

CHAPTER 131

INSURANCE

HOUSE BILL 02-1305

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also SENATOR(S) Gordon, Anderson, Owen, Fitz-Gerald, Hernandez, Pascoe, Tate, Tupa, and Windels.

AN ACT

CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE DEFINITION OF THE CRIME OF ABUSE OF HEALTH CARE INSURANCE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ADDING THE ELIMINATION OF THE NEED FOR PAYMENT BY A PATIENT OF ANY REQUIRED FINANCIAL PENALTY APPLICABLE IN THE PATIENT'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN TO THE LIST OF WAYS THAT A PERSON WHO PROVIDES HEALTH CARE MAY COMMIT ABUSE OF HEALTH INSURANCE.

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

SECTION 1. 18-13-119, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

18-13-119. Health care providers - abuse of health insurance. (7) THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO AUTOMOBILE PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION CLAIMS UNDER SECTION 10-4-706, C.R.S.

SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability. This act shall take effect upon passage, and shall apply to abuses of health insurance committed on or after said date.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 25, 2002

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.