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HOUSE BILL 12-1041

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House Committees

Health and Environment
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN ELECTRONIC DEATH**
102 **REGISTRATION SYSTEM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
103 **AND ENVIRONMENT.**

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill directs the department of public health and environment to create an electronic death registration system for purposes of allowing persons responsible for reporting death information to the office of the state registrar of vital statistics to do so electronically.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-2-110, **amend** (1)
3 as follows:

4 **25-2-110. Certificates of death - repeal.** (1) (a) A certificate of
5 death for each death, including a stillborn death, ~~which~~ THAT occurs in
6 Colorado ~~shall~~ MUST be filed with the state registrar or as otherwise
7 directed by the state registrar, within five days after ~~such~~ THE death
8 occurs and prior to final disposition. ~~and shall be registered~~ THE STATE
9 REGISTRAR SHALL REGISTER THE CERTIFICATE if it has been completed in
10 accordance with this section. Every certificate of death ~~shall~~ MUST
11 identify the decedent's social security number, if available. If the place of
12 death is unknown but the dead body is found in Colorado, the certificate
13 of death ~~shall~~ MUST be completed and filed in accordance with this
14 section. The place where the body is found ~~shall~~ MUST be shown as the
15 place of death. If the date of death is unknown, ~~it shall~~ THE DATE MUST be
16 determined by approximation.

17 (b) (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
18 SHALL CREATE AND THE STATE REGISTRAR SHALL USE AN ELECTRONIC
19 DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING DEATH
20 INFORMATION FROM FUNERAL DIRECTORS, CORONERS, PHYSICIANS, LOCAL
21 REGISTRARS, HEALTH FACILITIES, AND OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS,
22 AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT. DEATH INFORMATION SUBMITTED
23 ELECTRONICALLY BY A FUNERAL DIRECTOR, CORONER, PHYSICIAN, LOCAL
24 REGISTRAR, HEALTH FACILITY, OR AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL, AS
25 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO THE ELECTRONIC DEATH
26 REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR PURPOSES OF FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS

1 OF THIS SECTION SATISFIES THE SIGNATURE AND FILING REQUIREMENTS OF
2 THIS SECTION AND SECTION 30-10-606, C.R.S.

3 (II) NO LATER THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
4 THIS PARAGRAPH (b), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE HEALTH
5 AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR
6 ITS SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION
7 OF THE ELECTRONIC DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM. THE DEPARTMENT
8 SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT INFORMATION REGARDING WHETHER THE
9 DEPARTMENT HAS MODIFIED STAFFING LEVELS AND FEES SINCE THE
10 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYSTEM. THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II) IS REPEALED,
11 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2014.

12 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
13 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
15 7, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a
16 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
17 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
18 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
19 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
20 November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.