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STATE OF COLORADO**

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LLS NO. 25-0259.01 Josh Schultz x5486

**HOUSE BILL 25-1082**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO COMPLETE**  
102 **ACTIONS RELATED TO DEATH CERTIFICATES.**

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**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 current law, a "qualified individual" is authorized to determine the cause of death of an individual and complete the medical certification for a certificate of death. The bill defines the term "qualified individual" to include a physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, or the chief medical officer of the institution in which the death occurred.

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.*

The bill requires that qualified individuals register to use the electronic death registration system used by the department of public health and environment and the state registrar prior to signing a death certificate.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-2-110, **amend**  
3 (4.5); and **add** (12) as follows:

4 **25-2-110. Certificates of death - definitions.** (4.5) (a) The  
5 department of public health and environment shall ensure that all  
6 physicians are registered to use the electronic death registration system  
7 created and used pursuant to subsection (1)(b)(I) of this section on or  
8 before March 1, 2024. A physician shall use the system for all medical  
9 certifications for certificates of death required by subsection (4) of this  
10 section immediately upon being registered but is not required to do so  
11 before being registered.

12 (b) A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL SHALL REGISTER TO USE THE  
13 ELECTRONIC DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM PRIOR TO SIGNING A DEATH  
14 CERTIFICATE.

15 (12) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL" MEANS A  
16 PHYSICIAN; A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 240  
17 OF TITLE 12; AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE, AS DEFINED IN  
18 SECTION 12-255-104 (1); OR THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE  
19 INSTITUTION IN WHICH THE DEATH OCCURRED.

20 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
21 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
22 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
23 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V

1 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
2 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
3 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
4 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
5 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.