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# An Act

HOUSE BILL 12-1214

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also SENATOR(S) Nicholson and Spence, Aguilar, Boyd, Foster, Heath, Hodge, Hudak, Newell, Schwartz, Tochtrop, Williams S.

CONCERNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE TWO-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS IN CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FIELDS WITHOUT A STUDENT TRANSFER AGREEMENT.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-60-211, **amend** (1) as follows:

**23-60-211. Degrees.** (1) Before a community college offers a two-year degree program with academic designation, as authorized by section 23-60-201, the community college shall determine the program designation for the degree. A two-year degree program with academic designation shall only be for a degree program that has a valid student transfer agreement pursuant to section 23-1-108 (7); EXCEPT THAT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAY OFFER A TWO-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAM WITH ACADEMIC DESIGNATION IN DENTAL HYGIENE WITHOUT A VALID STUDENT

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

TRANSFER AGREEMENT. The community college shall then submit the degree program designation to the board for its review and approval. The community college may offer the degree program only after it has been approved by the board and by the Colorado commission on higher education. The community college shall exclusively use the degree program designation name in official publications, course catalogs, diplomas, and official transcripts.

**SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 8, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless

approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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