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HB24-1254: SUNSET REGULATION OF NONTRANSPLANT TISSUE BANKS

WHAT IS NONTRANSPLANT TISSUE BANK?

Nontransplant tissue banks (NTTBs) recover, transport, distribute, screen, store, and arrange for the storage and distribution of human remains for any purpose other than transplantation into a human being.

BILL SUMMARY

HB24-1254 extends regulatory oversight for NTTBs in Colorado to 2033 and allows the Director to promulgate rules for implementation of the regulations.

AMENDMENTS WERE MADE TO THIS SUNSET BILL TO STRENGTHEN OVERSIGHT AND WERE CAREFULLY DRAFTED TO COMPLIMENT OTHER BILLS THIS SESSION CONCERNING MORTUARIES AND CREMATORIALS.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AMENDMENTS

- Ensures banks keep information updated for 3 years post-licensure
- Requires Director consultation with professionals and consumers before rule-making
- Clarifies that medical colleges are NOT considered NTTBs
- Establishes that someone who suffers damages can file a civil complaint and if the NTTB is found guilty, a \$3,500 fine is imposed
- This penalty is tripled if the NTTB is found willful or wanton in their violation
- Sets standards for ethical handling and chain of custody of human remains
- Honors the wishes of the bereaved by creating transparency and guardrails so their loved one's wishes are followed
- Takes measures against a conflict of interest by prohibiting simultaneous ownership of a funeral home and NTTB
- Enhances disclosure requirements for tissue banks, including potential sales of remains and limitations on such sales