SENATE BILL 02-181

BY SENATOR(S) Tate and Chlouber;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Saliman.

AN ACT

CONCERNING IMMUNITY FROM SUIT FOR PAROLE RELEASE HEARING OFFICERS.

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

SECTION 1. 24-10-103 (4) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH to read:

24-10-103. Definitions. As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

(4) (b) "Public employee" includes any of the following:

(VI) ANY RELEASE HEARING OFFICER UTILIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE STATE BOARD OF PAROLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-2-217 (1), C.R.S. A RELEASE HEARING OFFICER SHALL MAINTAIN THE STATUS OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ONLY WHEN THE RELEASE HEARING OFFICER ENGAGES IN ACTIVITIES THAT ARE WITHIN THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF HIS OR HER RESPONSIBILITIES AS A RELEASE HEARING OFFICER.

SECTION 2. 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: May 24, 2002