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HOUSE BILL 06-1212

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AUTHORITY OF A PHARMACIST REGARDING EMERGENCY
102 CONTRACEPTION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe emergency contraception.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly

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 hereby finds that:

2 (a) Emergency contraception is effective in reducing a woman's
3 chance of becoming pregnant when taken within one hundred twenty
4 hours after unprotected sexual intercourse. Emergency contraception
5 prevents pregnancy before it occurs and does not cause an abortion or
6 have any effect on an existing pregnancy.

7 (b) Increased access to emergency contraception will reduce the
8 number of unintended pregnancies and thereby reduce the incidence of
9 abortion. The purpose of this act is to increase access to emergency
10 contraception by permitting women to seek prescriptions directly from
11 licensed pharmacists.

12 **SECTION 2.** Part 1 of article 22 of title 12, Colorado Revised
13 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
14 read:

15 **12-22-122.5. Limited prescriptive authority for emergency**
16 **contraception - legislative intent - definitions.** (1) IT IS THE INTENT OF
17 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXTEND PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY TO
18 LICENSED PHARMACISTS ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESCRIBING
19 EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PRESCRIPTION
20 MEDICATIONS OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. IT IS FURTHER THE INTENT
21 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE DURATION OF THIS LIMITED GRANT
22 OF AUTHORITY SHALL EXTEND ONLY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS EMERGENCY
23 CONTRACEPTION BECOMES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT THE
24 REQUIREMENT OF A PRESCRIPTION.

25 (2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
26 OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION" MEANS ANY DRUG
27 APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION THAT

1 PREVENTS PREGNANCY AFTER SEXUAL INTERCOURSE, INCLUDING BUT NOT
2 LIMITED TO ORAL CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS; EXCEPT THAT "EMERGENCY
3 CONTRACEPTION" SHALL NOT INCLUDE RU-486, MIFEPRISTONE, OR ANY
4 OTHER DRUG THAT INDUCES A MEDICATION ABORTION.

5 (3) ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, A
6 PHARMACIST SHALL BE AUTHORIZED BUT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO
7 PRESCRIBE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION.

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