A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING ADDING CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO THE LIST OF DISABLING MEDICAL CONDITIONS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE, AND, IN CONNECTION THERewith, ADDING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND ACUTE PAIN.

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.)

The bill adds autism spectrum disorders and acute pain to the list of disabling medical conditions that authorize a person to use medical marijuana for his or her condition.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment  Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment  Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute. Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-106, amend (2)(a) and (2)(a.7); and add (2)(a.3) as follows:

25-1.5-106. Medical marijuana program - powers and duties of state health agency - rules - medical review board - medical marijuana program cash fund - subaccount - created - repeal.

(2) Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in section 14 (1) of article XVIII of the state constitution, as used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Authorized employees of the state health agency" includes independent contractors or other agencies with whom the state health agency contracts or is working under an intergovernmental agreement to provide services related to the administration of the medical marijuana program registry. These independent contractors are not state employees for the purposes of state employee benefits, including public employees' retirement association benefits. "Acute pain" means a condition or diagnosis of pain, including but not limited to all conditions, symptoms, and diagnosis for which the prescription of an analgesic narcotic is a common treatment method or accepted practice for pain management.

(a.3) "Authorized employees of the state health agency" includes independent contractors or other agencies with whom the state health agency contracts or is working under an intergovernmental agreement to provide services related to the administration of the medical marijuana program registry. These independent contractors are not state employees for the
PURPOSES OF STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, INCLUDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION BENEFITS.

(a.7) "Disabling medical condition" means:

(I) Post-traumatic stress disorder as diagnosed by a licensed mental health provider or physician;

(II) AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AS DIAGNOSED BY A LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER OR PHYSICIAN; AND

(III) ACUTE PAIN AS DIAGNOSED BY A LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER OR PHYSICIAN.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.