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HOUSE BILL 24-1071

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PERMITTING A NAME CHANGE FOR A PERSON CONVICTED**
102 **OF A FELONY TO CONFORM WITH THE PERSON'S GENDER**
103 **IDENTITY.**

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>.)

Current law specifies the conditions a person must meet in order to change the person's name if the person was convicted of a felony. Among those conditions is that the person must show good cause to be able to change the person's name to a name different from the name the person was convicted under.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 23, 2024

The bill states that good cause includes changing the petitioner's name to conform with the petitioner's gender identity.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-15-101, **amend**
3 (3) introductory portion and (3)(b) as follows:

4 **13-15-101. Petition - proceedings - applicability.**

5 (3) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (2)~~
6 SUBSECTION (2)(b) of this section, the court may grant a petition for a
7 change of name ~~of~~ FOR a petitioner who was previously convicted of a
8 felony in this state or any other state, or adjudicated a juvenile delinquent
9 for an offense that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult in
10 this state or any other state or under federal law, if the court finds that the
11 petitioner must have a legal name change in order ~~to be issued~~ FOR THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ISSUE A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
13 IDENTIFICATION CARD in that name ~~a driver's license or identification card~~
14 ~~from the department of revenue~~ and if all of the following requirements
15 are met:

16 (b) (I) The proposed name change is to a name under which the
17 petitioner was convicted or adjudicated; except that, for good cause, the
18 court may allow a change ~~to a~~ OF name other than ~~a~~ THE name under
19 which the petitioner was convicted or adjudicated;

20 (II) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b), GOOD CAUSE
21 INCLUDES CHANGING THE PETITIONER'S NAME TO CONFORM WITH THE
22 PETITIONER'S GENDER IDENTITY.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-15-102, **amend**
24 (4) as follows:

25 **13-15-102. Publication of change.** (4) (a) A petitioner need not

1 give public notice of a name change as required by subsection (1) of this
2 section if the petitioner is changing the petitioner's name to conform with
3 the petitioner's gender identity.

4 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE
5 COURT MAY REQUIRE A PETITIONER TO GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF A NAME
6 CHANGE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE NAME
7 CHANGE IS REQUESTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-15-101 (3)(b) AND IS
8 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE PETITIONER'S NAME TO CONFORM
9 WITH THE PETITIONER'S GENDER IDENTITY.

10 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
13 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
14 institutions.