

**Second Regular Session
Seventy-fourth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

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HOUSE BILL 24-1022

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PUBLICATION OF BILL DRAFTS ONLINE PRIOR TO THE**
102 **LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

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>.)

The bill creates a process and establishes a public online forum for members of the general assembly to publish drafts or titles of the bills that they are considering introducing during the next legislative session. The bill allows each member to post multiple bill titles, drafts, or a combination of titles and drafts on the online forum, and establishes a timeline for a member to publish up to 3 versions of each bill title or bill

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

draft. The bill also requires each bill title or bill draft published to include a disclaimer stating that the bill is subject to change and may or may not be introduced based on the discretion of the prime sponsor. The web page on which the bill titles and bill drafts are published must be taken down at midnight on the first day of the legislative session.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 2-2-328 as
3 follows:

4 **2-2-328. Members may publish bill drafts prior to the**
5 **legislative session.** (1) DURING THE INTERIM BETWEEN TWO REGULAR
6 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE A
7 PROCESS BY WHICH, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (2)
8 AND (3) OF THIS SECTION, ANY MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OR SENATE MAY PUBLISH A TITLE OR DRAFT OF A BILL
10 THAT THE MEMBER IS CONSIDERING INTRODUCING DURING THE NEXT
11 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THE BILL TITLES AND BILL DRAFTS MUST
12 BE PUBLISHED ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEB PAGE ON THE WEBSITE OF
13 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE BILL TITLES AND BILL DRAFTS MUST BE
14 SEARCHABLE BY CATEGORY, MEMBER PRIME SPONSOR NAME, AND DRAFT
15 BILL NUMBER ASSIGNED BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES.
16 THE BILL TITLES AND BILL DRAFTS MUST BE REMOVED AND NO LONGER BE
17 PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS OF
18 MIDNIGHT ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

19 (2) DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD BETWEEN TWO REGULAR
20 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY
21 PUBLISH ANY AND ALL BILL TITLES, BILL DRAFTS, OR A COMBINATION OF
22 BILL TITLES AND BILL DRAFTS THAT THE MEMBER IS CONSIDERING
23 INTRODUCING DURING THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

1 (a) EACH MEMBER MAY SUBMIT UP TO THREE DIFFERENT VERSIONS
2 OF EACH OF THE MEMBER'S BILL TITLES OR BILL DRAFTS FOR PUBLICATION
3 ON THE WEBSITE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BILL TITLES, BILL DRAFTS,
4 OR ANY SUBSEQUENT VERSIONS DESIGNATED FOR PUBLICATION MAY ONLY
5 BE PUBLISHED OR REMOVED ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE DAYS:

6 (I) THE DAY THAT FALLS NINETY DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF
7 THE NEXT REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION;

8 (II) THE DAY THAT FALLS SIXTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF
9 THE NEXT REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION; OR

10 (III) THE DAY THAT FALLS THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY
11 OF THE NEXT REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

12 (b) MEMBERS MAY ONLY POST ONE VERSION OF EACH BILL TITLE
13 OR BILL DRAFT IN A SINGLE DAY. ANY PUBLISHED BILL TITLE OR BILL
14 DRAFT MUST REMAIN PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE OF THE
15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNLESS THE MEMBER WHO PLANS TO INTRODUCE IT
16 REQUESTS THAT IT BE REMOVED, UNTIL A SUBSEQUENT VERSION IS
17 PUBLISHED, OR UNTIL MIDNIGHT ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE REGULAR
18 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. ANY CHANGES MADE TO THE MOST RECENTLY
19 PUBLISHED VERSION OF A BILL DRAFT SHALL BE MARKED BY
20 DOUBLE-UNDERLINE.

21 (3) EACH BILL TITLE OR BILL DRAFT THAT IS PUBLISHED PURSUANT
22 TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, THE
23 FOLLOWING DISCLAIMER: "THIS IS A DRAFT OF A BILL THAT MAY OR MAY
24 NOT BE INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THE SENATE
25 OF THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING THE UPCOMING REGULAR
26 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THE FINAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY
27 REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF THE BILL RESTS EXCLUSIVELY WITH ITS

1 LEGISLATIVE PRIME SPONSOR IN THE CHAMBER IN WHICH THE BILL WILL
2 FIRST BE INTRODUCED IF IT IS INTRODUCED. THIS DRAFT IS NOT FINAL AND
3 IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER INTRODUCTION IN THE
4 FIRST CHAMBER."

5 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
6 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
7 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
8 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
9 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
10 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
11 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
12 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.