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SENATE BILL 24-211

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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE NECESSARY DOCUMENT PROGRAM
102 ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY IN THE
103 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.

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 adjusts aspects of the necessary document program (program) administered by the office of health equity in the department of public health and environment, which program assists certain populations of Colorado residents with paying the fees to acquire necessary documents. The bill clarifies that an individual who is eligible

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under the program may obtain necessary documents without charge at certain division of motor vehicles locations, vital statistics offices, or other governmental offices that offer vital statistics documents and establishes that an individual may self-attest to the individual's eligibility under the program. The bill does not change the identity verification requirements that may be required to obtain a necessary document.

The bill also specifies that an individual who is eligible for the program is not subject to the fees charged by the department of revenue for driver's licenses or identification cards.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-4-2208, **amend**
3 (2) and (3) as follows:

4 **25-4-2208. Necessary document program - report - definition.**

5 (2) (a) The office shall administer a necessary document program ~~The~~
6 ~~office shall make one or more grants per fiscal year to, enter into one or~~
7 ~~more vendor contracts with, or both, a nonprofit entity or collection of~~
8 ~~nonprofit entities that conduct a collaborative identification project to~~
9 assist Colorado residents who are victims of domestic violence, impacted
10 by a natural disaster, low-income, disabled, homeless, or elderly and who
11 are seeking documentation of their identity, status, or citizenship by
12 paying the fees to acquire a necessary document.

13 (b) (I) TO THE EXTENT THAT MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE OFFICE
14 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION IS AVAILABLE, AN
15 INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION WHO NEEDS
16 TO OBTAIN ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IS PERMITTED TO OBTAIN THE
17 NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WITHOUT COST TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND WITHOUT
18 A PHYSICAL VOUCHER AT:

19 (A) ANY DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES LOCATION THAT OFFERS
20 DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD SERVICES;

1 (B) ANY DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES MOBILE UNIT THAT OFFERS
2 DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD SERVICES;

3 (C) ANY VITAL STATISTICS OFFICE; OR

4 (D) ANY STATE, COUNTY, OR DISTRICT OFFICE THAT OFFERS VITAL
5 STATISTICS CERTIFICATES, VITAL STATISTICS REPORTS, OR OTHER
6 DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF VITAL STATISTICS
7 CERTIFICATES AND VITAL STATISTICS REPORTS AS DESCRIBED IN
8 SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (II) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY SELF-ATTEST TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S
10 ELIGIBILITY FOR RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM THE NECESSARY DOCUMENT
11 PROGRAM.

12 (c) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) CHANGES THE IDENTITY
13 VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A
14 NECESSARY DOCUMENT.

15 (3) (a) The general assembly shall annually appropriate to the
16 office up to three hundred thousand dollars from the general fund. The
17 office shall expend the money for the purposes specified in this section.
18 ~~including up to fifteen thousand dollars for the office's direct and indirect~~
19 ~~costs in administering the necessary document program.~~

20 (b) THE OFFICE SHALL USE THE MONEY APPROPRIATED PURSUANT
21 TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING:

22 (I) UP TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE OFFICE'S DIRECT
23 AND INDIRECT COSTS OF ADMINISTERING THE NECESSARY DOCUMENT
24 PROGRAM;

25 (II) TO REIMBURSE THE DEPARTMENT FOR FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE
26 OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATES, VITAL STATISTICS REPORTS, OR
27 RELATED DOCUMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (1)(b)(III) AND

1 (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION; AND

2 (III) TO REIMBURSE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE
3 ISSUANCE OF DRIVER'S LICENSES, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, OR RELATED
4 DOCUMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (1)(b)(I), (1)(b)(II), AND
5 (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (c) (I) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
7 SHALL EACH SUBMIT REQUESTS TO THE OFFICE FOR REIMBURSEMENT
8 BASED ON THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY
9 THE DEPARTMENT OR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND IN THE MANNER
10 DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE.

11 (II) THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE
12 DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST
13 SERVED BASIS UNTIL THE MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE OFFICE PURSUANT
14 TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-114.5, **add** (8)
16 as follows:

17 **42-2-114.5. Fees for driver's licenses, identification cards, and**
18 **related services - crediting to DRIVES account - fee setting**
19 **procedures - rules - repeal.** (8) IF THERE IS MONEY AVAILABLE FROM
20 THE APPROPRIATION MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-4-2208 (3), THE
21 DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT CHARGE OR COLLECT THE FEES ESTABLISHED IN
22 THIS SECTION FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DEMONSTRATES ELIGIBILITY TO
23 RECEIVE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE NECESSARY DOCUMENT PROGRAM
24 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 25-4-2208 AND ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF
25 HEALTH EQUITY.

26 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-306, **add** (3) as
27 follows:

1 **42-2-306. Fees - disposition.** (3) IF THERE IS MONEY AVAILABLE
2 FROM THE APPROPRIATION MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-4-2208 (3),
3 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT CHARGE OR COLLECT THE FEES ESTABLISHED
4 IN THIS SECTION FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DEMONSTRATES ELIGIBILITY
5 TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE NECESSARY DOCUMENT PROGRAM
6 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 25-4-2208 AND ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF
7 HEALTH EQUITY.

8 **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2025.

9 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
12 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
13 institutions.