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BILL TOPIC: Qualified Individuals Death Certificates

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO COMPLETE
102 ACTIONS RELATED TO DEATH CERTIFICATES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

In current law, a "qualified individual" is authorized to determine the cause of death of an individual and complete the medical certification for a certificate of death. The bill defines the term "qualified individual" to include a physician, _____ a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, or the chief medical officer of the institution in which the death occurred.

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing law.*

The bill requires that qualified individuals register to use the electronic death registration system used by the department of public health and environment and the state registrar prior to signing a death certificate.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-2-110, amend
3 (4.5); and **add** (12) as follows:

4 **25-2-110. Certificates of death - definitions.** (4.5) (a) The
5 department of public health and environment shall ensure that all
6 physicians are registered to use the electronic death registration system
7 created and used pursuant to subsection (1)(b)(I) of this section on or
8 before March 1, 2024. A physician shall use the system for all medical
9 certifications for certificates of death required by subsection (4) of this
10 section immediately upon being registered but is not required to do so
11 before being registered.

12 (b) A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL SHALL REGISTER TO USE THE
13 ELECTRONIC DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM PRIOR TO SIGNING A DEATH
14 CERTIFICATE.

15 (12) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL" MEANS A
16 PHYSICIAN; ___A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
17 240 OF TITLE 12; AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE, AS DEFINED
18 IN SECTION 12-255-104 (1); OR THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE
19 INSTITUTION IN WHICH THE DEATH OCCURRED.

20 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
21 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
22 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
23 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V

1 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
2 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
3 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
4 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
5 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.