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**HOUSE BILL 23-1282** 

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A BILL FOR AN ACT
CONCERNING PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE "COLORADO CONSUMER
PROTECTION ACT", AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,
EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF "PERSON" USED FOR PURPOSES
OF THE ACT TO INCLUDE A PUBLIC UTILITY.

### **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>.)

The bill adds a public utility to the definition of "person" in the "Colorado Consumer Protection Act" (Act). In doing so, the bill affords consumers protections against any public utility that violates the Act and

subjects a public utility to enforcement actions instituted by the attorney general or district attorneys as authorized by the Act.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 1 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 6-1-102, amend (6) 3 as follows: 4 **6-1-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 1, unless the context 5 otherwise requires: 6 (6) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, 7 estate, trust, partnership, unincorporated association, or two or more 8 thereof having a joint or common interest, or any other legal or 9 commercial entity, INCLUDING A PUBLIC UTILITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 10 40-1-103. 11 **SECTION 2.** Act subject to petition - effective date. This act 12 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the 13 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except 14 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V 15 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this 16 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take 17 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in 18 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the 19 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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