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HOUSE BILL 14-1378

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PROHIBITING THE POSTING OF A PRIVATE IMAGE ON  
102 SOCIAL MEDIA WITHOUT CONSENT TO CAUSE SERIOUS  
103 EMOTIONAL DISTRESS.

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 makes it a crime for a person 18 years of age or older, with the intent to cause serious emotional distress, to post, add to a post, or otherwise distribute through the use of social media any photograph, video, or other image containing the intimate parts of an identified or

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identifiable person 18 years of age or older, without the depicted person's consent, after the depicted person communicated to the actor an expectation that the image would remain private and such conduct results in serious emotional distress. The crime is a class 1 misdemeanor. In addition to any other sentence, the court shall impose a fine of at least \$10,000 and order the image removed from the internet.

A person convicted of the crime may apply to have the conviction record sealed if he or she has not been convicted of another crime in 5 years after the completion of his or her sentence.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*  
2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 18-7-107 and**  
3 **18-7-108** as follows:  
4           **18-7-107. Posting a private image for harassment - definitions.**  
5 **(1) (a) AN ACTOR WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER COMMITS**  
6 **THE OFFENSE OF POSTING A PRIVATE IMAGE FOR HARASSMENT IF HE OR SHE**  
7 **POSTS OR DISTRIBUTES THROUGH THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA OR ANY WEB**  
8 **SITE ANY PHOTOGRAPH, VIDEO, OR OTHER IMAGE DISPLAYING THE PRIVATE**  
9 **INTIMATE PARTS OF AN IDENTIFIED OR IDENTIFIABLE PERSON EIGHTEEN**  
10 **YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER:**  
11           **(I) WITH THE INTENT TO HARASS THE DEPICTED PERSON OR INFLICT**  
12 **SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTRESS UPON THE DEPICTED PERSON;**  
13           **(II) (A) WITHOUT THE DEPICTED PERSON'S CONSENT; OR**  
14           **(B) WHEN THE ACTOR KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THE**  
15 **DEPICTED PERSON HAD A REASONABLE EXPECTATION THAT THE IMAGE**  
16 **WOULD REMAIN PRIVATE; AND**  
17           **(III) THE CONDUCT RESULTS IN SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTRESS OF**  
18 **THE DEPICTED PERSON.**  
19           (b) POSTING A PRIVATE IMAGE **FOR HARASSMENT** IS A CLASS 1  
20 MISDEMEANOR.

1           (c) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 18-1.3-501 (1)  
2 (a), IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER SENTENCE THE COURT MAY IMPOSE, THE  
3 COURT SHALL FINE THE DEFENDANT UP TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE  
4 FINES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (b) SHALL BE CREDITED  
5 TO THE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
6 24-4.1-117, C.R.S. \_\_\_

7           (2) IT SHALL NOT BE AN OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE  
8 PHOTOGRAPH, VIDEO, OR IMAGE IS RELATED TO A NEWSWORTHY EVENT.

9           (3) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PRECLUDES PUNISHMENT UNDER  
10 ANY SECTION OF LAW PROVIDING FOR GREATER PUNISHMENT.

11           (4) (a) AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE PRIVATE INTIMATE PARTS HAVE  
12 BEEN POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION MAY BRING A CIVIL  
13 ACTION AGAINST THE PERSON WHO CAUSED THE POSTING OF THE PRIVATE  
14 IMAGES AND IS ENTITLED TO INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, THE GREATER OF TEN  
15 THOUSAND DOLLARS OR ACTUAL DAMAGES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE  
16 POSTING OF THE PRIVATE IMAGES, EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, AND  
17 REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS.

18           (b) AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE PRIVATE INTIMATE PARTS HAVE BEEN  
19 POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION SHALL RETAIN A  
20 PROTECTABLE RIGHT OF AUTHORSHIP REGARDING THE COMMERCIAL USE  
21 OF THE PRIVATE IMAGE.

22           (5) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO IMPOSE  
23 LIABILITY ON THE PROVIDER OF AN INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICE, AS  
24 DEFINED IN THE 47 U.S.C. 230 (f) (2), AN INFORMATION SERVICE, AS  
25 DEFINED IN 47 U.S.C. 153, OR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, AS  
26 DEFINED IN 47 U.S.C. 153, FOR CONTENT PROVIDED BY ANOTHER PERSON.

27           (6) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT

1 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

2 (a) "NEWSWORTHY EVENT" MEANS A MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST,  
3 PUBLIC CONCERN, OR RELATED TO A PUBLIC FIGURE WHO IS INTIMATELY  
4 INVOLVED IN THE RESOLUTION OF IMPORTANT PUBLIC QUESTIONS, OR BY  
5 REASON OF HIS OR HER FAME SHAPE EVENTS IN AREAS OF CONCERN TO  
6 SOCIETY.

7 (b) "PRIVATE INTIMATE PARTS" MEANS EXTERNAL GENITALIA OR  
8 THE PERINEUM OR THE ANUS \_\_\_ OR THE PUBES OF ANY PERSON OR THE  
9 BREAST OF A FEMALE.

10 (c) "SOCIAL MEDIA" MEANS ANY ELECTRONIC MEDIUM, INCLUDING  
11 AN INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICE, TELEPHONE NETWORK, OR DATA  
12 NETWORK, THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CREATE, SHARE, AND VIEW  
13 USER-GENERATED CONTENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO VIDEOS,  
14 STILL PHOTOGRAPHS, BLOGS, VIDEO BLOGS, PODCASTS, INSTANT  
15 MESSAGES, ELECTRONIC MAIL, OR INTERNET WEB SITE PROFILES.

16 **18-7-108. Posting a private image for pecuniary gain -**  
17 **definitions. (1) (a) AN ACTOR WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER**  
18 **COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF POSTING A PRIVATE IMAGE FOR PECUNIARY GAIN**  
19 **IF HE OR SHE POSTS OR DISTRIBUTES THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA OR ANY WEB**  
20 **SITE ANY PHOTOGRAPH, VIDEO, OR OTHER IMAGE DISPLAYING THE PRIVATE**  
21 **INTIMATE PARTS OF AN IDENTIFIED OR IDENTIFIABLE PERSON EIGHTEEN**  
22 **YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER:**

23 **(I) WITH THE INTENT TO OBTAIN A PECUNIARY BENEFIT FROM ANY**  
24 **PERSON AS A RESULT OF THE POSTING, VIEWING, OR REMOVAL OF THE**  
25 **PRIVATE IMAGE; AND**

26 **(II) (A) WHEN THE ACTOR HAS NOT OBTAINED THE DEPICTED**  
27 **PERSON'S CONSENT; OR**

1           (B) WHEN THE ACTOR KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THE  
2           DEPICTED PERSON HAD A REASONABLE EXPECTATION THAT THE IMAGE  
3           WOULD REMAIN PRIVATE.

4           (b) POSTING A PRIVATE IMAGE FOR PECUNIARY GAIN IS A CLASS 1  
5           MISDEMEANOR.

6           (c) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 18-1.3-501 (1)  
7           (a), IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER SENTENCE THE COURT MAY IMPOSE, THE  
8           COURT SHALL FINE THE DEFENDANT UP TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE  
9           FINES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (b) SHALL BE CREDITED  
10          TO THE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
11          24-4.1-117, C.R.S.

12          (2) IT SHALL NOT BE AN OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE  
13          PHOTOGRAPH, VIDEO, OR IMAGE IS RELATED TO A NEWSWORTHY EVENT.

14          (3) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PRECLUDES PUNISHMENT UNDER  
15          ANY SECTION OF LAW PROVIDING FOR GREATER PUNISHMENT.

16          (4) (a) AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE PRIVATE INTIMATE PARTS HAVE  
17          BEEN POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION MAY BRING A CIVIL  
18          ACTION AGAINST THE PERSON WHO CAUSED THE POSTING OF THE PRIVATE  
19          IMAGES AND IS ENTITLED TO INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, THE GREATER OF TEN  
20          THOUSAND DOLLARS OR ACTUAL DAMAGES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE  
21          POSTING OF THE PRIVATE IMAGES, EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, AND  
22          REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS.

23          (b) AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE PRIVATE INTIMATE PARTS HAVE BEEN  
24          POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION SHALL RETAIN A  
25          PROTECTABLE RIGHT OF AUTHORSHIP REGARDING THE COMMERCIAL USE  
26          OF THE PRIVATE IMAGE.

27          (5) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO IMPOSE

1 LIABILITY ON THE PROVIDER OF AN INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICE, AS  
2 DEFINED IN THE 47 U.S.C. 230 (f) (2), AN INFORMATION SERVICE, AS  
3 DEFINED IN 47 U.S.C. 153, OR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, AS  
4 DEFINED IN 47 U.S.C. 153, FOR CONTENT PROVIDED BY ANOTHER PERSON.

5 (6) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT  
6 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 (a) "NEWSWORTHY EVENT" MEANS A MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST,  
8 PUBLIC CONCERN, OR RELATED TO PUBLIC FIGURE WHO IS INTIMATELY  
9 INVOLVED IN THE RESOLUTION OF IMPORTANT PUBLIC QUESTIONS, OR BY  
10 REASON OF HIS OR HER FAME SHAPE EVENTS IN AREAS OF CONCERN TO  
11 SOCIETY.

12 (b) "PRIVATE INTIMATE PARTS" MEANS EXTERNAL GENITALIA OR  
13 THE PERINEUM OR THE ANUS OR THE PUBES OF ANY PERSON OR THE  
14 BREAST OF A FEMALE.

15 (c) "SOCIAL MEDIA" MEANS ANY ELECTRONIC MEDIUM, INCLUDING  
16 AN INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICE, TELEPHONE NETWORK, OR DATA  
17 NETWORK, THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CREATE, SHARE, AND VIEW  
18 USER-GENERATED CONTENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO VIDEOS,  
19 STILL PHOTOGRAPHS, BLOGS, VIDEO BLOGS, PODCASTS, INSTANT  
20 MESSAGES, ELECTRONIC MAIL, OR INTERNET WEB SITE PROFILES.

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-72-308.4 as  
22 follows:

23 **24-72-308.4. Sealing of criminal conviction records**  
24 **information for posting an intimate photograph of a person on the**  
25 **internet.** (1) (a) IF A PERSON WAS CONVICTED OF POSTING A PRIVATE  
26 IMAGE FOR HARASSMENT IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-7-107, C.R.S., OR  
27 POSTING A PRIVATE IMAGE FOR PECUNIARY GAIN IN VIOLATION OF SECTION

1 18-7-108, C.R.S., AND THE PERSON HAS COMPLETED THE SENTENCE,  
2 INCLUDING PAYMENT OF THE FINE, AND THE PERSON HAS NOT BEEN  
3 CONVICTED OF ANOTHER CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS  
4 AFTER THE DATE HE OR SHE COMPLETED HIS OR HER SENTENCE, HE OR SHE  
5 MAY PETITION THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE  
6 CONVICTION RECORD PERTAINING TO THE DEFENDANT'S CONVICTION FOR  
7 POSTING INTIMATE PHOTOGRAPHS OF PERSONS IS LOCATED FOR THE  
8 SEALING OF THE CONVICTION RECORDS, EXCEPT FOR BASIC IDENTIFYING  
9 INFORMATION.

10 (b) (I) UPON THE FILING OF A PETITION, THE COURT SHALL REVIEW  
11 THE PETITION AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE PETITION IS SUFFICIENT ON  
12 ITS FACE. IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THE PETITION ON ITS FACE IS  
13 INSUFFICIENT OR IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT, AFTER TAKING  
14 JUDICIAL NOTICE OF MATTERS OUTSIDE THE PETITION, THE PETITIONER IS  
15 NOT ENTITLED TO RELIEF UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL ENTER  
16 AN ORDER DENYING THE PETITION AND MAIL A COPY OF THE ORDER TO THE  
17 PETITIONER OR, AS PERMITTED, SERVE THE ORDER UNDER SUPREME COURT  
18 RULES. THE COURT'S ORDER SHALL SPECIFY THE REASONS FOR THE DENIAL  
19 OF THE PETITION.

20 (II) IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THE PETITION IS SUFFICIENT  
21 ON ITS FACE AND THAT NO OTHER GROUNDS EXIST AT THAT TIME FOR THE  
22 COURT TO DENY THE PETITION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL SET  
23 A DATE FOR A HEARING, AND THE PETITIONER SHALL NOTIFY THE  
24 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY BY CERTIFIED MAIL AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR TO  
25 THE HEARING, THE ARRESTING AGENCY, AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR  
26 AGENCY IDENTIFIED BY THE PETITIONER. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN  
27 SECTION 18-1.3-101 (10) (c), C.R.S., AFTER THE HEARING DESCRIBED IN

1 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II) IS CONDUCTED AND IF THE COURT FINDS THAT  
2 THE HARM TO THE PRIVACY OF THE PETITIONER OR DANGERS OF  
3 UNWARRANTED ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES TO THE PETITIONER OUTWEIGH  
4 THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN RETAINING THE RECORDS, THE COURT MAY ORDER  
5 SUCH RECORDS, EXCEPT BASIC IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION, TO BE  
6 SEALED.

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8           (c) A PETITION TO SEAL A CONVICTION RECORD PURSUANT TO THIS  
9 SECTION MUST INCLUDE A LISTING OF EACH CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORDS  
10 TO WHOM THE SEALING ORDER IS DIRECTED AND ANY INFORMATION THAT  
11 ACCURATELY AND COMPLETELY IDENTIFIES THE RECORDS TO BE SEALED.  
12 THE DEFENDANT SHALL SUBMIT A VERIFIED COPY OF THE DEFENDANT'S  
13 CRIMINAL HISTORY WITH THE PETITION AT THE TIME OF FILING, CURRENT  
14 THROUGH AT LEAST THE TWENTIETH DAY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE  
15 FILING OF THE PETITION, TO THE COURT BUT NO LATER THAN THE TENTH  
16 DAY AFTER THE PETITION IS FILED. THE DEFENDANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
17 OBTAINING AND PAYING FOR THE VERIFIED COPY OF HIS OR HER CRIMINAL  
18 HISTORY. WHENEVER A COURT ENTERS AN ORDER SEALING CONVICTION  
19 RECORDS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE DEFENDANT SHALL PROVIDE  
20 THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND EACH CUSTODIAN OF THE  
21 CONVICTION RECORDS WITH A COPY OF THE ORDER AND SHALL PAY TO THE  
22 BUREAU ANY COSTS RELATED TO THE SEALING OF HIS OR HER CRIMINAL  
23 CONVICTION RECORDS THAT ARE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE BUREAU.  
24 THEREAFTER, THE DEFENDANT MAY REQUEST AND THE COURT MAY GRANT  
25 AN ORDER SEALING THE CIVIL CASE IN WHICH THE CONVICTION RECORDS  
26 WERE SEALED.

27           (d) AN ORDER SEALING CONVICTION RECORDS DOES NOT DENY



1 ACCESS TO THE CRIMINAL RECORDS OF A DEFENDANT BY ANY COURT, LAW  
2 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY, PROSECUTING  
3 ATTORNEY, OR PARTY OR AGENCY REQUIRED BY LAW TO CONDUCT A  
4 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK ON AN INDIVIDUAL. AN ORDER SEALING  
5 CONVICTION RECORDS DOES NOT VACATE A CONVICTION. A CONVICTION  
6 SEALED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY BE USED BY A CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
7 AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, COURT, OR PROSECUTING  
8 ATTORNEY FOR ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION  
9 OR PROSECUTION OF ANY CASE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY  
10 SUBSEQUENT CASE THAT IS FILED AGAINST THE DEFENDANT, OR FOR ANY  
11 OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS, HER, OR ITS DUTIES. IF  
12 A DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED OF A NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSE AFTER AN  
13 ORDER SEALING CONVICTION RECORDS IS ENTERED, THE COURT SHALL  
14 ORDER THE CONVICTION RECORDS TO BE UNSEALED. A PARTY OR AGENCY  
15 REQUIRED BY LAW TO CONDUCT A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK IS  
16 AUTHORIZED TO USE ANY SEALED CONVICTION FOR THE LAWFUL PURPOSE  
17 FOR WHICH THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK IS REQUIRED BY LAW.

18 (e) A DEFENDANT MAY PETITION THE COURT FOR THE SEALING OF  
19 CONVICTION RECORDS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ONLY ONCE DURING  
20 ANY TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD. THE COURT SHALL DISMISS A SECOND OR  
21 SUBSEQUENT PETITION FILED WITHIN ANY TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD.

22 (f) A PETITION TO SEAL CONVICTION RECORDS PURSUANT TO THIS  
23 SECTION MUST INCLUDE A LISTING OF EACH CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORDS  
24 TO WHOM THE SEALING ORDER IS DIRECTED AND ANY INFORMATION THAT  
25 ACCURATELY AND COMPLETELY IDENTIFIES THE RECORDS TO BE SEALED.

26 (g) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (d) OF THIS  
27 SUBSECTION (1), UPON THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER TO SEAL THE CONVICTION

1 RECORDS, THE DEFENDANT AND ALL CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES MAY  
2 PROPERLY REPLY, UPON AN INQUIRY IN THE MATTER, THAT PUBLIC  
3 CONVICTION RECORDS DO NOT EXIST WITH RESPECT TO THE DEFENDANT.

4 (h) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (d) OF THIS  
5 SUBSECTION (1), INSPECTION OF THE RECORDS INCLUDED IN AN ORDER  
6 SEALING CONVICTION RECORDS MAY THEREAFTER BE PERMITTED BY THE  
7 COURT ONLY UPON PETITION BY THE DEFENDANT.

8 (i) (I) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (d) OF THIS  
9 SUBSECTION (1), EMPLOYERS, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,  
10 OFFICIALS, LANDLORDS, AND EMPLOYEES SHALL NOT, IN ANY APPLICATION  
11 OR INTERVIEW OR IN ANY OTHER WAY, REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO  
12 DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN SEALED CONVICTION  
13 RECORDS. AN APPLICANT NEED NOT, IN ANSWER TO ANY QUESTION  
14 CONCERNING CONVICTION RECORDS THAT HAVE BEEN SEALED, INCLUDE  
15 A REFERENCE TO OR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SEALED CONVICTION  
16 RECORDS AND MAY STATE THAT THE APPLICANT HAS NOT BEEN  
17 CRIMINALLY CONVICTED.

18 (II) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (i)  
19 DO NOT PRECLUDE THE BAR COMMITTEE OF THE COLORADO STATE BOARD  
20 OF LAW EXAMINERS FROM MAKING FURTHER INQUIRIES INTO THE FACT OF  
21 A CONVICTION THAT COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BAR COMMITTEE  
22 THROUGH OTHER MEANS. THE BAR COMMITTEE OF THE COLORADO STATE  
23 BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS HAS A RIGHT TO INQUIRE INTO THE MORAL AND  
24 ETHICAL QUALIFICATIONS OF AN APPLICANT, AND THE APPLICANT DOES  
25 NOT HAVE A RIGHT TO PRIVACY OR PRIVILEGE THAT JUSTIFIES HIS OR HER  
26 REFUSAL TO ANSWER A QUESTION CONCERNING SEALED CONVICTION  
27 RECORDS THAT HAVE COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BAR COMMITTEE

1 THROUGH OTHER MEANS.

2 (III) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I)  
3 OF THIS PARAGRAPH (i), THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY REQUIRE  
4 A LICENSED EDUCATOR OR AN APPLICANT FOR AN EDUCATOR'S LICENSE  
5 WHO FILES A PETITION TO SEAL A CRIMINAL RECORD TO NOTIFY THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE PENDING PETITION TO SEAL. THE  
7 DEPARTMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO INQUIRE INTO THE FACTS OF THE  
8 CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR WHICH THE PETITION TO SEAL IS PENDING. THE  
9 EDUCATOR OR APPLICANT HAS NO RIGHT TO PRIVACY OR PRIVILEGE THAT  
10 JUSTIFIES HIS OR HER REFUSAL TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING  
11 THE ARREST AND CRIMINAL RECORDS INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE  
12 PENDING PETITION TO SEAL.

13 (IV) ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY PETITION THE COURT TO  
14 UNSEAL ANY FILE THAT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY SEALED UPON A SHOWING  
15 THAT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE COME INTO EXISTENCE SINCE THE ORIGINAL  
16 SEALING, AND, AS A RESULT, THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN DISCLOSURE NOW  
17 OUTWEIGHS THE DEFENDANT'S INTEREST IN PRIVACY.

18 (j) THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL POST  
19 ON ITS WEB SITE A LIST OF ALL PETITIONS TO SEAL CONVICTION RECORDS  
20 THAT ARE FILED WITH A DISTRICT COURT. A DISTRICT COURT MAY NOT  
21 GRANT A PETITION TO SEAL CONVICTION RECORDS UNTIL AT LEAST THIRTY  
22 DAYS AFTER THE POSTING. AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THIRTY DAYS  
23 FOLLOWING THE POSTING, THE PETITION TO SEAL CONVICTION RECORDS  
24 AND INFORMATION PERTINENT THERETO SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE  
25 WEB SITE OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR.

26 (k) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION AUTHORIZES THE PHYSICAL  
27 DESTRUCTION OF ANY CONVICTION RECORDS.

1 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION IN THIS SECTION TO THE  
2 CONTRARY, IN REGARD TO ANY CONVICTION OF A DEFENDANT RESULTING  
3 FROM A SINGLE CASE IN WHICH THE DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED OF MORE  
4 THAN ONE OFFENSE, RECORDS OF THE CONVICTION MAY BE SEALED  
5 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ONLY IF THE RECORDS OF  
6 EVERY CONVICTION OF THE DEFENDANT RESULTING FROM THAT CASE MAY  
7 BE SEALED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 3.

8 (2) **Rules of discovery - rules of evidence - witness testimony.**  
9 COURT ORDERS SEALING RECORDS OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS PURSUANT TO  
10 THIS SECTION DO NOT LIMIT THE OPERATIONS OF:

11 (a) THE COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE RELATED TO  
12 DISCOVERY OR THE COLORADO RULES OF EVIDENCE PROMULGATED BY  
13 THE SUPREME COURT OF COLORADO OR ANY OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL  
14 COURT; OR

15 (b) THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 13-90-101, C.R.S., CONCERNING  
16 WITNESS TESTIMONY.

17 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 24-72-609** as  
18 follows:

19 **24-72-609. Sealing of criminal conviction records information**  
20 **for posting an intimate photograph of a person on the internet.**

21 (1) (a) IF A PERSON WHO WAS CONVICTED OF POSTING A PRIVATE IMAGE  
22 FOR HARASSMENT IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-7-107, C.R.S., OR POSTING  
23 A PRIVATE IMAGE FOR PECUNIARY GAIN IN VIOLATION OF SECTION  
24 18-7-108, C.R.S., HAS COMPLETED THE SENTENCE, INCLUDING PAYMENT  
25 OF THE FINE, AND HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF ANOTHER CRIMINAL  
26 OFFENSE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AFTER THE DATE HE OR SHE  
27 COMPLETED HIS OR HER SENTENCE, HE OR SHE MAY PETITION THE DISTRICT

1 COURT OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE CONVICTION RECORD PERTAINING  
2 TO THE DEFENDANT'S CONVICTION FOR POSTING AN INTIMATE  
3 PHOTOGRAPH OF A PERSON IS LOCATED FOR THE SEALING OF THE  
4 CONVICTION RECORDS, EXCEPT FOR BASIC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

5 (b) UPON THE FILING OF A PETITION, THE COURT SHALL REVIEW  
6 THE PETITION AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE PETITION IS SUFFICIENT ON  
7 ITS FACE. IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THE PETITION ON ITS FACE IS  
8 INSUFFICIENT OR IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT, AFTER TAKING  
9 JUDICIAL NOTICE OF MATTERS OUTSIDE THE PETITION, THE PETITIONER IS  
10 NOT ENTITLED TO RELIEF UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL ENTER  
11 AN ORDER DENYING THE PETITION AND MAIL A COPY OF THE ORDER TO THE  
12 PETITIONER OR, AS PERMITTED, SERVE THE ORDER UNDER SUPREME COURT  
13 RULES. THE COURT'S ORDER SHALL SPECIFY THE REASONS FOR THE DENIAL  
14 OF THE PETITION.

15 (c) IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THE PETITION IS SUFFICIENT  
16 ON ITS FACE AND THAT NO OTHER GROUNDS EXIST AT THAT TIME FOR THE  
17 COURT TO DENY THE PETITION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL SET  
18 A DATE FOR A HEARING, AND THE PETITIONER SHALL NOTIFY THE  
19 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY BY CERTIFIED MAIL AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR TO  
20 THE HEARING, THE ARRESTING AGENCY, AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR  
21 AGENCY IDENTIFIED BY THE PETITIONER. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN  
22 SECTION 18-1.3-101 (10) (c), C.R.S., AFTER THE HEARING DESCRIBED IN  
23 THIS PARAGRAPH (c) IS CONDUCTED AND IF THE COURT FINDS THAT THE  
24 HARM TO THE PRIVACY OF THE PETITIONER OR DANGERS OF  
25 UNWARRANTED ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES TO THE PETITIONER OUTWEIGH  
26 THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN RETAINING THE CONVICTION RECORDS, THE  
27 COURT MAY ORDER SUCH RECORDS, EXCEPT BASIC IDENTIFICATION

1 INFORMATION, TO BE SEALED. IN MAKING THIS DETERMINATION, THE  
2 COURT SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, CONSIDER THE FACTORS IN SECTION  
3 24-72-604(1) (c). ==

4 **SECTION 4. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect  
5 July 1, 2014; except that section 2 takes effect only if Senate Bill 14-206  
6 does not become law, and section 3 of this act takes effect only if Senate  
7 Bill 14-206 becomes law and applies to offenses committed on or after  
8 said date.

9 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.