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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING A PROHIBITION AGAINST THE ACCEPTANCE BY PUBLIC ENTITIES OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS THAT ARE NOT SECURE.**Summary of Assessment**

The bill creates the "Secure and Verifiable Identity Document Act" governing the acceptance of documents by state and local government agencies in Colorado. Under the act, a public entity in Colorado that provides services would be prohibited from accepting, relying upon, or utilizing an identification document to provide services unless the document is secure and verifiable. The bill also prohibits a public entity or public official from issuing an identification card, license, permit, or official document, based on anything other than a secure and verifiable document.

The bill establishes an exemption for crime reports and instances when a federal law mandates acceptance of a document. Actions knowingly taken that violate the act would not be protected by governmental immunity. The bill defines a "secure and verifiable document" as a document issued by a state or federal jurisdiction that is verifiable by federal law enforcement, intelligence, or homeland security agencies.

The requirements of the bill will not affect any state or local government agency that currently only accepts verifiable documents issued by the state or federal government. However, the bill may limit the ability of local government agencies that currently acknowledge and accept certain other documents, such as the matricula consular identification cards issued by the Mexican Consulate. County clerk offices, for example, currently accept this form of identification for purposes of issuing a marriage license.

Overall, the bill is not expected to significantly affect state or local government revenues or expenditures. Therefore, it is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The bill would take effect upon signature of the Governor.

Departments Contacted

Law

Judicial

Public Safety

Revenue