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HOUSE BILL 21-1054

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A HOUSING ASSISTANCE EXCEPTION TO THE**
102 **REQUIREMENT TO VERIFY LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED**
103 **STATES FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS.**

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>.)

The bill creates a public or assisted housing benefit exception to the requirement that an applicant for federal, state, or local public benefits verify lawful presence in the United States.

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

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.5-103, **amend**
3 (3)(h) and (3)(i); and **add** (3)(j) as follows:

4 **24-76.5-103. Verification of lawful presence - exceptions -**
5 **reporting - rules.** (3) Verification of lawful presence in the United
6 States is not required:

7 (h) For renewing an educator license pursuant to article 60.5 of
8 title 22; ~~C.R.S.~~; or

9 (i) For receipt of educational services or benefits from institutions
10 of higher education, except as may be limited pursuant to section
11 23-7-110, including participation in the college opportunity fund program
12 pursuant to part 2 of article 18 of title 23, college savings plans pursuant
13 to section 23-3.1-301, state student financial assistance pursuant to article
14 3.3 of title 23, and any other financial benefit of the institution of higher
15 education relating to attendance at the institution of higher education; OR

16 (j) FOR RECEIPT OF PUBLIC OR ASSISTED HOUSING, HOUSING
17 SERVICES, HOUSING ASSISTANCE, OR OTHER SIMILAR BENEFIT.

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