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**HOUSE BILL 12-1041**

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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, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING**  
104 **AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**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

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.

persons responsible for reporting death information to the office of the state registrar of vital statistics to do so electronically.

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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

1 REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR PURPOSES OF FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS  
2 OF THIS SECTION SATISFIES THE SIGNATURE AND FILING REQUIREMENTS OF  
3 THIS SECTION AND SECTION 30-10-606, C.R.S.

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 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II) IS REPEALED,  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

13 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) In addition to any other  
14 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the vital  
15 statistics records cash fund created in section 25-2-121 (2) (b), Colorado  
16 Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of public  
17 health and environment, center for health and environmental information  
18 division, health statistics and vital records subdivision, operating  
19 expenses, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, the sum of \$665,000,  
20 or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this  
21 act.

22 (2) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby  
23 appropriated, out of any moneys in the vital statistics records cash fund  
24 created in section 25-2-121 (2) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, not  
25 otherwise appropriated, to the department of public health and  
26 environment, center for health and environmental information division,  
27 information technology services subdivision, management and

1 administration of oit, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, the sum  
2 of \$78,940, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the  
3 implementation of this act.

4 (3) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby  
5 appropriated to the governor - lieutenant governor - state planning and  
6 budgeting, office of information technology division, management and  
7 administration of oit subdivision, statewide it management, for the fiscal  
8 year beginning July 1, 2012, the sum of \$78,940, or so much thereof as  
9 may be necessary, for allocation to the office of information technology  
10 for the provision of programming services to the department of public  
11 health and environment related to the implementation of this act. Said  
12 sum is from reappropriated funds received from the department of public  
13 health and environment out of the appropriation made in subsection (2)  
14 of this section.

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