

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services.

HB23-1117 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 and 3 and substitute:

2       **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that:

4       (a) Colorado is home to more than half a million immigrants,  
5 including refugees, who make up ten percent of the state's population and  
6 play a vital role in our state's cultural fabric and shared prosperity;

7       (b) People who are lawful permanent residents and receive public  
8 benefits are currently prohibited from sponsoring individuals, usually  
9 family members, from coming to the United States, leading to  
10 unnecessary family separation;

11       (c) Lawful permanent residents are treated differently under  
12 current Colorado law than United States citizens who are allowed to be  
13 a sponsor for immigrants; and

14       (d) Only United States citizens and lawful permanent residents  
15 can provide sponsorship for individuals who want to immigrate to the  
16 United States. Lawful permanent residents do not include undocumented  
17 immigrants who are ineligible for most federal benefits.

18       **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25.5-3-105  
19 as follows:".

20 Rerumber succeeding sections accordingly.

21 Page 2, line 17, after the period add: "THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
22 RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING BENEFITS PROGRAMS UNDER THE  
23 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING AND THE  
24 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL IDENTIFY AND REVIEW ALL  
25 CURRENT COUNTY GUIDANCE MATERIALS, INCLUDING FORMS, TRAINING  
26 MATERIALS, WEBSITES, AND ANY OTHER MATERIALS THAT REFERENCE A  
27 PROHIBITION ON SPONSORSHIP AS A CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR  
28 BENEFITS AND SHALL REMOVE ALL SUCH REFERENCES FROM VERBAL AND  
29 DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND FROM ALL PHYSICAL MATERIALS  
30 CURRENTLY PROVIDED TO APPLICANTS OR BENEFICIARIES.".

31 Page 2, strike lines 18 and 19 and substitute:

32       **"SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-101, **repeal**  
33 (3); and **add** (5) as follows:".

34 Page 3, after line 6, insert:

1                   "(5)     THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
2 ADMINISTERING BENEFITS PROGRAMS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
3 CARE POLICY AND FINANCING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
4 SHALL IDENTIFY AND REVIEW ALL CURRENT COUNTY GUIDANCE  
5 MATERIALS, INCLUDING FORMS, TRAINING MATERIALS, WEBSITES, AND  
6 ANY OTHER MATERIALS THAT REFERENCE A PROHIBITION ON SPONSORSHIP  
7 AS A CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS AND SHALL REMOVE ALL  
8 SUCH REFERENCES FROM VERBAL AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND  
9 FROM ALL PHYSICAL MATERIALS CURRENTLY PROVIDED TO APPLICANTS OR  
10 BENEFICIARIES.".

11     Page 3, strike lines 7 and 8 and substitute:

12                   **"SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-111.8, **repeal**  
13 **(5); and add (5.5) as follows:**"

14     Page 3, after line 18, insert:

15                   "(5.5)     THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
16 ADMINISTERING BENEFITS PROGRAMS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
17 CARE POLICY AND FINANCING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
18 SHALL IDENTIFY AND REVIEW ALL CURRENT COUNTY GUIDANCE  
19 MATERIALS, INCLUDING FORMS, TRAINING MATERIALS, WEBSITES, AND  
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23 FROM ALL PHYSICAL MATERIALS CURRENTLY PROVIDED TO APPLICANTS OR  
24 BENEFICIARIES.".

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