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HOUSE BILL 25-1034

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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House Committees

Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE DANGEROUS DOG STATUTE.**

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>.)

In the case of a veterinary health-care worker, dog groomer, humane agency personnel, professional dog handler, or trainer acting in the performance of that person's professional duties, the bill removes the term "or serious bodily injury" to the list provisions that the statute does not apply to, leaving just "bodily injury".

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-9-204.5, **amend**
3 (6) introductory portion, and (6)(b) as follows:

4 **18-9-204.5. Unlawful ownership of dangerous dog - legislative**
5 **declaration - definitions.** (6) ~~The provisions of this section shall~~ THIS
6 SECTION DOES not apply to the following:

7 (b) ~~To any~~ A dog that inflicts bodily ~~or serious bodily~~ injury to
8 ~~any~~ A veterinary health-care worker, dog groomer, humane agency
9 personnel, professional dog handler, or trainer, each acting in the
10 performance of ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S respective duties, unless the
11 DOG'S owner is subject to a court order issued pursuant to ~~paragraph (e.5)~~
12 ~~of subsection (3)~~ SUBSECTION (3)(e.5) of this section and the owner has
13 failed to comply with ~~the provisions of subparagraph (V) of paragraph~~
14 ~~(e.5) of subsection (3)~~ SUBSECTION (3)(e.5)(V) of this section; or

15 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
16 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
18 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
19 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
20 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
21 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
22 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.