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**REENGROSSED**

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**SENATE BILL 12-173**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING REPEAL OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT MENTAL HEALTH**  
102 **PROFESSIONALS MAKE CERTAIN DISCLOSURES VERBALLY.**

**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>.)*

In 2011 the general assembly required mental health professionals, including psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, registered psychotherapists, and addiction counselors, to begin making a variety of disclosures both verbally and in writing. The bill repeals the requirement that the

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.*

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3rd Reading Unamended  
May 3, 2012

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
May 2, 2012

disclosures be made verbally.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43-214, **amend**

3 (1) introductory portion as follows:

4 **12-43-214. Mandatory disclosure of information to clients.**

5 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, every  
6 licensee, registrant, or certificate holder shall provide the following  
7 information ~~verbally~~ and in writing to each client during the initial client  
8 contact:

9 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.