

CHAPTER 296

INSURANCE

SENATE BILL 07-074

BY SENATOR(S) Shaffer, Boyd, Groff, Sandoval, and Tochtrop;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Massey, Frangas, Kefalas, Kerr J., Labuda, McGihon, Stafford, and Todd.

AN ACT**CONCERNING THE ELECTRONIC ACCESSIBILITY OF CERTAIN MEDICAL INFORMATION BY PHYSICIANS
IN EMERGENCY TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

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

SECTION 1. 10-16-221, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

10-16-221. Health care task force - creation - duties - repeal.
(2.6) (a) DURING THE 2007 INTERIM, THE TASK FORCE SHALL EXAMINE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ISSUES RELATED TO ADVANCING ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEMS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTEROPERABLE, STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

(I) PRIVACY AND SECURITY CONCERNS;

(II) THE BENEFITS TO PUBLIC MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PARTICIPATING IN AN ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE;

(III) ACCESSIBILITY OF ELECTROCARDIOGRAM TRACINGS BY EMERGENCY TREATMENT FACILITIES;

(IV) PRIORITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING A STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE SAFETY, QUALITY, AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS;

(V) HOW WESTERN STATES CAN LEVERAGE RESOURCES AND INFLUENCES TO ADVANCE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION

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EXCHANGES; AND

(VI) THE BENEFITS OF AN ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR COLORADO'S HEALTH CARE REFORM EFFORTS.

(b) IN PERFORMING THE EXAMINATION REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2.6), THE TASK FORCE SHALL SOLICIT INFORMATION CONCERNING TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT, STAKEHOLDER NEEDS AND PRIORITIES, POTENTIAL RESOURCES, AND POLICY ISSUES FROM:

(I) AN INDEPENDENT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED TO FACILITATE THE AVAILABILITY OF A STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE;

(II) PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM DIVERSE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE;

(III) BUSINESS INTERESTS; AND

(IV) CONSUMERS.

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 25, 2007