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HOUSE BILL 26-1344

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Lindstedt,

House Committees

Health & Human Services
Appropriations

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE COLORADO PODIATRY**
102 **BOARD, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE**
103 **RECOMMENDATION IN THE 2025 SUNSET REPORT BY THE**
104 **DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES TO REQUIRE**
105 **PODIATRISTS TO DEVELOP A WRITTEN PLAN TO ENSURE THE**
106 **SECURITY OF PATIENT MEDICAL RECORDS.**

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/>.)

Sunset Process - House Health and Human Services

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

HOUSE
2nd Reading Unamended
April 21, 2026

Committee. The bill implements recommendations of the department of regulatory agencies in its 2025 sunset review and report on the Colorado podiatry board.

Sections 1 and 3 of the bill extend the repeal of the functions of licensing and regulating podiatrists to September 1, 2035.

Section 2 requires licensed podiatrists to develop a written plan to ensure the security of patient medical records.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-290-105, **amend**
3 (4) as follows:

4 **12-290-105. Appointment of members of podiatry board -**
5 **terms - review of functions - repeal of article.**

6 (4) This article 290 is repealed, effective September 1, ~~2026~~ 2035.
7 Before the repeal, the functions of the board are scheduled for review in
8 accordance with section 24-34-104.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-290-125 as
10 follows:

11 **12-290-125. Protection of medical records by podiatrists -**
12 **verification of compliance - noncompliance grounds for discipline -**
13 **rules.**

14 (1) EACH LICENSED PODIATRIST SHALL DEVELOP A WRITTEN PLAN
15 TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF PATIENT MEDICAL RECORDS. THE PLAN MUST
16 ADDRESS AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING:

17 (a) THE STORAGE AND PROPER DISPOSAL, IF APPROPRIATE, OF
18 PATIENT MEDICAL RECORDS;

19 (b) THE DISPOSITION OF PATIENT MEDICAL RECORDS IN THE EVENT
20 THE LICENSEE DIES, RETIRES, OR OTHERWISE CEASES TO PRACTICE OR
21 PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE TO PATIENTS; AND

22 (c) THE METHOD BY WHICH A PATIENT MAY ACCESS OR OBTAIN THE

1 PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORDS PROMPTLY IF ANY OF THE EVENTS
2 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION OCCUR.

3 (2) UPON INITIAL LICENSURE UNDER THIS ARTICLE 290 AND UPON
4 RENEWAL OF A LICENSE, AN APPLICANT OR LICENSEE, AS APPLICABLE,
5 SHALL ATTEST TO THE BOARD THAT THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE HAS
6 DEVELOPED A PLAN IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

7 (3) A LICENSEE SHALL INFORM EACH PATIENT, IN WRITING, OF THE
8 METHOD BY WHICH THE PATIENT MAY ACCESS OR OBTAIN THE PATIENT'S
9 MEDICAL RECORDS IF AN EVENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS
10 SECTION OCCURS.

11 (4) A LICENSEE WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION IS
12 SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-290-113.

13 (5) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT
14 THIS SECTION.

15 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**
16 (27)(a)(VIII); and **add** (36)(a)(VII) as follows:

17 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
18 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
19 **declaration - repeal.**

20 (27) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
21 for repeal on September 1, 2026:

22 (VIII) ~~The Colorado podiatry board created in article 290 of title~~
23 ~~12;~~

24 (36) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
25 for repeal on September 1, 2035:

26 (VII) THE COLORADO PODIATRY BOARD CREATED IN ARTICLE 290
27 OF TITLE 12.

1 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
4 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
5 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
6 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
7 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
8 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
9 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.