5, 24-33.5-1206.6, and 24-33.5-1207.6;~~

(38) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2037:

(II) THE FIRE SUPPRESSION PROGRAMS OF THE DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL CREATED IN SECTIONS 24-33.5-1204.5, 24-33.5-1206.1, 24-33.5-1206.2, 24-33.5-1206.3, 24-33.5-1206.4, 24-33.5-1206.5, 24-33.5-1206.6, AND 24-33.5-1207.6.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1206.2, **amend** (2)(a) as follows:

24-33.5-1206.2. Job registration and plan review.

(2) (a) Any working plans and hydraulic calculations submitted for review by the administrator or by a certified local fire suppression inspector pursuant to ~~subparagraph (II) of paragraph (b) of subsection (1)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) of this section must bear the signature and certification number of either a licensed professional engineer or a level three or higher engineering technician (fire suppression engineering technology - automatic sprinkler design or fire suppression engineering technology - special hazards system layout), whichever is relevant to the particular job or design, certified by the national institute for the certification of engineering technologists. Such licensed professional engineer or engineering technician shall certify that ~~he or she has~~ THEY HAVE reviewed the plan and design and ~~finds~~ FIND that it meets the applicable standards adopted by the administrator for fire safety and that it is adequately designed to meet the system requirements.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1206.4, **amend** (2)(c) and (3)(c)(II) as follows:

24-33.5-1206.4. System approval, inspection, and inspectors.

(2) (c) The administrator or ~~his~~ THE ADMINISTRATOR'S agent shall be available to provide such fire safety inspections to any county, municipality, or special district on a contractual or job-by-job basis. The county, municipality, or special district shall pay the actual costs of such inspections by the administrator or ~~his~~ THE ADMINISTRATOR'S agents.

(3) Every inspection of a fire suppression system conducted pursuant to this part 12 shall be by a person certified as having met the inspection training requirements set by the administrator. Such person shall:

(c) (II) Have demonstrated to the administrator that the applicant has met such other equivalent qualifications, including but not limited to education and experience, as may be prescribed by rule ~~and regulation~~. If the head of a county, municipality, or special district that has fire suppression system enforcement responsibility determines that the applicant has met the qualifications adopted pursuant to this ~~subparagraph (II)~~ SUBSECTION (3)(c)(II), then ~~he~~ THEY shall notify the administrator, who shall certify the applicant; or

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1206.6, **amend** (2)(d), (4), and (5)(a) as follows:

24-33.5-1206.6. Unlawful acts - civil penalties - disciplinary actions.

(2) In addition to the penalties provided in subsection (1) of this section, the administrator may withhold, deny, suspend, or revoke the registration or certification of any registered fire suppression contractor or certified fire safety inspector or applicant therefor if the administrator finds, upon proof, that any such person has committed any of the

following:

(d) Performing any services in a negligent manner or permitting any of ~~his~~ THEIR agents or employees to perform services in a grossly negligent manner, regardless of whether actual damage or damages to the public is established;

(4) A person acting as a fire suppression contractor may not bring any legal action to collect compensation due for performing any act for which registration is required pursuant to section 24-33.5-1206.1 unless such contractor alleges and proves that ~~he was~~ THEY WERE duly registered under said section at the time the alleged cause of action arose.

(5) (a) Any person who provides testimony with respect to a disciplinary matter and any person who lodges a complaint pursuant to this section ~~shall be~~ IS immune from liability in any civil action brought against such person for acts occurring while acting in ~~his or her~~ THEIR capacity as a witness or complainant.

SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.