

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

March 5, 2026  
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB26-077 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation and with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar:

1 Amend printed bill, page 4, line 6, strike "INVESTIGATION" and substitute  
2 "CERTIFICATION".

3 Page 4, strike lines 13 through 27.

4 Strike Page 5.

5 Page 6, strike lines 1 through 20 and substitute:

6 **"25-60-104. Epilepsy-related mortality awareness and**  
7 **training.**

8 (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2027, A DEATH CERTIFICATION  
9 PROFESSIONAL SHALL ENSURE THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF THE MOST  
10 RECENT EPILEPSY-RELATED DEATH CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS  
11 FROM A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND REPUTABLE ORGANIZATION  
12 ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE MEDICAL PRACTICE FOCUS OR FROM  
13 THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

14 (2) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2027, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
15 ELECTRONICALLY NOTIFY ALL REGISTERED USERS OF THE COLORADO  
16 VITAL EVENTS SYSTEM OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
17 SECTION.

18 **25-60-105. Sudden unexpected death in epilepsy -**  
19 **identification - death certificates.**

20 (1) IF A DEATH CERTIFICATION PROFESSIONAL DETERMINES THAT  
21 THE CAUSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH IS CONSISTENT WITH KNOWN OR  
22 SUSPECTED SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY, THE DEATH  
23 CERTIFICATION PROFESSIONAL SHALL ENSURE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL'S  
24 DEATH CERTIFICATE IDENTIFIES EPILEPSY AS A CONTRIBUTING CAUSE OR

1 A SUSPECTED CAUSE OF DEATH CONSISTENT WITH THE MOST RECENT  
2 EPILEPSY-RELATED DEATH CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A  
3 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND REPUTABLE ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATED  
4 WITH THE DEATH CERTIFICATION PROFESSIONAL'S MEDICAL PRACTICE  
5 FOCUS OR FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

6 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE ONLINE GUIDELINES FOR  
7 CLINICIANS AND MEDICAL CERTIFIERS FOR DEATH CERTIFICATES  
8 REGARDING EPILEPSY-RELATED DEATHS, INCLUDING SUDDEN UNEXPECTED  
9 DEATH IN EPILEPSY."

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