

## CHAPTER 38

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**HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**


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## SENATE BILL 19-044

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Hooton, Arndt, McKean, Bird, Buentello, Exum, Jackson, Jaquez Lewis, Michaelson Jenet, Mullica,  
Snyder, Sullivan.

## AN ACT

CONCERNING THE STATEWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL IN ADOPTING CERTAIN CRITERIA.

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

**SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly declares that the purpose of this act is to repeal obsolete statutory provisions relating to the Colorado department of public health and environment. The general assembly further declares that repealing these statutory provisions does not alter the scope or applicability of the remaining statutes.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-704, **amend** (1) as follows:

**25-3.5-704. Statewide emergency medical and trauma care system - development and implementation - duties of department - rules adopted by board.** (1) The department shall develop, implement, and monitor a statewide emergency medical and trauma care system in accordance with the provisions of this part 7 and with rules adopted by the state board. ~~The system shall be implemented statewide no later than July 1, 1997. In addition, the board shall cooperate with the department of personnel in adopting criteria for adequate communications systems that counties shall be required to identify in regional emergency medical and trauma system plans in accordance with subsection (2) of this section.~~ Pursuant to section 24-50-504 (2), C.R.S., the department may contract with any public or private entity in performing any of its duties concerning education, the statewide trauma registry, and the verification process as set forth in this part 7.

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

**SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: March 18, 2019