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HOUSE BILL 12-1041

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN ELECTRONIC DEATH
102 REGISTRATION SYSTEM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
103 AND ENVIRONMENT.

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 directs the department of public health and environment to create an electronic death registration system for purposes of allowing persons responsible for reporting death information to the office of the state registrar of vital statistics to do so electronically.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-2-110, **amend** (1)
3 as follows:

4 **25-2-110. Certificates of death.** (1) (a) A certificate of death for
5 each death, including a stillborn death, ~~which~~ THAT occurs in Colorado
6 ~~shall~~ MUST be filed with the state registrar or as otherwise directed by the
7 state registrar, within five days after ~~such~~ THE death occurs and prior to
8 final disposition. ~~and shall be registered~~ THE STATE REGISTRAR SHALL
9 REGISTER THE CERTIFICATE if it has been completed in accordance with
10 this section. Every certificate of death ~~shall~~ MUST identify the decedent's
11 social security number, if available. If the place of death is unknown but
12 the dead body is found in Colorado, the certificate of death ~~shall~~ MUST be
13 completed and filed in accordance with this section. The place where the
14 body is found ~~shall~~ MUST be shown as the place of death. If the date of
15 death is unknown, ~~it shall~~ THE DATE MUST be determined by
16 approximation.

17 (b) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
18 SHALL CREATE AND THE STATE REGISTRAR SHALL USE AN ELECTRONIC
19 DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING DEATH
20 INFORMATION FROM FUNERAL DIRECTORS, CORONERS, PHYSICIANS, LOCAL
21 REGISTRARS, HEALTH FACILITIES, AND OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS,
22 AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT. DEATH INFORMATION SUBMITTED
23 ELECTRONICALLY BY A FUNERAL DIRECTOR, CORONER, PHYSICIAN, LOCAL
24 REGISTRAR, HEALTH FACILITY, OR AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL, AS
25 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO THE ELECTRONIC DEATH
26 REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR PURPOSES OF FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS

1 OF THIS SECTION SATISFIES THE SIGNATURE AND FILING REQUIREMENTS OF
2 THIS SECTION AND SECTION 30-10-606, C.R.S.

3 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
4 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
5 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
6 7, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a
7 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
8 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
9 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
10 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.