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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CHANGES TO INDECENCY CRIMES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Under current law, a public act of masturbation is a crime under the public indecency statute and is a class 1 petty offense. The bill moves the offense to the crime of indecent exposure, a class 1 misdemeanor.

The bill expands the definition of the crime of public indecency, which is a class 1 petty offense, to include knowingly exposing one's genitals in a way that is likely to cause affront or alarm to another person. If a person has been previously convicted of that same act of public

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

indecent, the bill raises the penalty from a class 1 petty offense to a class 1 misdemeanor.

The bill also expands the definition of the crime of indecent exposure to include exposing one's genitals in public with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desire of any person.

The bill adds a subsequent conviction of one provision of the crime of public indecency to the definition of "unlawful sexual behavior" for purposes of the sex offender registration statutes.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 18-7-301, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 **18-7-301. Public indecency.** (1) Any person who performs any
5 of the following in a public place or where the conduct may reasonably
6 be expected to be viewed by members of the public commits public
7 indecency:

- 8 (a) An act of sexual intercourse; or
- 9 (b) An act of deviate sexual intercourse; or
- 10 (c) A lewd exposure of the body, NOT INCLUDING THE GENITALS,
11 done with intent to arouse or to satisfy the sexual desire of any person; or
- 12 (d) A lewd fondling or caress of the body of another person; or
- 13 (e) ~~An act of masturbation~~ A KNOWING EXPOSURE OF THE
14 PERSON'S GENITALS TO THE VIEW OF A PERSON UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IN
15 WHICH SUCH CONDUCT IS LIKELY TO CAUSE AFFRONT OR ALARM TO THE
16 OTHER PERSON.

17 (2) (a) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF
18 THIS SUBSECTION (2), public indecency is a class 1 petty offense.

19 (b) PUBLIC INDECENCY AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (e) OF
20 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR IF THE
21 VIOLATION IS COMMITTED SUBSEQUENT TO A CONVICTION FOR A

1 VIOLATION OF PARAGRAPH (e) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION OR FOR
2 A VIOLATION OF A COMPARABLE OFFENSE IN ANY OTHER STATE OR IN THE
3 UNITED STATES, OR FOR A VIOLATION OF A COMPARABLE MUNICIPAL
4 ORDINANCE.

5 (3) ~~For purposes of this section, "masturbation" means the real or~~
6 ~~simulated touching, rubbing, or otherwise stimulating of a person's own~~
7 ~~genitals or pubic area for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal of~~
8 ~~the person, regardless of whether the genitals or pubic area is exposed or~~
9 ~~covered.~~

10 **SECTION 2.** 18-7-302 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
11 amended, and the said 18-7-302 is further amended BY THE ADDITION
12 OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

13 **18-7-302. Indecent exposure.** (1) A person commits indecent
14 exposure:

15 (a) If he OR SHE knowingly exposes his OR HER genitals ~~to the~~
16 ~~view of any person under circumstances in which such conduct is likely~~
17 ~~to cause affront or alarm to the other person.~~ IN A PUBLIC PLACE OR IN A
18 PLACE WHERE THE CONDUCT MAY REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO BE
19 VIEWED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THE INTENT TO AROUSE OR
20 TO SATISFY THE SEXUAL DESIRE OF ANY PERSON; OR

21 (b) IF HE OR SHE PERFORMS AN ACT OF MASTURBATION IN A PUBLIC
22 PLACE OR WHERE THE CONDUCT MAY REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO BE
23 VIEWED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

24 (5) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MASTURBATION" MEANS THE
25 REAL OR SIMULATED TOUCHING, RUBBING, OR OTHERWISE STIMULATING
26 OF A PERSON'S OWN GENITALS OR PUBIC AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF
27 SEXUAL GRATIFICATION OR AROUSAL OF THE PERSON, REGARDLESS OF

1 WHETHER THE GENITALS OR PUBIC AREA IS EXPOSED OR COVERED.

2 **SECTION 3.** 16-22-102 (9) (x) and (9) (y), Colorado Revised
3 Statutes, are amended, and the said 16-22-102 (9) is further amended BY
4 THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

5 **16-22-102. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context
6 otherwise requires:

7 (9) "Unlawful sexual behavior" means any of the following
8 offenses or criminal attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of
9 the following offenses:

10 (x) Class 4 felony internet luring of a child, in violation of section
11 18-3-306 (3), C.R.S.; or

12 (y) Internet sexual exploitation of a child, in violation of section
13 18-3-405.4, C.R.S.; OR

14 (z) PUBLIC INDECENCY, COMMITTED IN VIOLATION OF SECTION
15 18-7-301 (2) (b), C.R.S.

16 **SECTION 4. 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 (August
19 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a
20 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
21 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
22 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect
23 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
24 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official
25 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.