

CHAPTER 211

COURTS

SENATE BILL 26-012

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AN ACT

CONCERNING COMPENSABLE LOSSES UNDER THE "COLORADO CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION ACT" FOR ENROLLED MEMBERS OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4.1-109, **amend** (1)(i) and (1)(k); and **add** (1)(m) and (1)(n) as follows:

24-4.1-109. Losses compensable.

(1) Losses compensable under this part 1 resulting from death of or injury to a victim include:

(i) Reasonable travel expenses for a victim related to funeral, burial, medical care, ~~or~~ mental health counseling, OR TRADITIONAL HEALING CEREMONIES, INCLUDING AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(m) OF THIS SECTION;

(k) Dependent care services; ~~and~~

(m) EXPENSES FOR TRADITIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HEALING CEREMONIES AND PRACTICES FOR PERSONS WHO ARE INDIGENOUS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-33.5-2601, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

(I) TRADITIONAL COUNSELING AND HEALING FROM AN ELDER OR SPIRITUAL HEALER;

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(II) TRADITIONAL CEREMONIAL PRACTICES;

(III) CEREMONIAL BURIALS, INCLUDING CLOTHING FOR THE DECEASED, MEALS, AND OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO TRADITIONAL GIVEAWAY OR GIFTING PRACTICES;

(IV) CHILD CARE DURING BURIAL CEREMONIES; AND

(V) REIMBURSEMENT FOR HONORARIA PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH CEREMONIAL SERVICES; AND

(n) REASONABLE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO TRADITIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HEALING CEREMONIES AND PRACTICES, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(m) OF THIS SECTION, FOR A VICTIM WHO IS INDIGENOUS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-33.5-2601.

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

Approved: May 29, 2026