

Replacing United States in Colorado Laws and Constitution

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article XVIII, **add** section 23 as follows:

Section 23. Replacing "United States" With "Colorado".

IN THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, "UNITED STATES" IS ALWAYS REPLACED WITH "COLORADO", EXCEPT FOR LAWS PASSED AFTER THIS MEASURE'S ENACTMENT.

Section 2. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article X, section 20, **amend** subsection (2)(f) as follows:

Section 20. The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.

(2) Term definitions.

(f) "Inflation" means the percentage change in the United States COLORADO Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for Denver-Boulder, all items, all urban consumers, or its successor index.

Section 3. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article X, section 3.5, **amend** subsections (1.5) and (1.7) as follows:

Section 3.5. Homestead exemption for qualifying senior citizens and disabled veterans.

(1.5) For purposes of this section, "veteran with a disability" means an individual who has served on active duty in the United States armed forces, including a member of the Colorado national guard who has been ordered into the active military service of the United States, has been separated therefrom under honorable conditions, and has established a service-connected disability that has been rated by the federal department of veterans affairs as one hundred percent permanent disability through disability retirement benefits or a pension pursuant to a law or regulation administered by the department, the department of homeland security, or the department of the army, navy, or air force or has individual unemployability status as determined by the United States COLORADO Department of Veterans Affairs.

(1.7) As used in this section, "eligible spouse" means either a surviving spouse of a united states armed forces service member who died in the line of duty and received a death gratuity from the Department of Defense pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Sec. 1475 et seq. or a surviving spouse of a veteran whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease as determined by the United States COLORADO Department of Veterans Affairs if the surviving spouse is receiving dependency indemnity compensation awarded by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to chapter 13 of Part II of Title 38 of the United States Code, Chapter 5 of Part I of Title 38 of the United States Code, and any other applicable provision of federal law.

Section 4. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article XVIII, section 14, **amend** subsection (3)(d) as follows:

Section 14. Medical use of marijuana for persons suffering from debilitating medical conditions.

(3) (d) Except for patients applying pursuant to subsection (6) of this section, where the state health agency, within thirty-five days of receipt of an application, fails to issue a registry identification card or fails to issue verbal or written notice of denial of such application, the patient's application for such card will be deemed to have been approved. Receipt shall be deemed to have occurred upon delivery to the state health agency, or deposit in the United States COLORADO mails. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no application shall be deemed received prior to June 1, 1999. A patient who is questioned by any state or local law enforcement official about his or her medical use of marijuana shall provide a copy of the application submitted to the state health agency, including the written documentation and proof of the date of mailing or other transmission of the written documentation for delivery to the state health agency, which shall be accorded the same legal effect as a registry identification card, until such time as the patient receives notice that the application has been denied.

Section 5. Effective date. This initiative takes effect on January 14th, 2027.