

## CHAPTER 67

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**GOVERNMENT - STATE**

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**SENATE BILL 05-149**

BY SENATOR(S) Kester, Hagedorn, Hanna, Johnson, Mitchell, Sandoval, Shaffer, Bacon, Groff, Isgar, Spence, Taylor, and Williams;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) McGihon, Boyd, Butcher, Green, Marshall, Todd, and Romanoff.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE INMATE BENEFITS APPLICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR RECEIPT OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE OR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PRIOR TO RELEASE.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 24-34-104 (36) (e), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment.** (36) The following agencies, functions, or both, shall terminate on July 1, 2005:

(e) The functions of the community corrections board ~~the department of corrections, and the department of health care policy and financing~~ in assisting in and expediting the application process of an inmate or an offender for the receipt of medical assistance or supplemental security income prior to release ~~and the function of the department of human services in providing education concerning supplemental security income systems and processes in accordance with sections 17-1-113.5 and SECTION 17-27-105.7, C.R.S.;~~

**SECTION 2.** 24-34-104 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

**24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment.** (5) (c) PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (5) SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE FUNCTION OF THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD TERMINATED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (e) OF SUBSECTION (36) OF THIS SECTION.

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

**SECTION 3.** 17-1-113.5 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**17-1-113.5. Inmates held in correctional facilities - medical benefits application assistance - county of residence - repeal.** (5) This section is repealed, effective July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007. Prior to such repeal, the functions of the department of corrections and the department of health care policy and financing in assisting and expediting the application process of an inmate for receipt of medical assistance or supplemental security income prior to release and the function of the department of human services in providing education concerning supplemental security income systems and processes shall be reviewed as provided for in section ~~24-34-104~~, C.R.S. AUDITED BY THE STATE AUDITOR. BY JANUARY 1, 2007, THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE CONTAINING CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE VALUE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS SECTION.

**SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

**SECTION 5. 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 14, 2005