



## **HB25-1077**

**SHORT TITLE:** Backflow Prevention Devices Requirement

**LONG TITLE:** Concerning requirements for individuals who work on backflow prevention devices, and, in connection therewith, removing the licensure requirement for individuals who inspect, test, or repair the devices.

**SPONSORS:** Representatives Lieder and Ricks/Senators Roberts and Rich

**COMMITTEES:** House Business Affairs & Labor and Senate Business, Labor & Technology Committee

**PURPOSE OF THE BILL:** To enlarge the number of qualified professionals that may inspect, test, or repair backflow devices and repeal a limitation placed in previous legislation during the Plumbing Board Sunset Review.

**PROPONENTS OF THE BILL:** Water utilities, municipalities

**POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS:** Water utilities, certified technicians

**BACKGROUND:** During the final action on the Plumbing Board Sunset Review legislation in 2024, an amendment was added that limited inspection, testing and repair of backflow devices to licensed plumbers. This caused immediate concern when the water services community realized the result. Various options were explored to mitigate the impact including delayed implementation and immediate reversal during the 2025 legislative session. The Water Resources and Agricultural Review Committee recommended this bill.

**Is this bill necessary this year?** Yes. Legislation adopted in 2024 restricted the inspection, testing and repair of backflow devices to licensed plumbers. This impaired the ability of professionals previously providing those services to continue working and delayed the services as there are insufficient licensed plumbers in Colorado to accomplish the work.

**How does the bill change current law?** It repeals the restriction to licensed plumbers and adds the enumeration of those professionals who may conduct the work. but retains the licensure requirements for individuals engaged in the installation or removal of the devices. It also requires that those conducting the work affix a tag on the device noting the name and contact information for the person providing the service, a description of the service, and the date the services were provided. The bill clarifies that CDPHE does not inspect or otherwise oversee the resulting work.

**Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system?** No.

**How is the bill implemented?** The bill is self-executing. Professionals providing cross-connection services must affix a tag to the device with the required information.

**Practical considerations:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** No fiscal impact