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HOUSE BILL 17-1368

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Ginal, Lawrence

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A CHANGE FROM "SHALL" TO "MAY" IN THE
102 "COLORADO END-OF-LIFE OPTIONS ACT" DEATH CERTIFICATE
103 SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT TO ALLOW, RATHER THAN REQUIRE,
104 THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR HOSPICE MEDICAL DIRECTOR TO
105 SIGN THE DEATH CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WHO
106 OBTAINED AND SELF-ADMINISTERED AID-IN-DYING MEDICATION.

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>.)

Currently, the "Colorado End-of-life Options Act" requires an

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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attending physician or hospice medical director to sign the death certificate of an individual who obtained and self-administered aid-in-dying medication. The bill removes this requirement.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-48-109, **amend**
3 (1) as follows:

4 **25-48-109. Death certificate.** (1) Unless otherwise prohibited by
5 law, the attending physician or the hospice medical director ~~shall~~ MAY
6 sign the death certificate of a qualified individual who obtained and
7 self-administered aid-in-dying medication.

8 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
9 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
10 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
11 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
12 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
13 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
14 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
15 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
16 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.