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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING PEACE OFFICER STATUS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALITY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS.

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 confers peace officer status on a city attorney, town attorney, senior assistant city attorney, assistant city attorney, chief deputy city attorney, deputy city attorney, special deputy city attorney, prosecuting attorney, senior prosecuting attorney, senior prosecutor, or special prosecutor employed or contracted by a municipality, city, town,

statutory city or town, or city and county. The attorney may be certified by the peace officers standards and training board.

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

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2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 16-2.5-149 as 3 follows: 4 16-2.5-149. City attorney - town attorney - senior assistant city 5 attorney - assistant city attorney - chief deputy city attorney - deputy 6 city attorney - special deputy city attorney - prosecuting attorney -7 senior prosecuting attorney - senior prosecutor - special prosecutor. 8 A CITY ATTORNEY, TOWN ATTORNEY, SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY 9 ATTORNEY, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY, 10 DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY, SPECIAL DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY, PROSECUTING 11 ATTORNEY, SENIOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, SENIOR PROSECUTOR, OR 12 SPECIAL PROSECUTOR EMPLOYED OR CONTRACTED BY A MUNICIPALITY, 13 CITY, TOWN, STATUTORY CITY OR TOWN, OR CITY AND COUNTY IS A PEACE 14 OFFICER WHILE ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES AS 15 A PROSECUTOR. SUCH PEACE OFFICER'S AUTHORITY SHALL INCLUDE THE 16 ENFORCEMENT OF ALL LAWS OF THE MUNICIPALITY, CITY, TOWN, 17 STATUTORY CITY OR TOWN, OR CITY AND COUNTY AND THE STATE OF 18 COLORADO, AND THE PEACE OFFICER MAY BE CERTIFIED BY THE P.O.S.T. 19 BOARD. 20 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF 21 THIS SECTION, THE PEACE OFFICER STATUS CONFERRED BY SUBSECTION (1) 22 OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO AN ATTORNEY SPECIFIED IN 23 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION WHO CHOOSES TO PRACTICE AS A 24 CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY IN THE STATE OF COLORADO WHILE ALSO 25 WORKING AS A PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

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- 1 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
- determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 3 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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