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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF A PERSON CREDENTIALLED IN**  
102 **ANOTHER STATE WHOSE RESIDENCE IS DETERMINED BY**  
103 **MILITARY ORDERS TO PRACTICE AN OCCUPATION REGULATED**  
104 **BY COLORADO LAW.**

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**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 authorizes military spouses to practice in a regulated profession or occupation other than real estate for one year if the spouse

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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1 OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR LAW IN ANOTHER STATE.

2 (3) "MILITARY SPOUSE" MEANS THE SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO IS  
3 ACTIVELY SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND WHO IS  
4 STATIONED IN COLORADO IN ACCORDANCE WITH MILITARY ORDERS.

5 **12-71-102. Authority to practice - reciprocity.**

6 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER ARTICLE OF THIS TITLE, A PERSON  
7 NEED NOT OBTAIN AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE AN OCCUPATION OR  
8 PROFESSION UNDER THIS TITLE DURING THE PERSON'S FIRST YEAR OF  
9 RESIDENCE IN COLORADO IF:

10 (a) THE PERSON IS A MILITARY SPOUSE WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO  
11 PRACTICE THAT OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION IN ANOTHER STATE;

12 (b) OTHER THAN THE PERSON'S LACK OF LICENSURE,  
13 REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION IN COLORADO, THERE IS NO BASIS TO  
14 DISQUALIFY THE PERSON UNDER THIS TITLE; AND

15 (c) THE PERSON CONSENTS, AS A CONDITION OF PRACTICING IN  
16 COLORADO, TO BE SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION AND DISCIPLINARY  
17 AUTHORITY OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY.

18 (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREVENT AN AGENCY FROM ENTERING  
19 INTO A RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT WITH THE REGULATING AUTHORITY OF  
20 ANOTHER STATE OR JURISDICTION IF OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

21 (3) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE  
22 UNDER ARTICLE 25, 28, 36, 40, OR 61 OF THIS TITLE.

23 **12-71-103. Notice.** (1) **Agency.** IF A PERSON WHO IS PRACTICING  
24 IN COLORADO UNDER SECTION 12-71-102 APPLIES FOR AUTHORITY TO  
25 CONTINUE TO PRACTICE AFTER THE FIRST YEAR UNDER ANOTHER ARTICLE  
26 OF THIS TITLE, THE APPLICANT SHALL NOTIFY THE AGENCY RECEIVING THE  
27 APPLICATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 (a) THE APPLICANT IS CURRENTLY PRACTICING IN COLORADO  
2 UNDER THIS ARTICLE;

3 (b) THE DATE THE APPLICANT BEGAN PRACTICING IN COLORADO;  
4 AND

5 (c) THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF ANY PERSON  
6 EMPLOYING THE APPLICANT TO PRACTICE IN COLORADO.

7 (2) **Employer.** IF AN AGENCY DENIES THE APPLICATION FOR  
8 AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE UNDER THIS TITLE, THE AGENCY SHALL NOTIFY  
9 THE EMPLOYER THAT THE PERSON WAS DENIED AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE  
10 TO PRACTICE UNDER THIS TITLE.

11 **12-71-104. Continuing education - regulated service members**

12 **- rules.** (1) AN AGENCY MAY ACCEPT, FROM A PERSON WITH AUTHORITY  
13 TO PRACTICE, CONTINUING EDUCATION, TRAINING, OR SERVICE COMPLETED  
14 AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OR RESERVES OF THE UNITED  
15 STATES, THE NATIONAL GUARD OF ANY STATE, THE MILITARY RESERVES  
16 OF ANY STATE, OR THE NAVAL MILITIA OF ANY STATE TOWARD THE  
17 EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS TO RENEW THE PERSON'S AUTHORITY TO  
18 PRACTICE.

19 (2) AN AGENCY MAY PROMUGATE RULES ESTABLISHING  
20 EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT  
21 THIS SECTION.

22 **12-71-105. Rules.** THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF  
23 REGISTRATIONS MAY PROMULGATE RULES REASONABLY NECESSARY TO  
24 IMPLEMENT THIS ARTICLE.

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26 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-201, **amend**  
27 (2) as follows:

1           **25-3.5-201. Training programs.** (2) The department shall  
2 distribute the curricula and teaching aids to training institutions and  
3 hospitals upon request from a recognized training group or hospital. If  
4 ~~any~~ A county is unable to arrange for necessary training programs, the  
5 department shall arrange ~~such~~ A TRAINING program within the immediate  
6 vicinity of the agency requesting ~~such~~ THE program. The department shall  
7 issue emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER certificates  
8 ~~pursuant to~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH section 25-3.5-203 (1) and may issue  
9 certificates of successful course completion to those individuals who  
10 successfully complete other emergency medical services training  
11 programs of the department. ~~Such~~ THE programs may provide for the  
12 training of emergency medical dispatchers, emergency medical services  
13 instructors, emergency medical services coordinators, and other personnel  
14 who provide emergency medical services. The receipt of ~~such~~ a THE  
15 certificate of course completion ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ deemed state licensure,  
16 approval, or a determination of competency.

17           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25-3.5-202  
18 as follows:

19           **25-3.5-202. Personnel - basic requirements.** Emergency  
20 medical personnel employed or utilized in connection with an ambulance  
21 service shall meet the qualifications established, by resolution, by the  
22 board of county commissioners of the county in which the ambulance is  
23 based in order to be certified. For ambulance drivers, the minimum  
24 requirements ~~shall~~ include the possession of a valid driver's license and  
25 other requirements ~~to be~~ established by the board by rule ~~pursuant to~~  
26 UNDER section 25-3.5-308; for any person responsible for providing direct  
27 emergency medical care and treatment to patients transported in an

1 ambulance, the minimum requirement ~~shall be~~ IS possession of an  
2 emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER certificate issued by the  
3 department. In the case of an emergency in ~~any~~ AN ambulance service  
4 area where no person possessing the qualifications required by this  
5 section is present or available to respond to a call for the emergency  
6 transportation of patients by ambulance, any person may operate ~~such~~ THE  
7 ambulance to transport any sick, injured, or otherwise incapacitated or  
8 helpless person in order to stabilize the medical condition of ~~such~~ THE  
9 person pending the availability of medical care.

10 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-203, **amend**  
11 (1) (a.5), (1) (b) introductory portion, (1) (c) (I), (1) (c) (II), (4) (a), (4) (b)  
12 (I), and (4) (c) (I) (A); and **add** (1) (d) as follows:

13 **25-3.5-203. Emergency medical service providers -**  
14 **certification - renewal of certificate - duties of department - rules -**  
15 **criminal history record checks.** (1) (a.5) ~~On and after January 1, 2011,~~  
16 The executive director or chief medical officer shall regulate the acts  
17 emergency medical ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS are authorized to  
18 perform subject to the medical direction of a licensed physician. The  
19 executive director or chief medical officer, after considering the advice  
20 and recommendations of the advisory council, shall adopt and revise  
21 rules, as necessary, regarding the regulation of emergency medical  
22 ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS and their duties and functions. ~~The~~  
23 ~~executive director or chief medical officer may adopt the rules prior to~~  
24 ~~January 1, 2011, but the rules shall not take effect until January 1, 2011,~~  
25 ~~or later.~~

26 (b) The department shall certify emergency medical ~~technicians~~  
27 SERVICE PROVIDERS. The board shall adopt rules for the certification of

1 emergency medical technicians ~~Such~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS. THE rules ~~shall~~  
2 MUST include ~~but not be limited to~~, the following:

3 (c) (I) The department may issue a provisional certification to an  
4 applicant for certification as an emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE  
5 PROVIDER who requests issuance of a provisional certification and who  
6 pays any fee authorized ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER rules adopted by the board. A  
7 provisional certification ~~shall be~~ IS valid for not more than ninety days.

8 (II) The department ~~may~~ SHALL NOT issue a provisional  
9 certification ~~only if~~ UNLESS the applicant satisfies the requirements for  
10 certification ~~pursuant to~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH this section and rules  
11 adopted by the board ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER this subsection (1). If the  
12 department finds that an emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE  
13 PROVIDER that has received a provisional certification has violated any  
14 requirements for certification, the department may impose disciplinary  
15 sanctions ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER subparagraph (IV) of paragraph (b) of this  
16 subsection (1).

17 (d) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EXEMPT CERTIFIED EMERGENCY  
18 MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO FEDERALLY  
19 FUNDED ACTIVE DUTY FOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS TO  
20 SERVE IN A WAR, EMERGENCY, OR CONTINGENCY FROM THE PAYMENT OF  
21 CERTIFICATION FEES AND FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION OR  
22 PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE FOR A  
23 RENEWAL DATE DURING THE SERVICE OR THE SIX MONTHS AFTER THE  
24 COMPLETION OF SERVICE.

25 (II) UPON PRESENTATION OF SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE BY AN  
26 APPLICANT FOR RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
27 ACCEPT CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION, TRAINING, OR SERVICE

1 COMPLETED BY AN INDIVIDUAL AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OR  
2 RESERVES OF THE UNITED STATES, THE NATIONAL GUARD OF ANY STATE,  
3 THE MILITARY RESERVES OF ANY STATE, OR THE NAVAL MILITIA OF ANY  
4 STATE TOWARD THE QUALIFICATIONS TO RENEW THE INDIVIDUAL'S  
5 CERTIFICATION.

6 (III) AN INDIVIDUAL SERVING IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF THE  
7 UNITED STATES OR THE SPOUSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL MAY APPLY FOR  
8 CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE WHILE STATIONED WITHIN THIS  
9 STATE. THE INDIVIDUAL OR SPOUSE IS EXEMPT FROM THE INITIAL  
10 CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN THIS ARTICLE, EXCEPT FOR THOSE IN  
11 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION IF THE PERSON HOLDS A VALID  
12 CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
13 FROM ANOTHER STATE, THE CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE IS CURRENT, AND  
14 THE PERSON IS IN GOOD STANDING.

15 (IV) THE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
16 PARAGRAPH (d), INCLUDING THE CRITERIA AND EVIDENCE FOR  
17 ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING OR  
18 SERVICE.

19 (4) (a) The department may, with reasonable cause, acquire a  
20 fingerprint-based criminal history record check from the Colorado bureau  
21 of investigation ~~for the purpose of investigating~~ TO INVESTIGATE the  
22 holder of or applicant for an emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE  
23 PROVIDER certificate. The department may acquire a name-based criminal  
24 history record check for a certificate holder or an applicant who has twice  
25 submitted to a fingerprint-based criminal history record check and whose  
26 fingerprints are unclassifiable.

27 (b) (I) Any government entity that employs a person as or allows



1 a person to volunteer as an emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE  
2 PROVIDER in a position ~~that would require~~ REQUIRING direct contact with  
3 ~~any patient~~ PATIENTS shall require all volunteer and employed emergency  
4 medical ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS, who have lived in the state for  
5 three years or less at the time of the initial certification or certification  
6 renewal, to submit to a federal bureau of investigation fingerprint-based  
7 national criminal history record check ~~for the purpose of determining~~ TO  
8 DETERMINE eligibility for employment. Each emergency medical  
9 ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER required to submit to a federal bureau of  
10 investigation fingerprint-based national criminal history record check  
11 shall obtain a complete set of fingerprints taken by a local law  
12 enforcement agency or another entity designated by the department. The  
13 local law enforcement agency or other ~~such~~ designated entity that took the  
14 fingerprints shall transmit them to the Colorado bureau of investigation,  
15 which shall in turn forward them to the federal bureau of investigation for  
16 a national criminal history record check. The department or other  
17 authorized government entity ~~shall be~~ IS the authorized agency to receive  
18 and disseminate information regarding the result of ~~any~~ A national  
19 criminal history record check. ~~Any such~~ EACH ENTITY HANDLING THE  
20 national criminal history record check shall ~~be handled in accordance~~  
21 COMPLY with Pub.L. 92-544, as amended. Each government entity acting  
22 as the authorized recipient of the result of ~~any~~ A national criminal history  
23 record check shall forward the result of ~~any such~~ THE initial national  
24 criminal history record check and any subsequent notification of activity  
25 on the record to the department ~~for the purpose of determining~~ TO  
26 DETERMINE the individual's eligibility for initial certification or  
27 certification renewal.

1 (c) (I) (A) ~~Any~~ A government entity or ~~any~~ private, not-for-profit,  
2 or for-profit organization that employs a person or allows a person to  
3 volunteer as an emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER in a  
4 position ~~that would require~~ REQUIRING direct contact with ~~any patient~~  
5 PATIENTS shall require all volunteer and employed emergency medical  
6 ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS, who have lived in the state for more than  
7 three years at the time of initial certification or certification renewal, to  
8 submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history record check by the  
9 Colorado bureau of investigation ~~for the purpose of determining~~ TO  
10 DETERMINE eligibility for employment. The organization shall forward the  
11 result of ~~any such~~ THE criminal history record check and any subsequent  
12 notification of activity on the record to the department ~~for the purpose of~~  
13 ~~determining~~ TO DETERMINE eligibility for initial certification or  
14 certification renewal.

15 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-205, **amend**  
16 (1) (a), (2), and (5) (a) as follows:

17 **25-3.5-205. Emergency medical service providers -**  
18 **investigations - discipline.** (1) (a) The department ~~shall have the power~~  
19 ~~to~~ MAY administer oaths, take affirmations of witnesses, and issue  
20 subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of  
21 all relevant records and documents to investigate alleged misconduct by  
22 certified emergency medical ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS.

23 (2) An emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER, the  
24 employer of an emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER, a  
25 medical director, and a physician providing medical direction of an  
26 emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER shall report to the  
27 department any misconduct that is known or reasonably believed by ~~such~~

1 THE person to have occurred.

2 (5) For the purposes of this section:

3 (a) "Medical director" means a physician who supervises certified  
4 emergency medical ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS consistent with the  
5 rules adopted by the executive director or chief medical officer, as  
6 applicable, ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER section 25-3.5-206.

7 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-206, **amend**  
8 (1), (2)(a) introductory portion, (2) (a) (I) (D), (2) (a) (I) (E), (2) (a) (I)  
9 (F), (3) introductory portion, (3) (a), (3) (c), (4) (a) introductory portion,  
10 (4) (a) (I), and (4) (a) (II) as follows:

11 **25-3.5-206. Emergency medical practice advisory council -**  
12 **creation - powers and duties - emergency medical service provider**  
13 **scope of practice rules.** (1) There is hereby created within the  
14 department, as a **type 2** entity under the direction of the executive director  
15 of the department, the emergency medical practice advisory council,  
16 referred to in this part 2 as the "advisory council". The advisory council  
17 is responsible for advising the department regarding the appropriate scope  
18 of practice for emergency medical ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS  
19 certified ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER section 25-3.5-203.

20 (2) (a) The emergency medical practice advisory council ~~shall~~  
21 ~~consist~~ CONSISTS of the following eleven members:

22 (I) Eight voting members appointed by the governor as follows:

23 (D) One emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER  
24 certified at an advanced life support level who is actively involved in the  
25 provision of emergency medical services;

26 (E) One emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER  
27 certified at a basic life support level who is actively involved in the

1 provision of emergency medical services; and

2 (F) One emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER  
3 certified at any level who is actively involved in the provision of  
4 emergency medical services;

5 (3) The advisory council shall provide general technical expertise  
6 on matters related to the provision of patient care by emergency medical  
7 ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS and shall advise or make  
8 recommendations to the department in the following areas:

9 (a) The acts and medications that certified emergency medical  
10 ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS at each level of certification are  
11 authorized to perform or administer under the direction of a physician  
12 medical director;

13 (c) Modifications to emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE  
14 PROVIDER certification levels and capabilities; and

15 (4) (a) The executive director or, if the executive director is not  
16 a physician, the chief medical officer shall adopt rules in accordance with  
17 article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., concerning the scope of practice of emergency  
18 medical ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS for prehospital care. The rules  
19 ~~shall~~ MUST include ~~but not be limited to~~, the following:

20 (I) Allowable acts for each level of emergency medical ~~technician~~  
21 SERVICE PROVIDER certification and the medications that each level of  
22 emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER certification can  
23 administer;

24 (II) Defining the physician medical direction ~~that is~~ required for  
25 appropriate oversight of an emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE  
26 PROVIDER by an emergency medical services medical director;

27 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-36-106, **amend**

1 (3) introductory portion and (3) (y) as follows:

2 **12-36-106. Practice of medicine defined - exemptions from**  
3 **licensing requirements - unauthorized practice by physician**  
4 **assistants - penalties - rules.** (3) A person may engage in, and shall IS  
5 not be required to obtain a license or a physician training license under  
6 this article with respect to, any of the following acts:

7 (y) The rendering of services by an emergency medical ~~technician~~  
8 SERVICE PROVIDER certified ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER section 25-3.5-203,  
9 C.R.S., ~~as long as~~ IF the services rendered are consistent with rules  
10 adopted by the executive director or chief medical officer, as applicable,  
11 ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER section 25-3.5-206, C.R.S., defining the duties and  
12 functions of emergency medical ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS.

13 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-21-108.2, **amend**  
14 (1), (2) introductory portion, and (2) (b) as follows:

15 **13-21-108.2. Persons rendering emergency assistance -**  
16 **competitive sports - exemption from civil liability.** (1) (a) Except as  
17 provided in subsection (2) of this section, a person licensed as a  
18 physician, osteopath, chiropractor, nurse, physical therapist, podiatrist,  
19 dentist, or optometrist or certified as an emergency medical ~~technician~~  
20 SERVICE PROVIDER under part 2 of article 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S., who, in  
21 good faith and without compensation, renders emergency care or  
22 emergency assistance, including ~~but not limited to~~ sideline or on-field  
23 care as a team health care provider, to an individual requiring emergency  
24 care or emergency assistance as a result of having engaged in a  
25 competitive sport is not liable for civil damages as a result of acts or  
26 omissions by the physician, osteopath, chiropractor, nurse, physical  
27 therapist, podiatrist, dentist, or optometrist or person certified as an

1 emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER under part 2 of article  
2 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S.

3 (b) The provisions of this subsection (1) ~~shall~~ apply to the  
4 rendering of emergency care or emergency assistance to a minor even if  
5 the physician, osteopath, chiropractor, nurse, physical therapist, podiatrist,  
6 dentist, or optometrist or the person certified as an emergency ~~technician~~  
7 SERVICE PROVIDER under part 2 of article 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S., does not  
8 obtain permission from the parent or legal guardian of the minor before  
9 rendering the care or assistance; except that, if a parent or guardian  
10 refuses the rendering of emergency care, this subsection (1) ~~shall~~ DOES  
11 not apply.

12 (2) The exemption from civil liability described in subsection (1)  
13 of this section ~~shall~~ DOES not apply to:

14 (b) Acts or omissions that are outside the scope of the license held  
15 by the physician, osteopath, chiropractor, nurse, physical therapist,  
16 podiatrist, dentist, or optometrist or outside the scope of the certificate  
17 held by a person who is certified as an emergency medical ~~technician~~  
18 SERVICE PROVIDER under part 2 of article 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S.

19 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 15-18.6-101, **amend**  
20 (3) as follows:

21 **15-18.6-101. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the  
22 context otherwise requires:

23 (3) "Emergency medical service personnel" means ~~any~~ A  
24 emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER at any level who is  
25 certified or licensed by the department of public health and environment.  
26 "Emergency medical service personnel" includes a first responder  
27 certified by the department of public health and environment or the

1 division of fire safety in the office of preparedness, security, and fire  
2 safety in the department of public safety, in accordance with section  
3 24-33.5-1205 (2) (c), C.R.S.

4 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 15-18.7-102,  
5 **amend** (8) as follows:

6 **15-18.7-102. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the  
7 context otherwise requires:

8 (8) "Emergency medical service personnel" means an emergency  
9 medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER who is certified or licensed by the  
10 department of public health and environment, created and existing  
11 ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER section 25-1-102, C.R.S., or ~~any~~ A first responder  
12 certified by the department of public health and environment or the  
13 division of fire safety in the office of preparedness, security, and fire  
14 safety in the department of public safety, in accordance with part 12 of  
15 article 33.5 of title 24, C.R.S.

16 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.3-501, **amend**  
17 (1.5) as follows:

18 **18-1.3-501. Misdemeanors classified - penalties.** (1.5) (a) If a  
19 defendant is convicted of assault in the third degree ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER  
20 section 18-3-204 and the victim is a peace officer, emergency medical  
21 ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER, emergency medical care provider, or  
22 firefighter engaged in the performance of his or her duties,  
23 notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (1) of this section, the court  
24 shall sentence the defendant to a term of imprisonment greater than the  
25 maximum sentence but no more than twice the maximum sentence  
26 authorized for the same crime when the victim is not a peace officer,  
27 emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER, emergency medical

1 care provider, or firefighter engaged in the performance of his or her  
2 duties. In addition to ~~such~~ THE term of imprisonment, the court may  
3 impose a fine on the defendant ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER subsection (1) of this  
4 section. At any time after sentencing and ~~prior to~~ BEFORE the discharge  
5 of the defendant's sentence, the victim may request that the defendant  
6 participate in restorative justice practices with the victim. If the defendant  
7 accepts responsibility for and expresses remorse for his or her actions and  
8 is willing to repair the harm caused by his or her actions, an individual  
9 responsible for the defendant's supervision shall make the necessary  
10 arrangements for the restorative justice practices requested by the victim.

11 (b) As used in this section, "peace officer, emergency medical  
12 ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER, emergency medical care provider, or  
13 firefighter engaged in the performance of his or her duties" means a peace  
14 officer as described in section 16-2.5-101, C.R.S., emergency medical  
15 ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER as defined in part 1 of article 3.5 of title 25,  
16 C.R.S., emergency medical care provider as defined by section 18-3-204  
17 (4), or a firefighter as defined in section 18-3-201 (1), who is engaged or  
18 acting in or who is present ~~for the purpose of engaging~~ TO ENGAGE or  
19 ~~acting~~ ACT in the performance of ~~any~~ A duty, service, or function  
20 imposed, authorized, required, or permitted by law to be performed by a  
21 peace officer, emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER,  
22 emergency medical care provider, or firefighter, whether or not the peace  
23 officer, emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER, emergency  
24 medical care provider, or firefighter is within the territorial limits of his  
25 or her jurisdiction, if the peace officer, emergency medical ~~technician~~  
26 SERVICE PROVIDER, emergency medical care provider, or firefighter is in  
27 uniform or the person committing an assault upon or offense against or



1 otherwise acting toward ~~such~~ THE peace officer, emergency medical  
2 ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER, emergency medical care provider, or  
3 firefighter knows or reasonably should know that the victim is a peace  
4 officer, emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER, emergency  
5 medical care provider, or firefighter or if the peace officer, emergency  
6 medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER, emergency medical care provider,  
7 or firefighter is intentionally assaulted in retaliation for the performance  
8 of his or her official duties.

9 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-3-106, **amend**  
10 (4) (d) as follows:

11 **18-3-106. Vehicular homicide.** (4) (d) No person except a  
12 physician, a registered nurse, a paramedic as certified in part 2 of article  
13 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S., an emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE  
14 PROVIDER as defined in part 1 of article 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S., or a person  
15 whose normal duties include withdrawing blood samples under the  
16 supervision of a physician or registered nurse ~~shall be~~ IS entitled to  
17 withdraw blood for the purpose of determining the alcoholic or drug  
18 content ~~therein~~ OF THE BLOOD FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. In ~~any~~ A  
19 trial for a violation of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section,  
20 testimony of a law enforcement officer that he OR SHE witnessed the  
21 taking of a blood specimen by a person who he OR SHE reasonably  
22 believed was authorized to withdraw blood specimens ~~shall be~~ IS  
23 sufficient evidence that ~~such~~ THE person was ~~so~~ authorized, and testimony  
24 from the person who obtained the blood specimens concerning ~~such~~ THE  
25 person's authorization to obtain blood specimens ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ a  
26 prerequisite to the admissibility of test results concerning the blood  
27 specimens obtained. No civil liability shall attach to any person

1 authorized to obtain blood, breath, saliva, or urine specimens or to any  
2 hospital, clinic, or association in or for which such specimens are  
3 obtained pursuant to this subsection (4) as a result of the act of obtaining  
4 ~~such~~ THE specimens from ~~any~~ A person if ~~such~~ THE specimens were  
5 obtained according to the rules ~~and regulations~~ prescribed by the state  
6 board of health; except that such provision ~~shall~~ DOES not relieve ~~any~~  
7 ~~such~~ THE person from liability for negligence in ~~the~~ obtaining of any  
8 specimen sample.

9 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-3-204, **amend**  
10 (1) (b) as follows:

11 **18-3-204. Assault in the third degree.** (1) A person commits the  
12 crime of assault in the third degree if:

13 (b) The person, with intent to infect, injure, harm, harass, annoy,  
14 threaten, or alarm another person whom the actor knows or reasonably  
15 should know to be a peace officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical  
16 care provider, or an emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER,  
17 causes ~~such~~ THE other person to come into contact with blood, seminal  
18 fluid, urine, feces, saliva, mucus, vomit, or ~~any~~ toxic, caustic, or  
19 hazardous material by any means, including ~~but not limited to~~ throwing,  
20 tossing, or expelling ~~such~~ THE fluid or material.

21 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-3-205, **amend**  
22 (4) (d) as follows:

23 **18-3-205. Vehicular assault.** (4) (d) No person except a  
24 physician, a registered nurse, a paramedic as certified in part 2 of article  
25 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S., an emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE  
26 PROVIDER as defined in part 1 of article 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S., or a person  
27 whose normal duties include withdrawing blood samples under the

1 supervision of a physician or registered nurse ~~shall be~~ IS entitled to  
2 withdraw blood ~~for the purpose of determining~~ TO DETERMINE the  
3 alcoholic or drug content ~~therein~~ OF THE BLOOD FOR PURPOSES OF THIS  
4 SECTION. In ~~any~~ A trial for a violation of paragraph (b) of subsection (1)  
5 of this section, testimony of a law enforcement officer that ~~he~~ THE  
6 OFFICER witnessed the taking of a blood specimen by a person who ~~he~~  
7 THE OFFICER reasonably believed was authorized to withdraw blood  
8 specimens ~~shall be~~ IS sufficient evidence that ~~such~~ THE person was ~~so~~  
9 authorized, and testimony from the person who obtained the blood  
10 specimens concerning ~~such~~ THE person's authorization to obtain blood  
11 specimens ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ a prerequisite to the admissibility of test results  
12 concerning the blood specimens obtained. No civil liability shall attach  
13 to ~~any~~ A person authorized to obtain blood, breath, saliva, or urine  
14 specimens or to ~~any~~ A hospital, clinic, or association in or for which ~~such~~  
15 THE specimens are obtained ~~pursuant to~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH this  
16 subsection (4) as a result of the act of obtaining ~~such~~ THE specimens from  
17 any person if ~~such~~ THE specimens were obtained according to the rules  
18 ~~and regulations~~ prescribed by the state board of health; except that ~~such~~  
19 THE provision ~~shall~~ DOES not relieve ~~any such~~ THE person from liability  
20 for negligence in ~~the~~ obtaining of ~~any~~ THE specimen sample.

21 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-4-412, **amend**  
22 (2) (a) as follows:

23 **18-4-412. Theft of medical records or medical information -**  
24 **penalty.** (2) As used in this section:

25 (a) "Medical record" means the written or graphic documentation,  
26 sound recording, or computer record pertaining to medical, mental health,  
27 and health care services, including medical marijuana services, ~~that are~~

1 performed at the direction of a physician or other licensed health care  
2 provider on behalf of a patient by physicians, dentists, nurses, ~~technicians~~  
3 SERVICE PROVIDERS, emergency medical ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS,  
4 mental health professionals, prehospital providers, or other health care  
5 personnel. "Medical record" includes such diagnostic documentation as  
6 X rays, electrocardiograms, electroencephalograms, and other test results.  
7 "Medical record" includes data entered into the prescription drug  
8 monitoring program pursuant to UNDER section 12-22-704, C.R.S.

9 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1203,  
10 **amend** (1) (h) as follows:

11 **24-33.5-1203. Duties of division.** (1) The division shall perform  
12 the following duties:

13 (h) Upon the request of local government officials, provide  
14 technical assistance in defining and developing solutions to local fire  
15 safety problems including, but not limited to, fireworks statutes; electrical  
16 hazards; public education programs; regulations concerning explosives;  
17 inspection of facilities when the performance of ~~such~~ THE inspections is  
18 the statutory duty of another state agency; certification of emergency  
19 medical ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS and paramedics; hazardous  
20 materials storage, handling, and transportation; and volatile, flammable,  
21 and carcinogenic materials;

22 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1802,  
23 **amend** (3.3) as follows:

24 **24-33.5-1802. Definitions.** As used in this part 18, unless the  
25 context otherwise requires:

26 (3.3) "First responder" means an individual who responds in a  
27 professional capacity to an emergency that occurs in a school building,

1 including, but not limited to, peace officers, firefighters, emergency  
2 medical technicians SERVICE PROVIDERS, school administrators, and  
3 teachers.

4 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1-1202, **amend**  
5 (1) (yy) as follows:

6 **25-1-1202. Index of statutory sections regarding medical**  
7 **record confidentiality and health information.** (1) Statutory provisions  
8 concerning policies, procedures, and references to the release, sharing,  
9 and use of medical records and health information include the following:

10 (yy) Section 25-3.5-501, concerning records maintained by  
11 ambulance services and emergency medical technicians SERVICE  
12 PROVIDERS;

13 **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25-1-1204  
14 as follows:

15 **25-1-1204. On-line exchange of advanced directives forms**  
16 **permitted.** A public or private entity, including ~~but not limited to~~ a  
17 nonprofit organization, that facilitates the exchange of health information  
18 among emergency medical technicians SERVICE PROVIDERS, doctors,  
19 hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacies, home health agencies, health plans,  
20 and local health information agencies through the use of health  
21 information technology may facilitate the voluntary, secure, and  
22 confidential exchange of forms containing advanced directives regarding  
23 a person's acceptance or rejection of life-sustaining medical or surgical  
24 treatment.

25 **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-103, **amend**  
26 (8), (10.6), (11.5), and (12) as follows:

27 **25-3.5-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context

1 otherwise requires:

2 (8) "Emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER" means an  
3 individual who holds a valid emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE  
4 PROVIDER certificate issued by the department as provided in this article.

5 (10.6) "Refresher course program" means a program establishing  
6 a course of instruction designed to keep emergency medical ~~technicians~~  
7 SERVICE PROVIDERS abreast of developments or new techniques in their  
8 profession, which course includes an examination ~~or examinations~~  
9 administered at any time during or following ~~such~~ THE course to facilitate  
10 continuing evaluation of emergency medical ~~technician-examinees~~  
11 SERVICE PROVIDERS.

12 (11.5) "Service agency" means a fixed-base or mobile prehospital  
13 provider of emergency medical services that employs emergency medical  
14 ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS to render medical care to patients.

15 (12) "Volunteer emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE  
16 PROVIDER" means an emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER  
17 who does not receive direct remuneration for the performance of  
18 emergency medical services.

19 **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-603, **amend**  
20 (1) (a), (3) introductory portion, (3) (a) (II) introductory portion, (3) (a)  
21 (II) (B), (3) (c) introductory portion, and (3) (c) (I) as follows:

22 **25-3.5-603. Emergency medical services account - creation -**  
23 **allocation of funds.** (1) (a) There is hereby created a special account  
24 within the highway users tax fund established ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER section  
25 43-4-201, C.R.S., to be known as the emergency medical services  
26 account, which ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of all moneys transferred thereto  
27 in accordance with section 42-3-304 (21), C.R.S., and fees collected

1 ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER section 25-3.5-203 for provisional certifications of  
2 emergency medical ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS.

3 (3) On and after July 1, 2002, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL  
4 APPROPRIATE moneys in the emergency medical services account: ~~shall~~  
5 ~~be appropriated:~~

6 (a) (II) Of the amount appropriated ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER  
7 subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a) for grants:

8 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD a minimum of one hundred  
9 fifty thousand dollars ~~shall be awarded~~ to offset the training costs of  
10 emergency medical ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS, emergency medical  
11 dispatchers, emergency medical services instructors, emergency medical  
12 services coordinators, and other personnel who provide emergency  
13 medical services. Of said one hundred fifty thousand dollars, no less than  
14 eighty percent shall be used in the training of emergency medical  
15 ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS.

16 (c) To the direct and indirect costs of planning, developing,  
17 implementing, maintaining, and improving the statewide emergency  
18 medical and trauma services system. ~~Such~~ THESE costs ~~shall~~ include:

19 (I) Providing technical assistance and support to local  
20 governments, local emergency medical and trauma service providers, and  
21 RETACs operating a statewide data collection system, coordinating local  
22 and state programs, providing assistance in selection and purchasing of  
23 medical and communication equipment, administering the EMTS grant  
24 program, and establishing and maintaining scope of practice for certified  
25 medical ~~technicians~~ SERVICE PROVIDERS; and

26 **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-605, **amend**  
27 (2) introductory portion, (2) (d) introductory portion, and (2) (d) (I) as

1 follows:

2 **25-3.5-605. Improvement of county emergency medical and**  
3 **trauma services - eligibility for county funding - manner of**  
4 **distributing funds.** (2) In order to qualify for moneys under this section,  
5 a county ~~shall~~ MUST:

6 (d) Ensure that all moneys received ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER this section  
7 ~~shall be~~ ARE expended on developing and updating the emergency  
8 medical and trauma services plan and other emergency medical and  
9 trauma services needs of the county such as:

10 (I) Training and certification of emergency medical ~~technicians~~  
11 SERVICE PROVIDERS;

12 **SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-13-108.1,  
13 **amend** (6) as follows:

14 **33-13-108.1. Operating a vessel while under the influence.**

15 (6) The ARRESTING OFFICER HAVING PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE A  
16 PERSON HAS VIOLATED THIS SECTION SHALL DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATION  
17 OF THE tests ~~shall be administered at the direction of the arresting officer~~  
18 ~~having reasonable grounds to believe that the person had been operating~~  
19 ~~a vessel in violation of subsection (1) of this section and in accordance~~  
20 with rules prescribed by the state board of health with utmost respect for  
21 the constitutional rights, dignity, and health of the person being tested. No  
22 person except a physician, a registered nurse, a paramedic as certified in  
23 part 2 of article 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S., an emergency medical ~~technician~~  
24 SERVICE PROVIDER as defined in part 1 of article 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S., or  
25 a person whose normal duties include withdrawing blood samples under  
26 the supervision of a physician or registered nurse shall ~~be entitled to~~  
27 withdraw blood ~~for the purpose of determining~~ TO DETERMINE the



1 alcoholic or drug content of the blood FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. No  
2 civil liability ~~shall attach~~ ATTACHES to ~~any~~ A person authorized to obtain  
3 blood, breath, saliva, or urine specimens or to ~~any~~ A hospital in which the  
4 specimens are obtained as provided in subsection (4) of this section as a  
5 result of the act of obtaining the specimens from any person submitting  
6 thereto if the specimens were obtained according to the rules ~~prescribed~~  
7 ~~by~~ OF the state board of health; except that this provision ~~shall~~ DOES not  
8 relieve ~~any such~~ THE person from liability for negligence in obtaining a  
9 specimen sample.

10 **SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 41-2-102, **amend**  
11 (6) (b) (II) as follows:

12 **41-2-102. Operating an aircraft under the influence -**  
13 **operating an aircraft with excessive alcohol content - tests - penalties**  
14 **- useful public service program.** (6) (b) (II) No person except a  
15 physician, a registered nurse, an emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE  
16 PROVIDER, as defined in part 1 of article 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S., and as  
17 certified in part 2 of article 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S., or a person whose  
18 normal duties include withdrawing blood samples under the supervision  
19 of a physician or registered nurse shall ~~be entitled to~~ withdraw blood for  
20 ~~the purpose of determining~~ TO DETERMINE the alcoholic or drug content  
21 ~~therein~~ OF THE BLOOD FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. In ~~any~~ A trial for  
22 a violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section, the testimony of a law  
23 enforcement officer that he OR SHE witnessed the taking of a blood  
24 specimen by a person who he OR SHE reasonably believed was authorized  
25 to withdraw a blood specimen ~~shall be~~ IS sufficient evidence that ~~such~~  
26 THE person was ~~so~~ authorized, and testimony from the person who  
27 obtained the blood specimens concerning ~~such~~ THE person's authorization

1 to obtain blood specimens ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ a prerequisite to the  
2 admissibility of test results concerning the blood specimen obtained. No  
3 civil liability ~~shall attach~~ ATTACHES to ~~any~~ A person authorized to obtain  
4 blood, breath, saliva, or urine specimens or to ~~any~~ A hospital, clinic, or  
5 association in or for which ~~such~~ THE specimens are obtained as provided  
6 in this subsection (6) as a result of the act of obtaining ~~such~~ THE  
7 specimens from any person submitting thereto if ~~such~~ THE specimens  
8 were obtained according to the rules and regulations ~~prescribed by~~ OF the  
9 state board of health; except that this provision shall not relieve ~~any such~~  
10 THE person from liability for negligence in the obtaining of any specimen  
11 sample.

12 **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1301.1,  
13 **amend** (6) (a) as follows:

14 **42-4-1301.1. Expressed consent for the taking of blood, breath,**  
15 **urine, or saliva sample - testing.** (6) (a) No person except a physician,  
16 a registered nurse, a paramedic, as certified in part 2 of article 3.5 of title  
17 25, C.R.S., an emergency medical ~~technician~~ SERVICE PROVIDER, as  
18 defined in part 1 of article 3.5 of title 25, C.R.S., or a person whose  
19 normal duties include withdrawing blood samples under the supervision  
20 of a physician or registered nurse shall ~~be entitled to~~ withdraw blood for  
21 ~~the purpose of determining~~ TO DETERMINE the alcoholic or drug content  
22 ~~therein~~ OF THE BLOOD FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

23 **SECTION 26. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes  
24 effect July 1, 2012, and applies to acts committed on or after said date.

25 **SECTION 27. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.