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SENATE BILL 24-186

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None), Joseph, Amabile, Brown, McCormick, Parenti

Senate Committees

Business, Labor, & Technology

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION OF A CORONER AS A STATE
102 TROOPER FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING PUBLIC
103 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION SERVICE RETIREMENT
104 ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS.

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>.)

Beginning January 1, 2025, the bill classifies a county coroner and deputy coroner elected, reelected, or appointed on or after January 1, 2021, as state troopers for the purpose of determining the county coroner's

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or deputy coroner's public employees' retirement association service retirement eligibility and benefits.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-51-101, **amend**
3 (46) as follows:

4 **24-51-101. Definitions.** As used in this article 51, unless the
5 context otherwise requires and except as otherwise defined in part 17 of
6 this article 51:

7 (46) "State trooper" means an employee of the Colorado state
8 patrol, Colorado bureau of investigation, or successors to these agencies,
9 who is vested with the powers of peace officers as provided for in section
10 24-33.5-409. In addition, for members who were not members, inactive
11 members, or retirees on December 31, 2019, "state trooper" includes a
12 county sheriff, undersheriff, deputy sheriff, noncertified deputy sheriff,
13 or detention officer hired by a local government division employer on or
14 after January 1, 2020, and a corrections officer classified as I through IV
15 hired by a state division employer on or after January 1, 2020. Beginning
16 July 1, 2020, "state trooper" also includes an employee of the division of
17 fire prevention and control in the department of public safety who is
18 classified in the firefighter I through firefighter VII class titles. Beginning
19 July 1, 2023, "state trooper" also includes a wildlife officer as defined in
20 section 16-2.5-116 (1), and a parks and recreation officer as defined in
21 section 16-2.5-117 (1), who is employed by the division of parks and
22 wildlife in the department of natural resources and was hired on or after
23 January 1, 2011. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, "STATE TROOPER" ALSO
24 INCLUDES A PERSON WHO IS ELECTED, REELECTED, OR APPOINTED AS A
25 COUNTY CORONER OR DEPUTY CORONER PURSUANT TO PART 6 OF ARTICLE

1 10 OF TITLE 30 ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021.

2 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
5 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
6 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
7 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
8 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
9 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.