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**HOUSE BILL 22-1296**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF A NURSING HOME FOR PURPOSES OF**  
102 **THE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION.**

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**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>.)*

Under current law, facilities that provide long-term nursing, rest, and assisted living services, where residents reside for more than 30 days, are classified as residential properties. However, facilities that provide short-term convalescent care and rehabilitation services, where patrons visit the facility periodically or temporarily reside there for less than 30 days, are valued and classified according to the procedures for

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nonresidential property.

The bill defines a nursing home as a licensed nursing care facility, including a nursing care facility that provides convalescent care and rehabilitation services. The bill specifies that land on which a nursing home is situated and any improvements affixed to that land are classified and assessed as residential real property, regardless of a resident's length of stay.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-1-102, **amend**  
3 **(14.3)**; and **add (8.6)** as follows:

4           **39-1-102. Definitions.** As used in articles 1 to 13 of this title 39,  
5 unless the context otherwise requires:

6           (8.6) (a) "NURSING HOME" MEANS A NURSING CARE FACILITY,  
7 REGARDLESS OF A RESIDENT'S LENGTH OF STAY, THAT IS LICENSED BY THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT UNDER SECTION  
9 **25-1.5-103 (1)** AND THAT MEETS THE DEFINITION OF A NURSING CARE  
10 FACILITY AS SET FORTH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
11 ENVIRONMENT REGULATIONS, INCLUDING A NURSING CARE FACILITY THAT  
12 PROVIDES CONVALESCENT CARE OR REHABILITATION SERVICES SUCH AS  
13 PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.

14           (b) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (8.6), "NURSING CARE FACILITY"  
15 MEANS A LICENSED HEALTH CARE ENTITY THAT IS PLANNED, ORGANIZED,  
16 OPERATED, AND MAINTAINED TO PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE, RESTORATIVE, AND  
17 PREVENTATIVE SERVICES TO PERSONS WHO, DUE TO PHYSICAL OR MENTAL  
18 DISABILITY, REQUIRE CONTINUOUS OR REGULAR INPATIENT NURSING CARE.

19           (14.3) "Residential improvements" means a building, or that  
20 portion of a building, designed for use predominantly as a place of  
21 residency by a person, a family, or families. The term includes buildings,  
22 structures, fixtures, fences, amenities, and water rights that are an integral

1 part of the residential use. The term also includes a manufactured home  
2 as defined in subsection (7.8) of this section, a mobile home as defined  
3 in subsection (8) of this section, ~~and~~ a modular home as defined in  
4 subsection (8.3) of this section, AND A NURSING HOME AS DEFINED IN  
5 SUBSECTION (8.6) OF THIS SECTION, REGARDLESS OF A RESIDENT'S LENGTH  
6 OF STAY.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-1-103, **add** (10.7)  
8 as follows:

9 **39-1-103. Actual value determined - when - legislative**  
10 **declaration.** (10.7) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND  
11 DECLARES THAT:

12 (I) A NURSING HOME IS A UNIQUE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS  
13 THE RESIDENCE OF THE INDIVIDUALS LIVING THERE AT THE TIME,  
14 REGARDLESS OF THEIR LENGTH OF STAY; AND

15 (II) THERE IS A DISCREPANCY IN HOW ASSESSING OFFICERS  
16 CLASSIFY NURSING HOMES THAT PROVIDE SHORT-TERM SERVICES AND  
17 NURSING HOMES THAT PROVIDE LONGER-TERM SERVICES FOR PURPOSES OF  
18 CALCULATING PROPERTY TAX.

19 (III) THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
20 TO CLARIFY THAT ALL NURSING HOMES, REGARDLESS OF A RESIDENT'S  
21 LENGTH OF STAY, MUST BE CLASSIFIED AS RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY.

22 (b) FOR PROPERTY TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON AND AFTER  
23 JANUARY 1, 2023, LAND USED FOR A NURSING HOME AND ANY  
24 IMPROVEMENTS AFFIXED TO THAT LAND FOR THE USE OF THE NURSING  
25 HOME ARE CLASSIFIED AND ASSESSED AS RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY,  
26 REGARDLESS OF A RESIDENT'S LENGTH OF STAY.

27 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
3 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
4 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
5 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
6 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
7 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.