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SENATE BILL 11-243

BY SENATOR(S) Guzman, Steadman; also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Pabon, Duran, Fields, Fischer, Hullinghorst, Labuda, Schafer S., Todd, Vigil, Wilson.

CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE CIVIL PENALTY FOR DOCUMENT FRAUD.

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

SECTION 1. Repeal. 8-2-121, Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

8-2-121. Document fraud - penalties. (1) A person or entity shall not recklessly forge, counterfeit, alter, or falsely make or provide any document listed in 8 CFR 274a.2 (b) (1) (v) for any purpose.

(2) Any person or entity that violates subsection (1) of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than fifty thousand dollars recoverable, with attorney fees and costs, in a civil action that may be brought by the office of the attorney general on behalf of the department of labor and employment, for each document subject to the violation. Moneys collected pursuant to this subsection (2) shall be deposited in the judicial stabilization cash fund created in section 13-32-101 (6), C.R.S. The moneys in the judicial stabilization cash fund shall be subject to annual

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appropriation by the general assembly to the office of the attorney general for costs incurred for actions brought pursuant to this section. In the event that the judicial stabilization cash fund is abolished, the moneys collected pursuant to this subsection (2) shall be deposited in the general fund, which shall then be subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly to the office of the attorney general for costs incurred for actions brought pursuant to this section.

(3) The penalties in this section shall be imposed in addition to, and not in lieu of, the penalties in part 1 of article 5 of title 18, C.R.S.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,

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determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Brandon C. Shaffer PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE Frank McNulty SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Cindi L. Markwell SECRETARY OF THE SENATE Marilyn Eddins CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED_____

John W. Hickenlooper GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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