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HOUSE BILL 18-1263

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Hooton and Melton, Arndt, Buckner, Esgar, Ginal, Hansen, Herod, Kennedy, Lontine, Roberts, Rosenthal, Salazar, Singer, Valdez, Duran, Coleman, Gray, Winkler;
also SENATOR(S) Coram and Fenberg, Marble, Guzman, Aguilar, Crowder, Fields, Kefalas, Kerr, Martinez Humenik, Moreno, Neville T., Tate, Todd, Williams A.

CONCERNING ADDING CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO THE LIST OF DISABLING MEDICAL CONDITIONS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ADDING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-106, **amend** (2)(a.7) as follows:

25-1.5-106. Medical marijuana program - powers and duties of state health agency - rules - medical review board - medical marijuana program cash fund - subaccount - created - repeal. (2) **Definitions.** In addition to the definitions set forth in section 14 (1) of article XVIII of the state constitution, as used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(a.7) "Disabling medical condition" means:

(I) Post-traumatic stress disorder as diagnosed by a licensed mental health provider or physician; AND

(II) AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AS DIAGNOSED BY A LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER OR PHYSICIAN.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-106.5, **amend** (3)(b)(I) as follows:

25-1.5-106.5. Medical marijuana health research grant program.

(3)(b) **Grant approval.** (I) The council shall submit recommendations for grants to the state board of health. The state board of health shall approve or disapprove of grants submitted by the council. THE STATE BOARD IS ENCOURAGED TO PRIORITIZE GRANTS TO GATHER OBJECTIVE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH REGARDING THE EFFICACY AND THE SAFETY OF ADMINISTERING MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR PEDIATRIC CONDITIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER. If the state board of health disapproves a recommendation, the council may submit a replacement recommendation within thirty days.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,

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

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