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**HOUSE BILL 03-1224**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A PROHIBITION AGAINST THE ACCEPTANCE BY PUBLIC**  
102 **ENTITIES OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS THAT ARE NOT SECURE.**

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**Bill Summary**

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

Creates the "Secure and Verifiable Identity Document Act" (act).

Prohibits a public entity that provides services from accepting, relying upon, or utilizing an identification document to provide services unless the document is secure and verifiable. Prohibits a public entity or public official that is issuing an identification card, license, permit, or official document from accepting such documents.

Exempts crime reports and instances when a federal law mandates acceptance of a document. Abrogates governmental immunity for actions

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*

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HOUSE  
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HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 19, 2003

knowingly taken that violate the act.  
Defines relevant terms.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE to read:

4 **ARTICLE 72.1**

5 **Secure and Verifiable Identity Documents**

6 **24-72.1-101. Short title.** THIS ARTICLES SHALL BE KNOWN AND  
7 MAY BE CITED AS THE "SECURE AND VERIFIABLE IDENTITY DOCUMENT  
8 ACT".

9 **24-72.1-102. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE  
10 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

11 (1) "PUBLIC ENTITY" MEANS AN AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, BOARD,  
12 DIVISION, BUREAU, COMMISSION, COUNCIL, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF  
13 THE STATE.

14 (2) "PUBLIC OFFICIAL" MEANS AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED  
15 OFFICIAL, AN EMPLOYEE, OR AN AGENT OF A PUBLIC ENTITY.

16 (3) "SECURE AND VERIFIABLE DOCUMENT" MEANS A DOCUMENT  
17 ISSUED BY A STATE OR FEDERAL JURISDICTION THAT IS VERIFIABLE BY  
18 FEDERAL OR STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT, INTELLIGENCE, OR HOMELAND  
19 SECURITY AGENCIES.

20 **24-72.1-103. Identity documents - verifiable.** (1) A PUBLIC  
21 ENTITY THAT PROVIDES SERVICES SHALL NOT ACCEPT, RELY UPON, OR  
22 UTILIZE AN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNLESS IT  
23 IS A SECURE AND VERIFIABLE DOCUMENT.

24 (2) A PUBLIC ENTITY THAT IS ISSUING AN IDENTIFICATION CARD,  
25 LICENSE, PERMIT, OR OFFICIAL DOCUMENT SHALL NOT AUTHORIZE

1 ACCEPTANCE OF AN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT, NOR SHALL A PUBLIC  
2 OFFICIAL ACTING IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY ACCEPT AN IDENTIFICATION  
3 DOCUMENT BEFORE ISSUING SUCH DOCUMENTS, UNLESS SUCH  
4 IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT IS A SECURE AND VERIFIABLE DOCUMENT.

5 **24-72.1-104. Violations - immunity.** ACTIONS TAKEN IN  
6 KNOWING VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT BE PROTECTED BY  
7 GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY PROVIDED TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BY ARTICLE  
8 10 OF THIS TITLE.

9 **24-72.1-105. Applicability.** THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO  
10 A PERSON REPORTING A CRIME, A PUBLIC ENTITY OR OFFICIAL ACCEPTING  
11 A CRIME REPORT, CONDUCTING A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, OR PROVIDING  
12 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, OR INSTANCES WHEN A FEDERAL LAW  
13 MANDATES ACCEPTANCE OF A DOCUMENT.

14 **SECTION 2. Applicability.** This act shall apply to acts  
15 committed on or after the effective date of this act.

16 **SECTION 3. 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.