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LLS NO. 17-0574.01 Kip Kolkmeier x4510 & Thomas Morris x4218 **HOUSE BILL 17-1011**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING A LIMITATION ON WHEN CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**  
102            **MAY BE COMMENCED AGAINST A MENTAL HEALTH**  
103            **PROFESSIONAL, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING**  
104            **THAT A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PROVIDE NOTICE TO**  
105            **FORMER CLIENTS REGARDING RECORD RETENTION AND THAT**  
106            **ALL COMPLAINTS BE RESOLVED BY THE AGENCY WITHIN TWO**  
107            **YEARS AFTER THE DATE THE COMPLAINT WAS FILED.**

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**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>.)*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 2, 2017

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 1, 2017

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
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HOUSE  
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February 1, 2017

The bill requires that any complaint filed with the division of professions and occupations in the department of regulatory agencies against a mental health professional alleging a maintenance-of-records violation must be commenced within 7 years after the alleged act or failure to act giving rise to the complaint. Mental health professionals must give notice to former clients that a client's records may not be retained after the 7-year period. Complaints subject to the 7-year filing period must be resolved by the agency within 2 years after the date the complaint was filed.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43-224, **amend**  
3 (1)(a) as follows:

4           **12-43-224. Disciplinary proceedings - judicial review - mental**  
5 **and physical examinations - multiple licenses.** (1) (a) (I) A proceeding  
6 for discipline of a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder may be  
7 commenced when the board that licenses, registers, or certifies the  
8 licensee, registrant, or certificate holder has reasonable grounds to believe  
9 that the licensee, registrant, or certificate holder under the board's  
10 jurisdiction has committed any act or failed to act pursuant to the grounds  
11 established in section 12-43-222 or 12-43-226.

12           (II) (A) ANY PERSON WHO ALLEGES THAT A LICENSEE,  
13 REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER VIOLATED A PROVISION OF THIS  
14 ARTICLE 43 RELATED TO MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS OF A CLIENT  
15 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER MUST FILE A COMPLAINT OR OTHER  
16 NOTICE WITH THE BOARD WITHIN SEVEN YEARS AFTER THE PERSON  
17 DISCOVERED OR REASONABLY SHOULD HAVE DISCOVERED THE  
18 MISCONDUCT. A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER SHALL  
19 NOTIFY A CLIENT THAT THE CLIENT'S RECORDS MAY NOT BE MAINTAINED  
20 AFTER THE SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD FOR FILING A COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO

1 THIS SECTION. THE REQUIRED NOTICE MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE CLIENT  
2 IN WRITING NO LATER THAN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS AFTER THE END  
3 OF THE CLIENT'S TREATMENT. THE NOTICE MAY BE INCLUDED WITH THE  
4 LICENSEE'S DISCLOSURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-214(1) OR SENT TO  
5 THE CLIENT'S LAST-KNOWN MAILING ADDRESS. CONSISTENT WITH ALL  
6 PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE 43, OR OTHERWISE  
7 REQUIRED BY LAW, THE BOARD MUST EITHER TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION  
8 ON THE COMPLAINT OR DISMISS THE COMPLAINT NO LATER THAN TWO  
9 YEARS AFTER THE DATE THE COMPLAINT OR NOTICE WAS FILED WITH THE  
10 BOARD.

11 (B) THE SEVEN-YEAR LIMITATION PERIOD SPECIFIED IN  
12 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II)(A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FILING  
13 OF A COMPLAINT OR OTHER NOTICE WITH THE BOARD FOR ANY OTHER  
14 VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 43, INCLUDING THE ACTS DESCRIBED IN  
15 SECTION 12-43-222 OR 12-43-226.

16 **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect  
17 July 1, 2017, and applies to complaints or notices filed with a board  
18 within the division of professions and occupations on or after said date.

19 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.