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LLS NO. 12-0436.02 Kristen Forrestal x4217

**HOUSE BILL 12-1210**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONALS IN GOOD**  
102 **STANDING FROM OTHER STATES TO PRACTICE IN COLORADO.**

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**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>.)*

The bill allows a person with a currently valid license, certificate, or registration in good standing from another state to practice his or her profession in this state for up to one year before the person has to meet the licensing, certification, or registration requirements in Colorado. For the person to be eligible to practice in this state, he or she shall have no

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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other basis for disqualification from practice other than the lack of a license, certificate, or registration and shall apply for a license, certificate, or registration within 30 days after engaging in practice in Colorado.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-102, **add** (8)  
3 (f) as follows:

4 **24-34-102. Division of registrations - creation - duties of**  
5 **division and department heads - license, registration, or certification**  
6 **renewal, reinstatement, and endorsement - definitions.**

7 (8) (f) **Recognition of license, certificate, and registration from other**  
8 **states.** (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY,  
9 A PERSON WHO HOLDS A CURRENTLY VALID LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR  
10 REGISTRATION IN GOOD STANDING IN ANOTHER STATE MAY PRACTICE HIS  
11 OR HER PROFESSION IN THIS STATE FOR UP TO ONE YEAR BEFORE THE  
12 PERSON IS REQUIRED TO MEET THE LICENSING, CERTIFICATION, OR  
13 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE IF:

14 (A) OTHER THAN THE PERSON'S LACK OF A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE,  
15 OR REGISTRATION IN COLORADO, THERE IS NO BASIS TO DISQUALIFY THE  
16 PERSON FROM PRACTICING HIS OR HER PROFESSION;

17 (B) THE PERSON CONSENTS, AS A CONDITION OF PRACTICING IN  
18 COLORADO, TO BE SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION AND DISCIPLINARY  
19 AUTHORITY OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY IN COLORADO; AND

20 (C) THE PERSON APPLIES FOR A COLORADO LICENSE, CERTIFICATE,  
21 OR REGISTRATION **PRIOR TO** ENGAGING IN PRACTICE IN COLORADO.

22 (II) IF AN APPLICANT IS DENIED A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE, OR  
23 REGISTRATION BY THE DIRECTOR OR THE APPLICABLE BOARD, THE  
24 APPLICANT IS NO LONGER AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE IN COLORADO AS OF

1 THE DATE THE DENIAL IS ISSUED.

2 (III) THIS PARAGRAPH (f) DOES NOT PREVENT AN AGENCY FROM  
3 ENTERING INTO A RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT WITH THE REGULATING  
4 AUTHORITY OF ANOTHER STATE OR JURISDICTION IF OTHERWISE  
5 AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

6 (IV) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (8) DO NOT APPLY TO  
7 PROFESSIONALS WHO DO NOT PERMANENTLY RESIDE, OR INTEND TO  
8 PERMANENTLY RESIDE, IN COLORADO. IF AN APPLICANT DOES NOT RESIDE  
9 IN COLORADO WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER APPLYING FOR LICENSURE,  
10 CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION, THE INDIVIDUAL IS NO LONGER  
11 AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE UNDER THIS SECTION IN COLORADO.

12 (V) THIS PARAGRAPH (f) DOES NOT APPLY TO AN OPTOMETRIST  
13 PRACTICING IN ANOTHER STATE WHOSE INTENT IS TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE  
14 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 40 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S.

15 (VI) THIS PARAGRAPH (f) DOES NOT APPLY TO A PHYSICIAN OR  
16 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRACTICING IN ANOTHER STATE WHOSE INTENT IS  
17 TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 36 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S.

18 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2012.

19 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.