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**SENATE BILL 14-175** 

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING FREEDOM FROM GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE IN AN

102 INDIVIDUAL'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH DECISIONS.

#### **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 <u>http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries</u>.)

The bill prohibits a state or local policy that denies or interferes with an individual's reproductive health care decisions or a state or local policy regarding reproductive health care that is inconsistent with, or that denies or interferes with access to information based on, current evidence-based scientific data and medical consensus.

1	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
2	SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add part 4 to article
3	6 of title 25 as follows:
4	PART 4
5	REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE DECISION PROTECTION
6	<b>25-6-401. Legislative declaration.</b> (1) The GENERAL ASSEMBLY
7	ACKNOWLEDGES AND REAFFIRMS THAT:
8	(a) EVERY INDIVIDUAL POSSESSES A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT OF
9	PRIVACY WITH RESPECT TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS;
10	(b) IN KEEPING WITH THAT RIGHT, EVERY INDIVIDUAL IS ENTITLED
11	TO MAKE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FREE FROM
12	DISCRIMINATION, COERCION, OR VIOLENCE;
13	(c) EVERY INDIVIDUAL IS ENTITLED TO MAKE REPRODUCTIVE
14	HEALTH CARE DECISIONS WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM THE STATE;
15	(d) EVERY INDIVIDUAL SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION
16	REGARDING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE THAT IS BASED ON CURRENT
17	EVIDENCE-BASED SCIENTIFIC DATA AND MEDICAL CONSENSUS; AND
18	(e) Section 25-6-403 sets forth the policy and authority of
19	THE STATE, ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, AND ALL AGENCIES AND
20	INSTITUTIONS THEREOF.
21	25-6-402. Definitions. As used in this part 4, unless the
22	CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
23	(1) "Reproductive health care" means treatment, services,
24	PROCEDURES, SUPPLIES, PRODUCTS, DEVICES, OR INFORMATION RELATED
25	TO HUMAN SEXUALITY, CONTRACEPTION, PREGNANCY, ABORTION, OR
26	ASSISTED REPRODUCTION.

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25-6-403. Policy - legislative intent. (1) THE STATE, ITS
 AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, OR ANY UNIT OF
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT ENACT ANY POLICY THAT DENIES OR
 INTERFERES WITH AN INDIVIDUAL'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE
 DECISIONS.

6 (2) THE STATE, ITS AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND POLITICAL
7 SUBDIVISIONS, AND EACH UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT ENACT
8 A POLICY REGARDING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE THAT IS INCONSISTENT
9 WITH, OR THAT DENIES OR INTERFERES WITH ACCESS TO INFORMATION
10 BASED ON, CURRENT EVIDENCE-BASED SCIENTIFIC DATA AND MEDICAL
11 CONSENSUS.

12 (3) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DETERMINES THAT THE
13 PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 4 ARE MATTERS OF STATEWIDE CONCERN AND
14 SHALL NOT BE CONTRAVENED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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