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HOUSE BILL 01-1286

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House Committees
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Health, Environment, Children & Families

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING FAITH HEALING IN THE CRIME OF CHILD ABUSE.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Repeals the faith healing exception to the crime of child abuse.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Repeal.** 18-6-401 (6), Colorado Revised Statutes,
3 is repealed as follows:

4 **18-6-401. Child abuse.** (6) ~~A parent, guardian, or legal custodian~~

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
2nd Reading Unamended
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HOUSE
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HOUSE
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1 ~~who chooses and legitimately practices treatment by spiritual means~~
2 ~~through prayer in accordance with section 19-3-103, C.R.S., shall not be~~
3 ~~considered to have injured or endangered the child and to be criminally~~
4 ~~liable under the laws of this state solely because he fails to provide~~
5 ~~medical treatment for the child, unless such person inhibits or interferes~~
6 ~~with the provision of medical treatment for the child in accordance with~~
7 ~~a court order, or unless there is an additional reason, other than health~~
8 ~~care, to consider the said child to be injured or endangered.~~

9 **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take
10 effect July 1, 2001, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after said
11 date.

12 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.