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HOUSE BILL 15-1081

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF PHYSICAL PRIVACY IN102SEX-SEGREGATED LOCKER ROOMS.

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>.)

Under current law, a person is subject to a claim of discrimination in places of public accommodation if the person restricts access to a sex-segregated place of public accommodation to individuals based on their biological sex.

The bill permits a person to restrict access to a sex-segregated locker room based on an individual's actual, biological sex.

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: |
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| 2 | SECTION 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be |
| 3 | cited as the "Physical Privacy Act". |
| 4 | SECTION 2. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly |
| 5 | finds that: |
| 6 | (a) Children and young adults have natural and normal concerns |
| 7 | about physical privacy when they are in various states of undress, and |
| 8 | most wish for members of the opposite biological sex not to be present in |
| 9 | those circumstances; |
| 10 | (b) Parents have a reasonable expectation that places of public |
| 11 | accommodation in this state that have sex-segregated locker rooms will |
| 12 | not allow their minor children to be viewed in various states of undress |
| 13 | by members of the opposite biological sex, nor allow their minor children |
| 14 | to view members of the opposite biological sex in various states of |
| 15 | undress; and |
| 16 | (c) Allowing individuals to use locker rooms that are reserved for |
| 17 | individuals of a different biological sex will create a significant potential |
| 18 | for unsafe situations and for an invasion of privacy. |
| 19 | SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-601, amend |
| 20 | (3) as follows: |
| 21 | 24-34-601. Discrimination in places of public accommodation |
| 22 | - definition. (3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, it |
| 23 | is not a discriminatory practice for a person to restrict admission to a |
| 24 | place of public accommodation to individuals of one sex if: such |
| 25 | (a) THE restriction has a bona fide relationship to the goods, |
| 26 | services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of such |

- 1 THE place of public accommodation; OR
- 2 (b) THE PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION IS A SEX-SEGREGATED
 3 LOCKER ROOM AND THE RESTRICTION IS BASED ON AN INDIVIDUAL'S
 4 ACTUAL, BIOLOGICAL SEX.
- 5 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
- 6 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 7 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.