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Colorado Revised Statutes Pertaining to Industrial Hygienists

24-30-1402. Definitions:

(2.2) "Industrial hygienist" means an individual who has obtained a baccalaureate or graduate degree in industrial hygiene, biology, chemistry, engineering, physics, or a closely related physical or biological science from an accredited college or university. The special studies and training of such individual shall be sufficient in the cognate sciences to provide the ability and competency to:

(a) Anticipate and recognize the environmental factors and stresses associated with work and work operations and to understand their effects on individuals and their well-being;

(b) Evaluate on the basis of training and experience and with the aid of quantitative measurement techniques the magnitude of such environmental factors and stresses in terms of their ability to impair human health and well-being;

(c) (I) Prescribe methods to prevent, eliminate, control, or reduce such factors and stresses and their effects.

(II) Any individual who has practiced within the scope of the meaning of industrial hygiene for a period of not less than five years immediately prior to July 1, 1997, is exempt from the degree requirements set forth in this subsection (2.2).

(III) Any individual who has a two-year associate of applied science degree in environmental science from an accredited college or university and in addition not less than four years practice immediately prior to July 1, 1997, within the scope of the meaning of industrial hygiene is exempt from the degree requirements set forth in this subsection (2.2).

(3.5) "Practice of industrial hygiene" means the performance of professional services, including but not limited to consulting, investigating, sampling, or testing in connection with the anticipation, recognition, evaluation, and control of those environmental factors or stresses arising in or from the workplace that may cause sickness, impaired health, or significant discomfort to workers or the public. "Practice of industrial hygiene" includes but is not limited to the identification, sampling, and testing of chemical, physical, biological, and ergonomic stresses and the development of physical, administrative,

personal protective equipment, and training methods to prevent, eliminate, control, or reduce such factors and stresses and their effects. The term does not include the practice of architecture, as defined in section 12-4-102 (5), C.R.S., or the practice of engineering, as defined in section 12-25-102 (10), C.R.S.

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Cross references: For the legislative declaration contained in the 1995 act amending this section, see section 112 of chapter 167, Session Laws of Colorado 1995.