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SENATE BILL 26-105

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING COUNTY CORONERS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
102 **REQUIRING CORONERS TO DISCLOSE THEIR FINANCIAL**
103 **INTERESTS IN REGULATED BUSINESSES.**

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 coroners, clerks and recorders, and assessors (county officers) to file written disclosures of their financial interest in specified businesses regulated by their respective offices within 30 days of taking office or 30 days of acquiring the financial interest, whichever is later. The filing is a public record. A county officer who has disclosed

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a financial interest may not participate in an official action that would directly and specifically affect that business in which the county officer has a financial interest.

The bill also requires coroners to annually disclose, on an aggregate basis, the number of referrals of remains made by the corner to any mortuary, funeral home, crematory, or other death-care provider. No personal identifying information related to the decedent or the decedent's family may be disclosed.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-601.5, **amend**
3 (1)(d) as follows:

4 **30-10-601.5. Qualifications - fingerprints.**

5 (1) A person is eligible to hold the office of coroner if the person:

6 (d) For a coroner elected on or after November 5, 2024, in a
7 county with a population greater than ~~one hundred fifty~~ THREE HUNDRED
8 thousand, is a death investigator certified by and in good standing with
9 the American board of medicolegal death investigators or is a forensic
10 pathologist certified by and in good standing with the American board of
11 pathology.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 30-10-625 as
13 follows:

14 **30-10-625. County coroner - financial interest in regulated**
15 **businesses - definition.**

16 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
17 REQUIRES, "FINANCIAL INTEREST" MEANS AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST,
18 EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP, MANAGEMENT ROLE, CONTRACTUAL
19 RELATIONSHIP, OR OTHER DIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST.

20 (2) (a) THE CORONER DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION WHO HAS A
21 FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A BUSINESS THAT IS SUBJECT TO REGULATION OR

1 OVERSIGHT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CORONER SHALL DISCLOSE THAT
2 INTEREST IN WRITING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

3 **(b)** A COUNTY CORONER SHALL DISCLOSE ANY FINANCIAL
4 INTEREST IN A MORTUARY, FUNERAL HOME, CREMATORY, EMBALMING
5 SERVICE, OR OTHER DEATH-CARE BUSINESS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO
6 REFERRAL, INVESTIGATION, OVERSIGHT, OR OTHER OFFICIAL ACTION BY
7 THE CORONER'S OFFICE.

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9 **(3)** THE CORONER SHALL DISCLOSE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A
10 REGULATED BUSINESS AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION
11 BY POSTING A NOTICE OF THE FINANCIAL INTEREST ON THE CORONER'S
12 WEBSITE.

13 **(4)** A CORONER WHO HAS DISCLOSED A FINANCIAL INTEREST
14 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY OFFICIAL
15 ACTION THAT WOULD DIRECTLY AND SPECIFICALLY AFFECT THE BUSINESS
16 IN WHICH THE CORONER HAS THE FINANCIAL INTEREST.

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18 **(5)** THIS SECTION APPLIES IN ADDITION TO, AND DOES NOT LIMIT,
19 ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, ETHICS, OR DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR
20 A CORONER IMPOSED BY OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW.

21 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
24 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
25 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
26 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
27 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

1 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.