

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-first General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

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*This Version Includes All Amendments Adopted  
on Second Reading in the Second House*

LLS NO. 17-0496.01 Jerry Barry x4341

**HOUSE BILL 17-1083**

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**House Committees**  
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**Senate Committees**  
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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS OF**  
102                    **THE REQUIREMENT THAT A MUNICIPAL JUDGE INFORM A**  
103                    **DEFENDANT OF CERTAIN RIGHTS.**

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**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>.)*

House Bill 16-1309 requires a judge to inform a defendant of certain rights at the defendant's first appearance in prosecutions in municipal courts. The bill excludes cases involving traffic infractions or violations carrying an assessment of 4 or fewer points from the requirement.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
March 27, 2017

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
February 27, 2017

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 24, 2017

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-7-207, **amend as**  
3 **it will become effective May 1, 2017,** (3) as follows:

4           **16-7-207. Court's duty to inform on first appearance in court**  
5 **and on pleas of guilty.** (3) This section applies to prosecutions for  
6 violations of municipal charters and prosecutions for violations of  
7 **municipal ordinances, EXCEPT FOR TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS FOR WHICH THE**  
8 **PENALTY IS ONLY A FINE AND ARREST IS PROHIBITED AND FOR WHICH A**  
9 **COURT SHALL NOT ISSUE A BENCH WARRANT, INCLUDING A WARRANT FOR**  
10 **FAILURE TO APPEAR.**

11           **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect  
12 the later of May 1, 2017, or upon passage, and applies to violations  
13 committed on or after said date.

14           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
16 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.