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**HOUSE BILL 25-1254** 

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR YOUTH GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES.

## **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 <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov">http://leg.colorado.gov</a>.)

The bill requires that causes of action for intentional or negligent acts constituting youth gender transition procedures performed on a youth under 26 years of age must be brought before the youth reaches 38 years of age.

1	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
2	SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 13-80-104.5 as
3	follows:
4	13-80-104.5. Limitation of actions for youth gender transition
5	procedures - severability - legislative declaration - definitions. (1) As
6	USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
7	(a) "SEX" MEANS THE BIOLOGICAL STATE OF BEING MALE OR
8	FEMALE, BASED ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S SEX ORGANS, CHROMOSOMES, AND
9	ENDOGENOUS HORMONE PROFILES.
10	(b) (I) "YOUTH GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURE" MEANS ANY OF
11	THE FOLLOWING ACTS PERFORMED UPON AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS LESS
12	THAN TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME THE ACT OCCURRED FOR
13	THE PURPOSE OF ATTEMPTING TO ALTER THE APPEARANCE OF OR AFFIRM
14	THE INDIVIDUAL'S PERCEPTION OF THEIR GENDER OR SEX, IF THAT
15	APPEARANCE OR PERCEPTION IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE INDIVIDUAL'S
16	SEX:
17	(A) Prescribing or administering a medication;
18	(B) PERFORMING A SURGERY THAT STERILIZES, INCLUDING
19	CASTRATION, VASECTOMY, HYSTERECTOMY, OOPHORECTOMY,
20	ORCHIECTOMY, AND PENECTOMY;
21	(C) PERFORMING A SURGERY THAT ARTIFICIALLY CONSTRUCTS
22	TISSUE WITH THE APPEARANCE OF GENITALIA THAT DIFFERS FROM THE
23	INDIVIDUAL'S SEX, INCLUDING METOIDIOPLASTY, PHALLOPLASTY, AND
24	VAGINOPLASTY; OR
25	(D) REMOVING ANY HEALTHY OR NON-DISEASED BODY PART OR
26	TISSUE, EXCEPT FOR A MALE CIRCUMCISION.
2.7	(II) "YOUTH GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURE" DOES NOT INCLUDE

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1	A PROCEDURE UNDERTAKEN TO TREAT AN INDIVIDUAL BORN WITH A
2	MEDICALLY VERIFIABLE DISORDER OF SEX DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING
3	EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:
4	(A) AN INDIVIDUAL BORN WITH EXTERNAL BIOLOGICAL SEX
5	CHARACTERISTICS THAT ARE AMBIGUOUS, INCLUDING AN INDIVIDUAL
6	BORN WITH 46,XX CHROMOSOMES WITH VIRILIZATION, AN INDIVIDUAL
7	BORN WITH 46,XY CHROMOSOMES WITH UNDERVIRILIZATION, OR HAVING
8	BOTH OVARIAN AND TESTICULAR TISSUE; OR
9	(B) AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM A PHYSICIAN HAS OTHERWISE
10	DIAGNOSED WITH A DISORDER OF SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT IN WHICH THE
11	PHYSICIAN HAS DETERMINED, THROUGH GENETIC OR BIOCHEMICAL
12	TESTING, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HAVE NORMAL SEX
13	CHROMOSOME STRUCTURE, SEX STEROID HORMONE PRODUCTION, OR SEX
14	STEROID HORMONE ACTION.
15	(2) (a) AN ACTION BASED ON INTENTIONAL CONDUCT BROUGHT BY
16	AN INDIVIDUAL FOR RECOVERY OF DAMAGES FOR INJURY SUFFERED AS THE
17	RESULT OF A YOUTH GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURE AGAINST THE
18	INDIVIDUAL WHO COMMITTED THE ACT MUST BE COMMENCED BEFORE THE
19	INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE YOUTH GENDER TRANSITION
20	PROCEDURE THAT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED THE INJURY REACHES
21	THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF AGE.
22	(b) In an action for recovery of damages for liability
23	AGAINST AN ENTITY THAT OWED A DUTY OF CARE TO THE INDIVIDUAL,
24	WHERE A WRONGFUL OR NEGLIGENT ACT BY AN EMPLOYEE, OFFICER,
25	DIRECTOR, OFFICIAL, VOLUNTEER, REPRESENTATIVE, OR AGENT OF THE
26	ENTITY WAS A LEGAL CAUSE OF THE YOUTH GENDER TRANSITION
27	PROCEDURE THAT RESULTED IN THE INJURY TO THE INDIVIDUAL, THE

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1	ACTION MUST BE COMMENCED BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS THE
2	SUBJECT OF THE YOUTH GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURE THAT IS
3	ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED THE INJURY REACHES THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF
4	AGE.
5	(3) This section does not:
6	(a) Wholly or partly repeal, either expressly or by
7	IMPLICATION, ANY OTHER STATUTE THAT REGULATES OR PROHIBITS YOUTH
8	GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES; OR
9	(b) RESTRICT A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FROM REGULATING OR
10	PROHIBITING YOUTH GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES IN A MANNER THAT
11	IS AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS THE LAWS OF THIS STATE.
12	(4) (a) Every provision, section, subsection, sentence,
13	CLAUSE, PHRASE, OR WORD IN THIS SECTION, AND EVERY APPLICATION OF
14	THE PROVISIONS IN THIS SECTION, IS SEVERABLE FROM EACH OTHER. IF
15	ANY APPLICATION OF ANY PROVISION IN THIS SECTION TO ANY PERSON,
16	GROUP OF PERSONS, OR CIRCUMSTANCES IS FOUND BY A COURT TO BE
17	INVALID, THE REMAINING APPLICATIONS OF THAT PROVISION TO ALL OTHER
18	PERSONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES MUST BE SEVERED AND MAY NOT BE
19	AFFECTED. ALL CONSTITUTIONALLY VALID APPLICATIONS OF THIS SECTION
20	MUST BE SEVERED FROM ANY APPLICATIONS THAT A COURT FINDS TO BE
21	INVALID, LEAVING THE VALID APPLICATIONS IN FORCE, BECAUSE IT IS THE
22	GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT AND PRIORITY THAT THE VALID
23	APPLICATIONS BE ALLOWED TO STAND ALONE.
24	(b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER DECLARES THAT IT WOULD
25	HAVE PASSED THIS SECTION, AND EACH PROVISION, SECTION, SUBSECTION,
26	SENTENCE, CLAUSE, PHRASE, OR WORD, AND ALL CONSTITUTIONAL
27	APPLICATIONS OF THIS SECTION, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE FACT THAT ANY

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1	PROVISION, SECTION, SUBSECTION, SENTENCE, CLAUSE, PHRASE, OR WORD,
2	OR APPLICATIONS OF THIS SECTION, WERE TO BE DECLARED
3	UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS FOUND BY ANY
4	COURT TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONALLY VAGUE, THE APPLICATIONS OF THAT
5	PROVISION THAT DO NOT PRESENT CONSTITUTIONAL VAGUENESS
6	PROBLEMS MUST BE SEVERED AND REMAIN IN FORCE.
7	SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -
8	applicability. (1) This act takes effect September 1, 2025; except that,
9	if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of
10	the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
11	within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general
12	assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless
13	approved by the people at the general election to be held in November
14	2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official
15	declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

(2) This act applies to claims that have not been barred as of the

applicable effective date of this act.

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