

## CHAPTER 274

---

**INSURANCE**

---

**HOUSE BILL 09-1224**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Schafer S., McGihon, Labuda, Frangas, Ryden, Green, Ferrandino, Court, Hullinghorst, Kefalas, Middleton, Peniston, Solano, Todd, Vigil, Fischer, Gagliardi, Kerr A., Massey, McCann, McFadyen, Merrifield, Pommer, Primavera, Priola;  
also SENATOR(S) Carroll M., Hodge, Bacon, Boyd, Gibbs, Groff, Heath, Hudak, Keller, Morse, Newell, Romer, Sandoval, Schwartz, Shaffer B., Tapia, Tochtrop, Veiga, Williams.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING A PROHIBITION ON THE CONSIDERATION OF GENDER IN SETTING RATES FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DIRECTING THE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE DURING THE 2009 INTERIM TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO SUCH PROHIBITION.**

*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.** (2.8) DURING THE 2009 INTERIM, THE TASK FORCE SHALL EXAMINE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ISSUES RAISED BY THE INTRODUCED VERSION OF HOUSE BILL 09-1224, RELATED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF GENDER IN SETTING RATES AND BENEFITS OFFERED FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS.

**SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 5, 2009, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2009); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: May 18, 2009

---

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