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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ESTABLISHING AN ONLINE PORTAL WITHIN THE
102 VETERANS RESOURCE INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE.

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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Under existing law, the division of veterans affairs (division) within the department of military and veterans affairs operates a veterans resource information clearinghouse (clearinghouse) to provide information concerning support, services, and other assistance available to veterans and their families.

The bill requires the division to create and maintain an online

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portal to assist veterans with accessing information provided through the clearinghouse, allow users to maintain a personalized health record in the portal, and offer secure care coordination and personalized care tools that help veterans be more engaged in their health. The division is permitted to enter into an agreement with a third party to create and maintain the online portal or, if the third party maintains an existing, similar portal, to expand and maintain that existing portal.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-711, **add** (4) as
3 follows:

4 **28-5-711. Veterans resource information clearinghouse -**
5 **online portal.** (4) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023, AND SUBJECT TO
6 AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DIVISION SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN
7 AN ONLINE PORTAL TO PROVIDE INFORMATION THROUGH THE VETERANS
8 RESOURCE INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER OVER
9 THE INTERNET. THE PORTAL MUST:

10 (I) PROVIDE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUPPORTS,
11 SERVICES, AND OTHER ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
12 SECTION, INCLUDING COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES, HEALTH SERVICES,
13 SUPPORT SERVICES, AND AVAILABLE ASSISTIVE DEVICES;

14 (II) ALLOW USERS TO MAINTAIN A PERSONALIZED HEALTH RECORD
15 IN THE PORTAL; AND

16 (III) OFFER SECURE CARE COORDINATION AND PERSONALIZED CARE
17 TOOLS THAT HELP VETERANS BE MORE ENGAGED IN THEIR HEALTH AND
18 WELL-BEING.

19 (b) IN ORDER TO ENSURE ACCESS FOR ALL OF COLORADO'S
20 VETERANS, THE PORTAL MUST COMPLY WITH ANY APPLICABLE
21 REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF
22 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, AND THE STATE

1 ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-85-103 (1).

2 (c) THE DIVISION MAY CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY TO:

3 (I) CREATE AND MAINTAIN THE PORTAL; OR

4 (II) IF THE THIRD PARTY MAINTAINS AN ONLINE PORTAL THAT IS
5 SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE PORTAL DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION
6 (4), TO EXPAND AND MAINTAIN THE EXISTING PORTAL SO THAT IT
7 SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (4).

8 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
9 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
10 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
11 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
12 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
13 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
14 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
15 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
16 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.