

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

**SECTION 15**, Article X VIII of the Colorado constitution is amended **BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION** to read:

**Definitions.**

(1) **"PICKETING"** means protest activities engaged in by a person or persons within five hundred feet of a cemetery, mortuary, church, and/or other facility or area within an hour prior to, during and for four hours following the commencement of a funeral.

(2) **"FUNERALS"** means the ceremonies, processions and memorial services held in connection with the burial or cremation, and/or a wake/viewing of the dead.

(3) **"PROTESTS"** means anybody who makes an expression or declaration of objection disapproval or discontent.

(4) **"DEMONSTRATIONS"** means a public exhibition of the attitude of a group of persons toward a controversial issue or other matter made by picketing, parading, etc.

(5) **"DISTURBANCES"** means an outbreak of disorder, a breach of public peace. Interfere with or hinder, interrupt the quiet rest or peace of the funeral.

Section: 15, **Funerals - No Picketing**

(1) Mortuaries, cemeteries, churches, synagogues, mosques or any other facilities, and/or areas are protected for all who participate.

(2) Protect all groups, military and/or civilian.

(3) Protect persons that are part of a funeral procession from intent to disrupt said processions.

Summary:

The measure amends the Colorado constitution by protecting its citizens from unlawful engagement of picketing or other protest activities in front of or about any funeral establishment, as defined.

The measure specifies that the constitutional change shall take effect upon proclamation of the vote by the governor.

Statement of Purpose:

By the People of the State of Colorado, to be protected from any protest, demonstrations, or disturbances at funerals, and/or memorial services. The Section is to protect persons that are

mourning for their departed loved ones. The interest of families in privately and peacefully mourning the loss of deceased relatives and friends are violated when funerals are targeted from picketing and other public demonstrations. Picketing of funerals causes emotional disturbance and distress to grieving families who participate in these services. Everyone has a right to have their privacy during these solemn moments. This section of the constitution will protect all groups, military, and/or civilian.

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