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STATE OF COLORADO

**REENGROSSED**

*This Version Includes All Amendments  
Adopted in the House of Introduction*

LLS NO. 12-0178.02 Bart Miller x2173

**SENATE BILL 12-093**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A LICENSED HOSPITAL PROVIDE**  
102 **NOTICE TO PATIENTS OF ANY SERVICE NOT PROVIDED BY THE**  
103 **HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF MORAL CONVICTIONS BASED ON**  
104 **RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.**

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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 requires hospitals licensed in Colorado to provide notice in a manner specified by the department of public health and environment

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.*

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unam ended  
February 29, 2012

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unam ended  
February 24, 2012

of all services that the hospital refuses to provide because of religious beliefs or moral convictions. The bill requires the notice to inform patients of their right to obtain any service not provided by the hospital because of religious beliefs or moral convictions from another hospital that does provide the service. Requires the notice to be made available prior to or at admission of the patient or as soon after admission as practicable.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-3-104.5 as  
3 follows:

4           **25-3-104.5. Mandatory disclosure of services not provided**  
5 **because of religious beliefs or moral convictions.** A HOSPITAL LICENSED  
6 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE, IN A MANNER  
7 SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, OF  
8 ALL SERVICES THAT THE HOSPITAL REFUSES TO PROVIDE BECAUSE OF  
9 RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OR MORAL CONVICTIONS. THE NOTICE MUST INFORM  
10 PATIENTS OF THEIR RIGHT TO OBTAIN ANY SERVICE NOT PROVIDED BY THE  
11 HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OR MORAL CONVICTIONS FROM  
12 ANOTHER HOSPITAL THAT DOES PROVIDE THE SERVICE. THE HOSPITAL  
13 SHALL PROVIDE THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION PRIOR TO OR AT  
14 ADMISSION OF THE PATIENT OR AS SOON AFTER ADMISSION AS IS  
15 PRACTICABLE.

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