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**HOUSE BILL 26-1344**

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**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.*

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
May 6, 2026

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
May 5, 2026

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 22, 2026

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.

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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6 (4) This article 290 is repealed, effective September 1, ~~2026~~ 2035.  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.