

CHAPTER 315

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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AN ACT**CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMISSION.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **repeal** (15)(a)(III); and **add** (25)(a)(V) as follows:

2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative declaration - definition - repeal. (15) (a) The following statutory authorizations for the designated advisory committees are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2024:

(III) ~~The suicide prevention commission created in section 25-1.5-111, C.R.S.;~~

(25) (a) The following statutory authorizations for the designated advisory committees will repeal on September 1, 2034:

(V) THE SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION 25-1.5-111.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-111, **amend** (2)(a) introductory portion, (2)(a)(VII), (2)(a)(XVII), (2)(a)(XIX), (2)(a)(XXII), (2)(b), and (6)(a); and **repeal** (2)(a)(XX) and (2)(a)(XXI) as follows:

25-1.5-111. Suicide prevention commission - created - responsibilities - gifts, grants, or donations - reimbursement for expenses - definition. (2) (a) ~~Within sixty days after May 29, 2014,~~ The executive director of the department of public

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.

~~health and environment~~ shall appoint to the commission no more than ~~twenty-six~~ TWENTY-TWO members, including:

(VII) A representative ~~from~~ OF the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUICIDE PREVENTION NONPROFIT COMMUNITY;

(XVII) A representative ~~from~~ OF the agricultural and ranching industry FROM A RURAL AREA;

(XIX) ~~At least three members~~ A REPRESENTATIVE of the Colorado business community ~~one of whom represents~~ FROM a rural area;

(XX) ~~One representative of the suicide prevention nonprofit community;~~

(XXI) ~~A representative from a nonprofit community service club;~~

(XXII) A representative ~~from an interfaith organization~~ OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY;

(b) When appointing the commission members, the executive director OF THE DEPARTMENT shall ensure that persons of ~~different~~ VARIOUS RACIAL AND ethnic backgrounds AND IDENTITIES are represented and that the regions of the state with high suicide rates, including rural areas, are represented and that the commission includes members with ~~expertise~~ FAMILIARITY WITH, KNOWLEDGE OF, AND LEADERSHIP OF groups associated with high suicide rates and suicide attempts, including: Persons with disabilities; working-age men; senior adults; veterans and active-duty military personnel; lesbian, gay, bisexual, NONBINARY, TWO-SPIRIT, and transgender youth and adults; and Coloradans of disproportionately affected diversities and ~~genders~~ GENDER EXPRESSIONS.

(6) (a) This section is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2024~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2034.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability. (1) 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; 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 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

(2) This act applies to appointments to the suicide prevention commission made on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

Approved: May 31, 2024