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**HOUSE BILL 17-1056** 

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A VETERANS' SERVICE ORGANIZATION TO ACCEPT PUBLIC SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS OFFERED IN CONNECTION WITH MISDEMEANOR SENTENCING.

## **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 <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov">http://leg.colorado.gov</a>.)

Currently, only an organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501 (c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code (tax code) may accept services offered through a program of community or useful public service operated by a county court, probation department, county sheriff, or other local governmental entity in connection with sentencing for

specified misdemeanors. Veterans' service organizations may be organized under other provisions of the tax code such as section 501 (c)(4) or 501 (c)(19).

The bill expands the criteria for organizations that may accept community or useful public service assignments to include veterans' service organizations organized under 501 (c)(4) or 501 (c)(19) of the tax code, and specifies that the court or other entity making the assignment retains discretion to determine which organizations may be included in its program of community or useful public service.

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

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2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.3-507, amend 3 (1), (2)(b), and (2.5) as follows: Community or useful public service -4 18-1.3-507. 5 Any sentence imposed pursuant to section misdemeanors. (1) 6 18-1.3-501 (2) shall be IS subject to the conditions and restrictions of this 7 section. 8 (2) (b) Nothing in this subsection (2) shall limit LIMITS the 9 authority of an entity which THAT is the recipient of community or useful 10 public service to accept or reject such service, in its sole discretion. 11 (2.5) A charitable trust that is exempt from taxation under section 12 501 (c)(3) of the federal "Internal Revenue Code of 1986", as amended, 13 shall be THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS ARE eligible to provide 14 community or useful public service jobs established under this article 15 ARTICLE 1.3 or any other provision of law so long as the charitable trust 16 meets THEY MEET any other requirement related to the provision of such 17 THOSE jobs, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE ENTITY THAT IS THE RECIPIENT OF 18 COMMUNITY OR USEFUL PUBLIC SERVICE:

(a) A CHARITABLE TRUST OR OTHER ORGANIZATION THAT IS

EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501 (c)(3) OF THE FEDERAL

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1	"INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED;
2	(b) A CIVIC LEAGUE OR ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM
3	TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501 (c)(4) OF THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL
4	REVENUE CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED, AND THAT ALSO WOULD QUALIFY
5	AS A VETERANS' SERVICE ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN SECTION 501
6	(c)(19) of the federal "Internal Revenue Code of 1986", as
7	AMENDED; AND
8	(c) A VETERANS' SERVICE ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM
9	TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501 (c)(19) OF THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL
10	REVENUE CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED.
11	SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
12	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
13	preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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