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HOUSE BILL 14-1049

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Judiciary

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING OFFENSES AGAINST AN UNBORN CHILD.

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 provides that, if the commission of any crime codified in the criminal code or traffic code is the proximate cause of death or injury to an unborn member of the species homo sapiens, the prosecuting attorney, in charging the underlying offense, may also charge the homicide or assault offense that is appropriate to the death or injury.

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, **add** 18-1-506 as
3 follows:

4 **18-1-506. Construction of statutes regarding unborn members**
5 **of the species homo sapiens.** IF THE COMMISSION OF ANY CRIME CODIFIED
6 IN THIS TITLE OR TITLE 42, C.R.S., IS THE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF DEATH OR
7 INJURY TO AN UNBORN MEMBER OF THE SPECIES HOMO SAPIENS, THE
8 RESPECTIVE HOMICIDE AND ASSAULT CHARGES FOR THAT DEATH OR
9 INJURY MAY BE BROUGHT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE UNDERLYING
10 CHARGES.

11 **SECTION 2. Potential appropriation.** Pursuant to section
12 2-2-703, Colorado Revised Statutes, any bill that results in a net increase
13 in periods of imprisonment in the state correctional facilities must include
14 an appropriation of moneys that is sufficient to cover any increased
15 capital construction and operational costs for the first five fiscal years in
16 which there is a fiscal impact. Because this act may increase periods of
17 imprisonment, this act may require a five-year appropriation.

18 **SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
19 July 1, 2014, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

20 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
21 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.