After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB20-1425 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and substitute:

"SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 25-3-124 as follows:

25-3-124. Patient visitation rights during COVID-19 - legislative declaration - definition - repeal. (1) The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that:
(a) The COVID-19 pandemic has produced challenges to the health care systems in Colorado;
(b) Hospitals have made many efforts to keep patients and employees in a safe environment and have endeavored to minimize, to the extent possible, the risk of spreading COVID-19;
(c) As a result of measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, hospitals have instituted policies that limit patients’ ability to be physically present with their loved ones during their hospitalization and treatment;
(d) Many patients not diagnosed with COVID-19 have therefore been alone during their treatment for serious conditions, traumas, illnesses, heart attacks, and routine and emergency surgeries; and
(e) In order to balance the need to reduce virus transmission with the benefits of having family members present during illness, especially at the end of life, as knowledge of
COVID-19 ADVANCES, HOSPITALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW
INFECTION PREVENTION PROTOCOLS AND IDENTIFY WAYS TO IMPROVE
VISITATION POLICIES WHILE STILL FOLLOWING BEST PRACTICES.

(2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
REQUIRES, "COVID-19" MEANS THE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS CAUSED BY
SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME CORONAVIRUS 2, OR
SARS-CoV-2.

(3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.".