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LLS NO. 09-0472.01 Jane Ritter

HOUSE BILL 09-1039

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING IN-STATE TUITION CLASSIFICATION FOR HONORABLY**
102 **DISCHARGED MILITARY VETERANS.**

Bill Summary

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

Grants honorably discharged members of the armed forces, and their dependents, in-state tuition status.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Article 7 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes, is

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.

1 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

2 **23-7-108.5. Tuition classification of armed forces veterans.**

3 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE
4 CONTRARY, AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES
5 OF THE UNITED STATES WHO MAINTAINS HIS OR HER SOLE RESIDENCE IN
6 COLORADO, OR A DEPENDENT OF SAID HONORABLY DISCHARGED MEMBER
7 OF THE ARMED FORCES, SHALL RECEIVE IN-STATE TUITION STATUS AT ANY
8 STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE. SAID
9 HONORABLY DISCHARGED MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES SHALL RECEIVE
10 IN-STATE TUITION STATUS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER HE OR SHE IS
11 ELIGIBLE FOR OR IS RECEIVING TUITION ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION
12 23-5-111.4.

13 (2) A STUDENT WHO IS CLASSIFIED AS AN IN-STATE STUDENT
14 SOLELY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE COUNTED AS A
15 RESIDENT FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN TUITION CLASSIFICATION.

16 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
17 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is
19 allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V,
20 section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 4, 2009, if adjournment
21 sine die is on May 6, 2009); except that, if a referendum petition is filed
22 against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period,
23 then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take
24 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by
25 proclamation of the governor.