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STATE OF COLORADO**

ENGROSSED

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on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

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HOUSE BILL 25-1070

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House Committees
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONDITIONS WHEN ELECTROCONVULSIVE**
102 **TREATMENT MAY BE PERFORMED ON A MINOR.**

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>.)

For a minor who is 15 years of age or younger, current law authorizes electroconvulsive treatment (ECT) to be performed if certain conditions are met, including that ECT is medically necessary to treat life-threatening malignant catatonia. The bill removes this condition.

The bill authorizes the minor to object to ECT verbally or in writing and sets forth the procedures for when a minor objects. A minor

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HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
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has no legal authority to object to ECT if the ECT is medically necessary to treat life-threatening malignant catatonia.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-20-403, **amend**
3 **(2) and (3) as follows:**

4 **13-20-403. Restrictions on electroconvulsive treatment - rights**
5 **of minors.** (2) Electroconvulsive treatment may be performed on a minor
6 who is sixteen years of age or older but under eighteen years of age only
7 if two individuals licensed to practice medicine in Colorado and
8 specializing in psychiatry approve the treatment, and a THE MINOR'S
9 parent, LEGAL CUSTODIAN, or LEGAL guardian of the minor consents to the
10 treatment.

11 (3) Electroconvulsive treatment may be performed on a minor
12 who is fifteen years of age or younger only if:

13 (a) Two individuals licensed to practice medicine in Colorado and
14 specializing in psychiatry approve the electroconvulsive treatment. ONE
15 OF THE INDIVIDUALS MUST ALSO SPECIALIZE IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT
16 PSYCHIATRY.

17 (b) Other less-invasive treatments have failed;

18 (c) ~~Electroconvulsive treatment is medically necessary to treat~~
19 ~~life-threatening malignant catatonia;~~

20 (d) Electroconvulsive treatment is performed by at least one
21 physician, or the physician's designee, who is trained and credentialed in
22 electroconvulsive treatment; and

23 (e) ~~A parent or guardian of the minor~~ THE MINOR'S PARENT, LEGAL
24 CUSTODIAN, OR LEGAL GUARDIAN consents to electroconvulsive treatment.



1 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
4 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
5 institutions.