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**HOUSE BILL 24-1270**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT FIREARM OWNERS MAINTAIN**  
102 **LIABILITY INSURANCE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
103 **REQUIRING INSURERS TO MAKE COVERAGE AVAILABLE IN**  
104 **HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS INSURANCE POLICIES FOR**  
105 **DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ACCIDENTAL OR UNINTENTIONAL**  
106 **DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM.**

**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 requires firearm owners to maintain a liability insurance

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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policy that covers losses or damages to a person, other than the policyholder, who is injured on the insured property as a result of any accidental or unintentional discharge of the firearm (firearm liability insurance). Failure to maintain a firearm liability insurance policy is a civil infraction. A first offense is punishable by a minimum \$500 fine, half of which may be suspended if the person has obtained firearm liability insurance. A second offense within 5 years of a prior offense is punishable by a minimum \$1,000 fine.

The bill permits a person who was denied firearm liability insurance by 2 or more insurers or a person who is indigent and cannot afford the insurance to petition a court for an order declaring that the person is excused from the firearm liability insurance requirement. The court shall issue the order if it finds that the person is likely to behave prudently and safely in the storage, carrying, and use of a firearm and that the person has a gun safe or other secure container to store the firearm. The requirement to maintain firearm liability insurance does not apply to a person who holds a valid court order declaring the person is excused from the requirement.

The bill requires an insurer to make available to an applicant the opportunity to include in a homeowners or renters insurance policy coverage that satisfies the firearm liability insurance requirement. An insurer may deny firearm liability coverage to an applicant based on the insurer's individualized assessment of the risk related to covering the applicant.

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

2           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that:

4           (a) Beginning in the 1830s, U.S. jurisdictions enacted surety laws  
5 that required certain firearm owners to post a surety bond that would be  
6 forfeited if the firearm owner failed to keep the peace;

7           (b) Historical surety laws did not prohibit anyone from possessing  
8 or carrying arms but incentivized responsible firearm possession by  
9 requiring a surety that the owner would forfeit in the event that the owner  
10 breached the peace;

11           (c) At least ten U.S. jurisdictions enacted similar, if not identical,

1 surety laws during the nineteenth century; and

2 (d) The historical surety laws are analogous to modern liability  
3 insurance that does not prohibit firearm ownership or use.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-12-116 as  
5 follows:

6 **18-12-116. Firearm liability insurance required - evidence of**  
7 **policy - penalties - petition declaring person uninsurable - repeal.**

8 (1) (a) A RESIDENT OF COLORADO WHO OWNS A FIREARM SHALL  
9 CONTINUOUSLY MAINTAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT A HOMEOWNERS,  
10 RENTERS, OR OTHER LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY FROM A NONADMITTED  
11 INSURER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 10-5-101.2, OR AN INSURER AUTHORIZED  
12 TO DO BUSINESS IN COLORADO THAT COVERS LOSSES OR DAMAGES OF AT  
13 LEAST ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ALL PERSONS ARISING FROM  
14 ANY ONE INCIDENT TO A PERSON, OTHER THAN THE INSURED, WHO IS  
15 INJURED AS A RESULT OF ANY ACCIDENTAL OR UNINTENTIONAL  
16 DISCHARGE OF THE FIREARM, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEATH,  
17 INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

18 (b) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A  
19 PERSON WHO OWNS A FIREARM ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION  
20 WHO DOES NOT HAVE IN EFFECT A POLICY THAT COMPLIES WITH THE  
21 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION SHALL OBTAIN THE  
22 INSURANCE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE  
23 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

24 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30,  
25 2025.

26 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT REQUIRE A RESIDENT OF  
27 COLORADO WHO OWNS A FIREARM TO OBTAIN A NEW INSURANCE POLICY

1 IF THE PERSON MAINTAINS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT A POLICY THAT  
2 COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS  
3 SECTION.

4 (2) (a) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON IS DEEMED  
5 TO BE THE OWNER OF A FIREARM THAT IS LOST OR STOLEN UNTIL THE LOSS  
6 OR THEFT IS REPORTED TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN COMPLIANCE  
7 WITH SECTION 18-12-113.

8 (b) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, AN INSURANCE POLICY  
9 DECLARATIONS PAGE PROVIDED TO A FIREARM OWNER BY AN INSURER  
10 THAT DESCRIBES COVERAGE THAT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
11 THIS SECTION IS EVIDENCE OF A POLICY.

12 (3) TESTIMONY OF THE FAILURE OF A FIREARM OWNER TO PRESENT  
13 EVIDENCE OF A COMPLYING POLICY IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT WHEN  
14 REQUESTED TO DO SO BY A PEACE OFFICER IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE THAT  
15 THE FIREARM OWNER HAS VIOLATED SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

16 (4) A PERSON CHARGED WITH VIOLATING SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
17 SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONVICTED IF THE PERSON HAD A POLICY THAT  
18 COMPLIES WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION THAT WAS IN FULL FORCE  
19 AND EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.

20 (5) (a) A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IS A CIVIL  
21 INFRACTION, PUNISHABLE BY A FINE AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION  
22 (5).

23 (b) UPON A FIRST CONVICTION FOR A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION  
24 (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL IMPOSE A MINIMUM  
25 FIVE-HUNDRED-DOLLAR FINE. THE COURT MAY SUSPEND UP TO ONE-HALF  
26 OF THE FINE UPON A SHOWING THAT THE PERSON HAS OBTAINED  
27 INSURANCE AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

1 (c) UPON A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION FOR A  
2 VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN FIVE YEARS AFTER  
3 A PRIOR CONVICTION FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL  
4 IMPOSE A ONE-THOUSAND-DOLLAR FINE. THE COURT SHALL NOT SUSPEND  
5 THE FINE.

6 (6) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

7 (a) A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE;

8 (b) A PERSON WHO HOLDS A VALID ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO  
9 SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION DECLARING THAT THE PERSON IS  
10 EXCUSED FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN THE INSURANCE  
11 COVERAGE; OR

12 (c) A PERSON WHO HAS FILED A PETITION WITH A COURT FOR AN  
13 ORDER DECLARING THAT THE PERSON IS EXCUSED PURSUANT TO  
14 SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION IF THE PETITION SHOWS, ON ITS FACE,  
15 THAT THE PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO BE ISSUED AN ORDER UNTIL THE COURT  
16 MAKES A DETERMINATION ON THE PETITION.

17 (7) IT IS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION  
18 (1) OF THIS SECTION THAT THE PERSON:

19 (a) (I) WAS DENIED THE INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED  
20 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION BY TWO OR MORE  
21 INSURERS;     

22 (II) WOULD SUFFER UNDUE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP PARTICULAR TO  
23 THE PERSON'S SPECIFIC FINANCIAL SITUATION AS A RESULT OF OBTAINING  
24 INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
25 SECTION AND THE PERSON PRESENTS EVIDENCE OF THE UNDUE FINANCIAL  
26 HARDSHIP; OR

27 (III) IS INDIGENT AND HAS APPLIED FOR AND BEEN OFFERED THE

1 COVERAGE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, BUT  
2 CANNOT AFFORD THE COVERAGE;

3 (b) IS LIKELY TO BEHAVE PRUDENTLY AND SAFELY IN THE  
4 STORAGE, CARRYING, AND USE OF A FIREARM; AND

5 (c) POSSESSES A GUN SAFE OR OTHER SECURE CONTAINER TO  
6 STORE THE FIREARM IN THE PERSON'S HOME.

7 (8) (a) THE FOLLOWING PERSONS MAY PETITION A COURT FOR AN  
8 ORDER DECLARING THAT THE PERSON IS EXCUSED FROM THE REQUIREMENT  
9 IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION TO MAINTAIN INSURANCE COVERAGE:

10 (I) A PERSON WHO WAS DENIED THE INSURANCE COVERAGE  
11 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION BY TWO OR  
12 MORE INSURERS; ==

13 (II) A PERSON WHO WOULD SUFFER UNDUE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP  
14 PARTICULAR TO THE PERSON'S SPECIFIC FINANCIAL SITUATION AS A RESULT  
15 OF OBTAINING INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
16 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND THE PERSON PRESENTS EVIDENCE OF  
17 THE UNDUE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; OR

18 (III) A PERSON WHO IS INDIGENT AND WHO HAS APPLIED FOR AND  
19 BEEN OFFERED THE COVERAGE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)  
20 OF THIS SECTION, BUT CANNOT AFFORD THE COVERAGE.

21 (b) VENUE FOR FILING A PETITION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
22 (8) IS PROPER IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE  
23 PETITIONER RESIDES. A PETITION MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT THE  
24 PETITIONER SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ORDER DESCRIBED IN  
25 SUBSECTION (8)(d) OF THIS SECTION.

26 (c) UPON RECEIPT OF A PETITION, THE COURT SHALL HOLD A  
27 HEARING TO MAKE A DETERMINATION AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, BUT NO

1 LATER THAN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE PETITION IS FILED.

2 (d) UPON HEARING THE MATTER, THE COURT MUST ISSUE AN  
3 ORDER THAT THE PERSON IS UNINSURABLE IF THE COURT FINDS BY A  
4 PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE PETITIONER:

5 (I) (A) WAS DENIED THE INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED  
6 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION BY TWO OR MORE  
7 INSURERS; ==

8 (B) WOULD SUFFER UNDUE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP PARTICULAR TO  
9 THE PERSON'S SPECIFIC FINANCIAL SITUATION AS A RESULT OF OBTAINING  
10 INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
11 SECTION; OR

12 (C) IS INDIGENT AND HAS BEEN OFFERED THE COVERAGE REQUIRED  
13 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, BUT CANNOT AFFORD THE  
14 COVERAGE;

15 (II) IS LIKELY TO BEHAVE PRUDENTLY AND SAFELY IN THE  
16 STORAGE, CARRYING, AND USE OF A FIREARM; AND

17 (III) POSSESSES A GUN SAFE OR OTHER SECURE CONTAINER TO  
18 STORE THE FIREARM AND THE PETITIONER DEMONSTRATES TO THE COURT  
19 THE LOCATION IN THE PETITIONER'S HOME WHERE THE GUN SAFE OR OTHER  
20 SECURE CONTAINER IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED OR REGULARLY KEPT.

21 (e) AN ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (8) THAT A  
22 PERSON IS EXCUSED FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN THE  
23 INSURANCE COVERAGE IS VALID FOR THREE YEARS.

24 (f) == IN DETERMINING WHETHER GROUNDS TO ISSUE AN ORDER  
25 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (8) EXIST, THE COURT MAY CONSIDER ANY  
26 RELEVANT EVIDENCE. IN DETERMINING WHETHER A PERSON CAN AFFORD  
27 THE COVERAGE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION,

1 THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS AND OTHER  
2 NON-STATE FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST PERSONS WITH THE  
3 COST OF OBTAINING THE COVERAGE.

4 (9) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON IS INDIGENT IF  
5 THE PERSON WOULD QUALIFY FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL IN A  
6 CRIMINAL MATTER.

7 (10) AN INSURER WHO ISSUES A LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY  
8 THAT COMPLIES WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT ASK  
9 FOR, OR REQUIRE AN INSURED TO PROVIDE, THE SERIAL NUMBER OR ANY  
10 OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIFIC FIREARMS THAT THE INSURED  
11 OWNS AS A CONDITION OF ISSUING THE LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY.

12 SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 10-4-122 as  
13 follows:

14 10-4-122. Firearms liability insurance - homeowners or  
15 renter's insurance policies - required notices - rules - definition.

16 (1) AS PART OF A HOMEOWNERS, CONDO UNIT OWNERS, OR RENTERS  
17 INSURANCE POLICY THAT INCLUDES LIABILITY COVERAGE, AN INSURER  
18 SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE COVERAGE FOR LOSSES OR DAMAGES TO A  
19 PERSON, OTHER THAN THE INSURED, WHO IS INJURED AS A RESULT OF  
20 AN ACCIDENTAL OR UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM,  
21 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEATH, INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE,  
22 THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 18-12-116.

23 (2) (a) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026, AN INSURER SHALL  
24 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING NOTIFICATIONS IN THE SUMMARY DISCLOSURE  
25 FORM DESCRIBED IN SECTION 10-4-111:

26 (I) THE REQUIREMENT THAT A FIREARM OWNER MAINTAIN  
27 LIABILITY INSURANCE THAT COVERS LOSSES OR DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF



1 ANY ACCIDENTAL OR UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM, AS  
2 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-116; AND

3 (II) THE COVERAGE MAY RESULT IN AN INCREASED PREMIUM, BUT  
4 THAT THE INSURER MAY REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE PREMIUM IF THE  
5 APPLICANT OR POLICYHOLDER, AS APPLICABLE, SUBMITS PHOTOGRAPHIC  
6 OR OTHER EVIDENCE ACCEPTABLE TO THE INSURER DEMONSTRATING THAT  
7 THE APPLICANT OR POLICYHOLDER POSSESSES A GUN SAFE OR OTHER  
8 SECURE CONTAINER AND THAT SHOWS THE LOCATION IN THE HOME WHERE  
9 THE GUN SAFE OR OTHER SECURE CONTAINER IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED  
10 OR REGULARLY KEPT.

11 (b) AN INSURER MAY DENY AN APPLICANT THE COVERAGE  
12 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION BASED ON THE INSURER'S  
13 INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT OF THE RISK RELATED TO COVERING THE  
14 APPLICANT; EXCEPT THAT AN INSURER SHALL NOT DENY COVERAGE OR A  
15 CLAIM BASED SOLELY ON AN APPLICANT'S FAILURE TO RESPONSIBLY AND  
16 SECURELY STORE A FIREARM IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-12-114.

17 (c) AN INSURER WHO ISSUES A LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY  
18 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT ASK FOR, OR  
19 REQUIRE AN INSURED TO PROVIDE, THE SERIAL NUMBER OR ANY OTHER  
20 INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIFIC FIREARMS THAT THE INSURED OWNS AS  
21 A CONDITION OF ISSUING THE LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY.

22 (3) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT RULES NECESSARY TO  
23 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

24 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
25 REQUIRES, "FIREARM" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION  
26 18-12-101.

27 [REDACTED]

1           **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act takes effect January 1,  
2   2025.

3           **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
4   determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
5   preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
6   the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
7   institutions.