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**HOUSE BILL 02-1287**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING ACCESS TO RECORDS FOR PURPOSES OF BACKGROUND**  
102              **CHECKS CONDUCTED IN CONNECTION WITH FIREARM**  
103              **TRANSFERS.**

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**Bill Summary**

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

Directs the state court administrator to provide access to the integrated Colorado on-line network (ICON) and other electronic databases of court records to the Colorado bureau of investigation for use in background investigations for firearm transfers. Specifies that the bureau may search the ICON and other databases maintained by the state judicial department.

Directs the clerk of the court of every judicial district in the state

**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.*

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and the probate court of the city and county of Denver to report to the national instant criminal background check system the name of each person with respect to whom the court has issued:

- A finding of incapacity;
- An order of commitment to the custody of the division of alcohol and drug abuse in the department of human services; and
- An order for involuntary certification for short-term treatment of mental illness, for extended certification for treatment of mental illness, or for long-term care and treatment of mental illness.

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

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3           **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of article 5 of title 13, Colorado Revised  
4 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to  
5 read:

6           **13-5-142. National instant criminal background check system**  
7 **- reporting.** (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002, THE CLERK OF THE COURT OF  
8 EVERY JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE STATE SHALL PERIODICALLY REPORT THE  
9 FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL  
10 BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM CREATED BY THE FEDERAL "BRADY  
11 HANDGUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT" (P.L. NO. 103-159), THE  
12 RELEVANT PORTION OF WHICH IS CODIFIED AT 18 U.S.C. SEC. 922 (t):

13           (a) THE NAME OF EACH PERSON WHO HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE  
14 INCAPACITATED BY ORDER OF THE COURT PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE  
15 14 OF TITLE 15, C.R.S.;

16           (b) THE NAME OF EACH PERSON WHO HAS BEEN COMMITTED BY  
17 ORDER OF THE COURT TO THE CUSTODY OF THE DIVISION OF ALCOHOL AND  
18 DRUG ABUSE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES PURSUANT TO  
19 SECTION 25-1-311 OR 25-1-1107, C.R.S.; AND

1 (c) THE NAME OF EACH PERSON WITH RESPECT TO WHOM THE  
2 COURT HAS ISSUED AN ORDER FOR INVOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION FOR  
3 SHORT-TERM TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS PURSUANT TO SECTION  
4 27-10-107, C.R.S., FOR EXTENDED CERTIFICATION FOR TREATMENT OF  
5 MENTAL ILLNESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-10-108, C.R.S., OR FOR  
6 LONG-TERM CARE AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS PURSUANT TO  
7 SECTION 27-10-109, C.R.S.

8 (2) ANY REPORT MADE BY THE CLERK OF THE COURT OF EVERY  
9 JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE STATE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL  
10 DESCRIBE THE REASON FOR THE REPORT AND INDICATE THAT THE REPORT  
11 IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 18 U.S.C. SEC. 922 (g) (4).

12 (3) THE CLERK OF THE COURT OF EVERY JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE  
13 STATE SHALL TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO CANCEL A RECORD MADE BY  
14 THAT CLERK IN THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK  
15 SYSTEM IF:

16 (a) THE PERSON TO WHOM THE RECORD PERTAINS MAKES A  
17 WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE CLERK; AND

18 (b) THE RECORD IS BASED ON A COURT ORDER ISSUED NO LESS  
19 THAN FIVE YEARS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN REQUEST.

20 **SECTION 2.** Article 9 of title 13, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

22 **13-9-123. National instant criminal background check system**  
23 **- reporting.** (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002, THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE  
24 COURT SHALL PERIODICALLY REPORT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO  
25 THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM CREATED  
26 BY THE FEDERAL "BRADY HANDGUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT" (P.L.  
27 No. 103-159), THE RELEVANT PORTION OF WHICH IS CODIFIED AT 18

1 U.S.C. SEC. 922 (t):

2 (a) THE NAME OF EACH PERSON WHO HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE  
3 INCAPACITATED BY ORDER OF THE COURT PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE  
4 14 OF TITLE 15, C.R.S.;

5 (b) THE NAME OF EACH PERSON WHO HAS BEEN COMMITTED BY  
6 ORDER OF THE COURT TO THE CUSTODY OF THE DIVISION OF ALCOHOL AND  
7 DRUG ABUSE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES PURSUANT TO  
8 SECTION 25-1-311 OR 25-1-1107, C.R.S.; AND

9 (c) THE NAME OF EACH PERSON WITH RESPECT TO WHOM THE  
10 COURT HAS ISSUED AN ORDER FOR INVOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION FOR  
11 SHORT-TERM TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS PURSUANT TO SECTION  
12 27-10-107, C.R.S., FOR EXTENDED CERTIFICATION FOR TREATMENT OF  
13 MENTAL ILLNESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-10-108, C.R.S., OR FOR  
14 LONG-TERM CARE AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS PURSUANT TO  
15 SECTION 27-10-109, C.R.S.

16 (2) ANY REPORT MADE BY THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT  
17 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE REASON FOR THE REPORT  
18 AND INDICATE THAT THE REPORT IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 18 U.S.C.  
19 SEC. 922 (g) (4).

20 (3) THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT SHALL TAKE ALL  
21 NECESSARY STEPS TO CANCEL A RECORD MADE BY THAT CLERK IN THE  
22 NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM IF:

23 (a) THE PERSON TO WHOM THE RECORD PERTAINS MAKES A  
24 WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE CLERK; AND

25 (b) THE RECORD IS BASED ON A COURT ORDER ISSUED NO LESS  
26 THAN FIVE YEARS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN REQUEST.

27 **SECTION 3. 18-4-412 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, is**

1 amended to read:

2 **18-4-412. Theft of medical records or medical information -**  
3 **penalty.** (4) The obtaining, accessing, use, or disclosure of relevant  
4 medical records or medical information pursuant to 18 U.S.C. sec. 922 (t)  
5 and ~~section 24-33.5-424~~ SECTIONS 24-33.5-424, 13-5-142, AND 13-9-123,  
6 C.R.S., by the Colorado bureau of investigation, THE CLERK OF THE  
7 COURT OF ANY JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE STATE, THE CLERK OF THE  
8 PROBATE COURT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, or by any of its  
9 THEIR employees and accessing such records and information through the  
10 NICS system shall not constitute theft of a medical record or medical  
11 information under this section.

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13 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.