



*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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Sen. Newell**Bill Status:** House Health and Human Services**Fiscal Analyst:** Janis Baron (303-866-3523)

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING UPDATES TO THE "COLORADO MEDICAL TREATMENT DECISION ACT".

### Summary of Legislation

This bill is recommended by the Interim Committee on Hospice and Palliative Care in Colorado. It repeals and reenacts the "Colorado Medical Treatment Decision Act" which affirms the right of each patient to accept or reject medical treatment and creates a procedure to make such decisions in advance through a written declaration. The bill maintains much of the language included in current law. That said, changes to the current act:

- modify various medical terms;
- add new terms;
- remove from statute the legal form for declaration as to medical or surgical treatment; and
- allow for existing declarations and declarations made in other states as long as they do not violate Colorado law upon passage of the bill.

The bill takes effect August 11, 2010, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 12, 2010, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

### Assessment

The bill is assessed at having no fiscal impact. The bill will not affect any agencies of state or local governments.

### Departments Contacted

Health Care Policy and Financing  
Judicial  
Regulatory Agencies

Human Services  
Law