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**SENATE BILL 19-155** 

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#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

| 101 | CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF  |
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| 102 | ACCOUNTANCY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,         |
| 103 | IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE  |
| 104 | 2018 SUNSET REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY |
| 105 | AGENCIES.  |

## **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 <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov/">http://leg.colorado.gov/</a>.)

Sunset Process - Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee. The bill implements the recommendations of the department

SENATE 3rd Reading Unamended April 11, 2019

> SENATE Amended 2nd Reading April 10, 2019

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.

Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

of regulatory agencies' sunset review and report on the state board of accountancy by:

- ! Continuing the functions of the board for 11 years, until 2030 (sections 1 and 2 of the bill);
- ! Making the use of fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or the demonstration of incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility, grounds for discipline (section 8);
- ! Clarifying that foreign corporations operating a Colorado office must register with the board and adding "limited liability partnership" to the list of business types that must register (section 7);
- ! Permitting a chartered global management accountant who is not a certified public accountant to use the title "chartered global management accountant" and the abbreviation "C.G.M.A." if the person does not provide services that require certification (sections 4 and 6);
- ! Authorizing the board to take disciplinary action against uncertified or unregistered persons, including resident managers, if they provide services that require certification or registration (section 8);
- ! Allowing a person to request inactive status via any board-approved method (section 5); and
- ! Making technical changes (sections 5, 9, and 10).

**Section 3** updates the names of several regional accrediting agencies.

**Sections 11 through 19** make conforming amendments to harmonize the bill with House Bill 19-1172, the bill to recodify and reorganize title 12.

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

2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, repeal

- 3 (16)(a)(IV); and **add** (31)(a)(II) as follows:
- 4 24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies
- 5 and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment legislative
- 6 **declaration repeal.** (16) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
- 7 will repeal on July 1, 2019:
- 8 (IV) The state board of accountancy created in article 2 of title 12,

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| 1  | <del>C.R.S.;</del>  |
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| 2  | (31) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled      |
| 3  | for repeal on September 1, 2030:  |
| 4  | (II) THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY CREATED IN ARTICLE 2                |
| 5  | OF TITLE 12.  |
| 6  | SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 12-2-132 as              |
| 7  | follows:  |
| 8  | 12-2-132. Repeal of article. (1) This article ARTICLE 2 is              |
| 9  | repealed, effective July 1, 2019 SEPTEMBER 1, 2030.                     |
| 10 | (2) Prior to such BEFORE THE repeal, the state board of                 |
| 11 | accountancy shall be reviewed as provided in IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW    |
| 12 | IN ACCORDANCE WITH section 24-34-104. C.R.S.                            |
| 13 | SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-2-102, amend the            |
| 14 | introductory portion and (1)(a) as follows:                             |
| 15 | <b>12-2-102. Definitions.</b> As used in this article ARTICLE 2, unless |
| 16 | the context otherwise requires:   |
| 17 | (1) "Accredited college or university" means either:                    |
| 18 | (a) A college or university which THAT is accredited by one of the      |
| 19 | following regional accrediting agencies OR THEIR SUCCESSOR AGENCIES:    |
| 20 | (I) The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools;              |
| 21 | (II) The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;             |
| 22 | (III) The New England Association of Schools and Colleges;              |
| 23 | (IV) The northwest association of schools and colleges                  |
| 24 | NORTHWEST COMMISSION ON COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES;                      |
| 25 | (V) The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;                   |
| 26 | (VI) The ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR SCHOOLS, Western                    |
| 27 | Association of Schools and Colleges; or                                 |

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| 1  | SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-2-115, amend                     |
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| 2  | (3)(a); and <b>add</b> (4)(c) as follows:                                    |
| 3  | 12-2-115. Use of the title "certified public accountant".                    |
| 4  | (3) (a) Except as authorized in subsection (4) of this section, a person     |
| 5  | shall not assume or use the title or designation "certified public           |
| 6  | accountant", the abbreviation "C.P.A.", or any other title, designation,     |
| 7  | words, letters, abbreviation, sign, card, or device tending to indicate that |
| 8  | such THE person is a certified public accountant unless the person holds     |
| 9  | a certificate as a certified public accountant issued under this article     |
| 10 | ARTICLE 2 or under the laws of any other state. A person who is inactive     |
| 11 | pursuant to section 12-2-122.5 SECTION 12-2-115.5 (2) may use the title      |
| 12 | "inactive certified public accountant" or "inactive C.P.A."                  |
| 13 | (4) (c) An individual subject to section 12-2-120 (6)(a)(II)(C)              |
| 14 | MAY USE THE TITLE OR DESIGNATION "CHARTERED GLOBAL MANAGEMENT                |
| 15 | ACCOUNTANT", THE ABBREVIATION "C.G.M.A.", OR ANY OTHER TITLE,                |
| 16 | DESIGNATION, WORDS, LETTERS, ABBREVIATION, SIGN, CARD, OR DEVICE             |
| 17 | TENDING TO INDICATE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS A CHARTERED GLOBAL                |
| 18 | MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT, BUT ONLY IF THE TITLE OR DESIGNATION:                 |
| 19 | (I) IS CONFERRED BY A BONA FIDE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED                        |
| 20 | ACCOUNTING ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CPAS               |
| 21 | OR THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS, OR                     |
| 22 | THEIR SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATIONS; AND   |
| 23 | (II) DOES NOT PURPORT TO CONFER THE RIGHT TO PERFORM AUDIT,                  |
| 24 | ATTESTATION, OR COMPILATION SERVICES PROHIBITED TO BE PERFORMED              |
| 25 | BY SECTION 12-2-120 (6)(a) BY AN INDIVIDUAL THAT DOES NOT HAVE AN            |
| 26 | ACTIVE CERTIFICATE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.                           |
| 27 | SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend with                          |

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### amended and relocated provisions 12-2-115.5 as follows:

- 12-2-115.5. Status retired inactive. (1) Retired status.

  (a) Any person who has received from the board and holds a certificate of certified public accountant, including an expired certificate of certified public accountant that remains subject to renewal, reactivation, or reinstatement, may apply to the board for retired status. The board may grant such RETIRED status by issuing a retired status certificate of certified public accountant to any person who meets established conditions prescribed by the board.
- (2) (b) Any person issued a retired status certificate of certified public accountant may be styled and known as a "retired certified public accountant" or "retired C.P.A."
- (3) (c) During such THE time as a certified public accountant remains in a retired status, such THE person shall not perform those acts set forth in section 12-2-120 (6)(a) and (6)(b). The board shall retain RETAINS jurisdiction over retired status certified public accountants.
- (1) (2) [Formerly 12-2-122.5] Inactive status. (a) The holder of a certificate of certified public accountant, upon written notice by first class mail to the board IN ANY FORM OR MANNER DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD, shall have his or her THE HOLDER'S name transferred to an inactive list and shall not be required to comply with the continuing education requirements for certificate renewal pursuant to section 12-2-119 so long as he or she THE HOLDER remains inactive. Each inactive certificant shall register in the same manner as active certificate holders and pay a fee pursuant to section 12-2-108 (3). At such time as an inactive certificant wishes To resume the practice of public accounting as a certified public accountant, he or she shall THE HOLDER MUST file an

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| 1  | application, therefor, meet any education requirements imposed by the       |
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| 2  | board, and pay a fee as established by the director of the division of      |
| 3  | professions and occupations within the department of regulatory agencies.   |
| 4  | (2) (b) During such THE time as a certified public accountant               |
| 5  | remains in an inactive status, the certified public accountant shall not    |
| 6  | perform those acts restricted to active certified public accountants        |
| 7  | pursuant to section 12-2-120 (6)(a). The board shall retain RETAINS         |
| 8  | jurisdiction over inactive certified public accountants for the purposes of |
| 9  | disciplinary action pursuant to section 12-2-123.                           |
| 10 | SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-2-119, amend (5)                |
| 11 | and (9) as follows:   |
| 12 | 12-2-119. Continuing education. (5) (a) As a condition of                   |
| 13 | renewing, reactivating, or reinstating a certificate of certified public    |
| 14 | accountant, every applicant shall comply with continuing education          |
| 15 | requirements adopted by the board.  |
| 16 | (b) A NONRESIDENT CERTIFICATE HOLDER APPLYING TO RENEW,                     |
| 17 | REACTIVATE, OR REINSTATE A CERTIFICATE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC                  |
| 18 | ACCOUNTANT ISSUED IN THIS STATE THAT DEMONSTRATES COMPLIANCE,               |
| 19 | THROUGH AN ATTESTATION SUBMITTED WITH A RENEWAL, REACTIVATION,              |
| 20 | OR REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION, WITH THE CONTINUING EDUCATION                 |
| 21 | REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL, REACTIVATION, OR REINSTATEMENT OF A               |
| 22 | CERTIFICATE IN THE STATE IN WHICH THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S                  |
| 23 | PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS LOCATED IS DEEMED TO HAVE SATISFIED          |
| 24 | THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.                      |
| 25 | (9) The board shall determine in each case whether a holder of              |
| 26 | certificate of certified public accountant has complied with continuing     |
| 27 | education requirements adopted by the board OR HAS DEMONSTRATED             |

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| I  | COMPLIANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (5)(b) OF THIS SECTION,             |
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| 2  | WITH THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE IN                    |
| 3  | WHICH THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS                 |
| 4  | LOCATED.  |
| 5  | SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-2-120, amend                      |
| 6  | (6)(a)(II) introductory portion; and add (6)(a)(II)(C) and (6)(a)(II)(D) as   |
| 7  | follows:  |
| 8  | 12-2-120. Unlawful acts. (6) (a) (II) No A person, partnership,               |
| 9  | professional corporation, or limited liability company shall NOT, without     |
| 10 | an active certificate of certified public accountant or a valid registration: |
| 11 | (C) Offer audit or attest services to the public if the                       |
| 12 | INDIVIDUAL USES A TITLE OR DESIGNATION SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-2-115          |
| 13 | (4)(c) RELATING TO CHARTERED GLOBAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS;                   |
| 14 | OR  |
| 15 | (D) ESTABLISH, PARTICIPATE IN, OR PROMOTE A BUSINESS THAT                     |
| 16 | USES A TITLE OR DESIGNATION SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-2-115 (4)(c)              |
| 17 | RELATING TO CHARTERED GLOBAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS IN ITS                    |
| 18 | MARKETING IF THE BUSINESS IS NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED PURSUANT                |
| 19 | TO THIS ARTICLE 2.  |
| 20 | SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-2-121, amend                      |
| 21 | (2)(a) as follows:  |
| 22 | 12-2-121. Exceptions - acts not prohibited - rules.                           |
| 23 | (2) (a) (I) Nothing in this article shall prohibit ARTICLE 2 PROHIBITS a      |
| 24 | certified public accountant whose principal place of business is located      |
| 25 | in another state or jurisdiction of the United States from practicing in this |
| 26 | state on professional business, as defined by rules promulgated by the        |
| 27 | board. Such THE practice shall be conducted in conformity with rules          |

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| 1  | promulgated by the board.  |
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| 2  | (II) Notwithstanding the requirements of section 12-2-117, a                 |
| 3  | foreign partnership, corporation, limited partnership, LIMITED LIABILITY     |
| 4  | PARTNERSHIP, limited liability limited partnership, or limited liability     |
| 5  | company may engage in the practice of accountancy in this state without      |
| 6  | registering with the board IF THE PRACTICE IS INCIDENT TO THE ENTITY'S       |
| 7  | REGULAR PRACTICE OUTSIDE THIS STATE, AS DEFINED BY THE BOARD. THE            |
| 8  | ENTITY SHALL CONDUCT THE PRACTICE IN CONFORMITY WITH RULES                   |
| 9  | PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD.  |
| 10 | <b>SECTION 9.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-2-123, amend (1)          |
| 11 | introductory portion and (1)(j); and add (1)(s) as follows:                  |
| 12 | 12-2-123. Grounds for disciplinary action - administrative                   |
| 13 | penalties. (1) After notice and hearing as provided in section 12-2-125,     |
| 14 | the board may deny the issuance of, refuse to renew, revoke, or suspend      |
| 15 | any certificate of a certified public accountant issued under this article 2 |
| 16 | or any prior law of this state or may fine, issue a letter of admonition to, |
| 17 | or place on probation the holder of any certificate and impose other         |
| 18 | conditions or limitations ON A PERSON for any of the following causes:       |
| 19 | (j) Providing public accounting services to the public for a fee             |
| 20 | Without an active certificate of certified public accountant or a valid      |
| 21 | registration:  |
| 22 | (I) PROVIDING CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING SERVICES TO THE                    |
| 23 | PUBLIC FOR A FEE; or   |
| 24 | (II) Acting as a member, partner, or shareholder RESIDENT                    |
| 25 | MANAGER of a partnership or professional corporation registered pursuant     |
| 26 | AN ENTITY THAT IS SUBJECT to section 12-2-117;                               |
| 27 | (s) Fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices or                          |

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| 1  | DEMONSTRATED INCOMPETENCE, UNTRUSTWORTHINESS, OR FINANCIAL              |
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| 2  | IRRESPONSIBILITY IN COLORADO, ANOTHER STATE, A UNITED STATES            |
| 3  | TERRITORY, OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY.  |
| 4  | SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-2-126, amend               |
| 5  | (1)(b)(II)(A) as follows:   |
| 6  | 12-2-126. Investigations, examinations, and cease-and-desist            |
| 7  | orders against unlawful act. (1) (b) (II) Upon completing an            |
| 8  | investigation, the board shall make one of the following findings:      |
| 9  | (A) The complaint is without merit MERIT, and no further action         |
| 10 | need be taken.  |
| 11 | SECTION 11. Repeal of relocated provisions in this act. In              |
| 12 | Colorado Revised Statutes, repeal 12-2-122.5.                           |
| 13 | SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-100-103, amend             |
| 14 | as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (1)(a) as follows:                   |
| 15 | <b>12-100-103. Definitions.</b> As used in this article 100, unless the |
| 16 | context otherwise requires:   |
| 17 | (1) "Accredited college or university" means either:                    |
| 18 | (a) A college or university that is accredited by one of the            |
| 19 | following regional accrediting agencies OR THEIR SUCCESSOR AGENCIES:    |
| 20 | (I) The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools;              |
| 21 | (II) The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;             |
| 22 | (III) The New England Association of Schools and Colleges;              |
| 23 | (IV) The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges                  |
| 24 | NORTHWEST COMMISSION ON COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES;                      |
| 25 | (V) The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;                   |
| 26 | (VI) The ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR SCHOOLS, Western                    |
| 27 | Association of Schools and Colleges; or                                 |

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| 1  | SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-100-112, amend                        |
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| 2  | as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (3)(a); and add as relocated by                 |
| 3  | <b>House Bill 19-1172</b> (4)(c) as follows:                                       |
| 4  | 12-100-112. Use of the title "certified public accountant".                        |
| 5  | (3) (a) Except as authorized in subsection (4) of this section, a person           |
| 6  | shall not assume or use the title or designation "certified public                 |
| 7  | accountant", the abbreviation "C.P.A.", or any other title, designation,           |
| 8  | words, letters, abbreviation, sign, card, or device tending to indicate that       |
| 9  | the person is a certified public accountant unless the person holds a              |
| 10 | certificate as a certified public accountant issued under this article 100 or      |
| 11 | under the laws of any other state. A person who is inactive pursuant to            |
| 12 | section <del>12-100-119</del> 12-100-113 (2) may use the title "inactive certified |
| 13 | public accountant" or "inactive C.P.A."  |
| 14 | (4) (c) AN INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT TO SECTION 12-100-116                                |
| 15 | (1)(a)(II)(C) MAY USE THE TITLE OR DESIGNATION "CHARTERED GLOBAL                   |
| 16 | MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT", THE ABBREVIATION "C.G.M.A.", OR ANY                        |
| 17 | OTHER TITLE, DESIGNATION, WORDS, LETTERS, ABBREVIATION, SIGN, CARD,                |
| 18 | OR DEVICE TENDING TO INDICATE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS A CHARTERED                   |
| 19 | GLOBAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT, BUT ONLY IF THE TITLE OR                             |
| 20 | DESIGNATION:   |
| 21 | (I) IS CONFERRED BY A BONA FIDE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED                              |
| 22 | ACCOUNTING ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CPAS                     |
| 23 | OR THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS, OR                           |
| 24 | THEIR SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATIONS; AND   |
| 25 | (II) DOES NOT PURPORT TO CONFER THE RIGHT TO PERFORM AUDIT,                        |
| 26 | ATTESTATION, OR COMPILATION SERVICES PROHIBITED TO BE PERFORMED                    |
| 27 | BY SECTION 12-100-116 (1)(a) BY AN INDIVIDUAL THAT DOES NOT HAVE                   |

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| 1  | AN ACTIVE CERTIFICATE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.                            |
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| 2  | SECTION 14. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend as relocated                     |
| 3  | by House Bill 19-1172 with amended and relocated provisions                      |
| 4  | 12-100-113 as follows:   |
| 5  | 12-100-113. Status - retired - inactive. (1) Retired status.                     |
| 6  | (a) Any person who has received from the board and holds a certificate           |
| 7  | of certified public accountant, including an expired certificate of certified    |
| 8  | public accountant that remains subject to renewal, reactivation, or              |
| 9  | reinstatement, may apply to the board for retired status. The board may          |
| 10 | grant retired status by issuing a retired status certificate of certified public |
| 11 | accountant to any person who meets established conditions prescribed by          |
| 12 | the board.   |
| 13 | (2) (b) Any person issued a retired status certificate of certified              |
| 14 | public accountant may be styled and known as a "retired certified public         |
| 15 | accountant" or "retired C.P.A."  |
| 16 | (3) (c) During the time a certified public accountant remains in a               |
| 17 | retired status, the person shall not perform those acts set forth in section     |
| 18 | 12-100-116 (1)(a) and (1)(b). The board shall retain RETAINS jurisdiction        |
| 19 | over retired status certified public accountants.                                |
| 20 | (1) (2) [Formerly 12-100-119] Inactive status. (a) The holder of                 |
| 21 | a certificate of certified public accountant, upon written notice by             |
| 22 | first-class mail to the board in any form or manner designated by the            |
| 23 | BOARD, shall have his or her THE HOLDER'S name transferred to an                 |
| 24 | inactive list and shall not be required to comply with the continuing            |
| 25 | education requirements for certificate renewal pursuant to section               |
| 26 | 12-100-115 so long as he or she THE HOLDER remains inactive. Each                |
| 27 | inactive certificant shall register in the same manner as active certificate     |

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| 1  | holders and pay a fee pursuant to section 12-20-202 (1). At such time as       |
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| 2  | an inactive certificant wishes To resume the practice of public accounting     |
| 3  | as a certified public accountant, he or she shall THE HOLDER MUST file an      |
| 4  | application, therefor, meet any education requirements imposed by the          |
| 5  | board, and pay a fee as established by the director.                           |
| 6  | (2) (b) During such THE time as a certified public accountant                  |
| 7  | remains in an inactive status, the certified public accountant shall not       |
| 8  | perform those acts restricted to active certified public accountants           |
| 9  | pursuant to section 12-100-116 (1)(a). The board shall retain RETAINS          |
| 10 | jurisdiction over inactive certified public accountants for the purposes of    |
| 11 | disciplinary action pursuant to section 12-100-120.                            |
| 12 | SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-100-115, amend                    |
| 13 | as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (1) and (5) as follows:                     |
| 14 | 12-100-115. Continuing education - rules. (1) (a) As a                         |
| 15 | condition of renewing, reactivating, or reinstating a certificate of certified |
| 16 | public accountant, every applicant shall comply with continuing                |
| 17 | education requirements adopted by the board.                                   |
| 18 | (b) A NONRESIDENT CERTIFICATE HOLDER APPLYING TO RENEW,                        |
| 19 | REACTIVATE, OR REINSTATE A CERTIFICATE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC                     |
| 20 | ACCOUNTANT ISSUED IN THIS STATE THAT DEMONSTRATES COMPLIANCE,                  |
| 21 | THROUGH AN ATTESTATION SUBMITTED WITH A RENEWAL, REACTIVATION,                 |
| 22 | OR REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION, WITH THE CONTINUING EDUCATION                    |
| 23 | REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL, REACTIVATION, OR REINSTATEMENT OF A                  |
| 24 | CERTIFICATE IN THE STATE IN WHICH THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S                     |
| 25 | PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS LOCATED IS DEEMED TO HAVE SATISFIED             |
| 26 | THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.                         |
| 27 | (5) The board shall determine in each case whether a holder of                 |

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| 1  | certificate of certified public accountant has complied with continuing      |
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| 2  | education requirements adopted by the board OR HAS DEMONSTRATED              |
| 3  | COMPLIANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION,            |
| 4  | WITH THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE IN                   |
| 5  | WHICH THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS                |
| 6  | LOCATED.   |
| 7  | <b>SECTION</b> <u>16.</u> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-100-116, amend    |
| 8  | as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (1)(a)(II) introductory portion; and      |
| 9  | add as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (1)(a)(II)(C) and (1)(a)(II)(D)       |
| 10 | as follows:  |
| 11 | <b>12-100-116.</b> Unlawful acts - definition. $(1)(a)(II)$ No A person,     |
| 12 | partnership, professional corporation, or limited liability company shall    |
| 13 | NOT, without an active certificate of certified public accountant or a valid |
| 14 | registration:  |
| 15 | (C) OFFER AUDIT OR ATTEST SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC IF THE                      |
| 16 | PERSON USES A TITLE OR DESIGNATION SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-100-112           |
| 17 | (4)(c) RELATING TO CHARTERED GLOBAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS;                  |
| 18 | OR   |
| 19 | (D) ESTABLISH, PARTICIPATE IN, OR PROMOTE A BUSINESS THAT                    |
| 20 | USES A TITLE OR DESIGNATION SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-100-112 (4)(c)           |
| 21 | RELATING TO CHARTERED GLOBAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS IN ITS                   |
| 22 | MARKETING IF THE BUSINESS IS NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED PURSUANT               |
| 23 | TO THIS ARTICLE 100.   |
| 24 | SECTION 17. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-100-117, amend                  |
| 25 | as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (2)(a) as follows:                        |
| 26 | 12-100-117. Exceptions - acts not prohibited - rules.                        |
| 27 | (2) (a) (I) Nothing in this article 100 shall prohibit PROHIBITS a certified |

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| 1  | public accountant whose principal place of business is located in another   |
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| 2  | state or jurisdiction of the United States from practicing in this state on |
| 3  | professional business, as defined by rules promulgated by the board. The    |
| 4  | practice shall be conducted in conformity with rules promulgated by the     |
| 5  | board.  |
| 6  | (II) Notwithstanding the requirements of section 12-100-114, a              |
| 7  | foreign partnership, corporation, limited partnership, LIMITED LIABILITY    |
| 8  | PARTNERSHIP, limited liability limited partnership, or limited liability    |
| 9  | company may engage in the practice of accountancy in this state without     |
| 10 | registering with the board IF THE PRACTICE IS INCIDENT TO THE ENTITY'S      |
| 11 | REGULAR PRACTICE OUTSIDE THIS STATE, AS DEFINED BY THE BOARD. THE           |
| 12 | ENTITY SHALL CONDUCT THE PRACTICE IN CONFORMITY WITH RULES                  |
| 13 | PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD.   |
| 14 | SECTION 18. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-100-120, amend                 |
| 15 | as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (1) introductory portion and (1)(h);     |
| 16 | and add as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (1)(o) as follows:               |
| 17 | 12-100-120. Grounds for disciplinary action - administrative                |
| 18 | penalties. (1) After notice and hearing as provided in section              |
| 19 | 12-100-123, the board may take disciplinary or other action as authorized   |
| 20 | in section 12-20-404 and impose other conditions or limitations ON A        |
| 21 | PERSON for any of the following causes:                                     |
| 22 | (h) Providing public accounting services to the public for a fee            |
| 23 | Without an active certificate of certified public accountant or a valid     |
| 24 | registration:   |
| 25 | (I) PROVIDING CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING SERVICES TO THE                   |
| 26 | PUBLIC FOR A FEE; or  |
| 27 | (II) Acting as a member, partner, or shareholder RESIDENT                   |

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| 1   | MANAGER of a partnership or professional corporation registered pursuant |
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| 2   | AN ENTITY THAT IS SUBJECT to section 12-100-114;                         |
| 3   | (o) FRAUDULENT, COERCIVE, OR DISHONEST PRACTICES OR                      |
| 4   | DEMONSTRATED INCOMPETENCE, UNTRUSTWORTHINESS, OR FINANCIAL               |
| 5   | IRRESPONSIBILITY IN COLORADO, ANOTHER STATE, A UNITED STATES             |
| 6   | TERRITORY, OR A FOREIGN COUNTRY.   |
| 7   | SECTION 19. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-100-124, amend              |
| 8   | as relocated by House Bill 19-1172 (2)(b)(I) as follows:                 |
| 9   | 12-100-124. Investigations - findings - board actions -                  |
| 10  | confidentiality of complaints. (2) (b) Upon completing an investigation, |
| 11  | the board shall make one of the following findings:                      |
| 12  | (I) The complaint is without merit MERIT, and no further action          |
| 13  | need be taken.   |
| 14  | SECTION 20. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend as relocated             |
| 15  | <b>by House Bill 19-1172</b> 12-100-130 as follows:                      |
| 16  | 12-100-130. Repeal of article. This article 100 is repealed,             |
| 17  | effective July 1, 2019 SEPTEMBER 1, 2030. Before the repeal, the state   |
| 18  | board of accountancy is scheduled for review in accordance with section  |
| 19  | 24-34-104.   |
| 20  | SECTION 21. Repeal of relocated provisions in this act. In               |
| 21  | Colorado Revised Statutes, repeal as relocated by House Bill 19-1172     |
| 22  | 12-100-119.  |
| 23  | <b>SECTION <u>22.</u></b> Effective date - applicability. (1) This act:  |
| 24  | (a) Takes effect July 1, 2019; except that sections <u>12 through 21</u> |
| 25  | of this act take effect only if House Bill 19-1172 becomes law, in which |
| 26  | case sections 12 through 21 take effect October 1, 2019; and             |
| 2.7 | (b) Applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable              |

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- 1 effective date of this act.
- 2 **SECTION <u>23.</u>** Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
- determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 4 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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