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HOUSE BILL 10-1073

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ADDITION OF A LINE TO COLORADO STATE
102 INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN FORMS WHEREBY INDIVIDUAL
103 TAXPAYERS MAY MAKE A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION
104 BENEFITTING THE COLORADO 2-1-1 FIRST CALL FOR HELP FUND.

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill creates the Colorado 2-1-1 first call for help fund (fund) in the state treasury. For income tax years commencing on or after

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.

January 1, 2010, but before January 1, 2013, the bill requires a voluntary contribution designation line for the fund to appear on state individual income tax return forms.

The department of revenue (department) must determine annually the total amount designated to the fund and report that amount to the state treasurer and the general assembly. The state treasurer shall credit that amount to the fund.

Finally, the general assembly must appropriate annually from the fund to the department its costs of administering contributions to the fund. All moneys remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall be transferred to Mile High United Way, a Colorado nonprofit organization, solely for use in operating 2-1-1 Colorado.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Article 22 of title 39, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART to read:

4 **PART 37**

5 **COLORADO 2-1-1 FIRST CALL FOR HELP FUND**

6 **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION**

7 **39-22-3701. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT 2-1-1 COLORADO IS A
9 PUBLIC SERVICE COLLABORATIVE OF SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THAT
10 MILE HIGH UNITED WAY IS THE OFFICIAL FISCAL MANAGER FOR THE
11 COLLABORATIVE. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND
12 DECLARES THAT 2-1-1 COLORADO:

13 (a) ESPECIALLY IN TIMES OF ECONOMIC NEED, PROVIDES A
14 VALUABLE SERVICE TO COLORADO CITIZENS SEARCHING FOR ASSISTANCE;

15 (b) PROVIDES STREAMLINED ACCESS TO EXISTING HEALTH AND
16 HUMAN SERVICES INFORMATION AND ELIMINATES CONFUSING AND
17 FRUSTRATING SEARCHES;

18 (c) PROVIDES EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO NATURAL DISASTERS SO
19 AS NOT TO OVERLOAD OTHER PUBLIC SYSTEMS;

1 (d) PROVIDES ELDERLY, DISABLED, NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING,
2 ILLITERATE, AND NEW COLORADO CITIZENS AND THOSE INCAPACITATED
3 BY CRISIS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THEMSELVES;

4 (e) EXPANDS CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AND PROVIDES A FORUM FOR
5 MATCHING VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
6 THAT NEED THEIR HELP; AND

7 (f) PROVIDES AN EFFECTIVE SOCIAL BAROMETER FOR ASSESSING
8 WHERE NEED IS GREATEST IN THE COMMUNITY.

9 (2) IN ORDER TO ASSIST 2-1-1 COLORADO IN FULFILLING ITS
10 MISSION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES THAT MANY CITIZENS OF
11 COLORADO MAY BE WILLING TO PROVIDE MONEYS TO ASSIST IN 2-1-1
12 COLORADO'S EFFORTS. IT IS THEREFORE THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE COLORADANS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE
14 EFFORTS OF 2-1-1 COLORADO BY ALLOWING CITIZENS TO MAKE A
15 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION ON THEIR STATE INCOME TAX RETURNS TO THE
16 COLORADO 2-1-1 FIRST CALL FOR HELP FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

17 **39-22-3702. Voluntary contribution designation - procedure.**
18 FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2010,
19 BUT PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2013, THE COLORADO STATE INDIVIDUAL
20 INCOME TAX RETURN FORM SHALL CONTAIN A LINE WHEREBY EACH
21 INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER MAY DESIGNATE THE AMOUNT OF THE
22 CONTRIBUTION, IF ANY, THE INDIVIDUAL WISHES TO MAKE TO THE
23 COLORADO 2-1-1 FIRST CALL FOR HELP FUND CREATED IN SECTION
24 39-22-3703 (1).

25 **39-22-3703. Contributions credited to the Colorado 2-1-1 first**
26 **call for help fund - creation - appropriation.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF
27 REVENUE SHALL DETERMINE ANNUALLY THE TOTAL AMOUNT DESIGNATED

1 PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-22-3702 AND SHALL REPORT THAT AMOUNT TO
2 THE STATE TREASURER AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE STATE
3 TREASURER SHALL CREDIT THAT AMOUNT TO THE COLORADO 2-1-1 FIRST
4 CALL FOR HELP FUND, WHICH FUND IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE
5 TREASURY. ALL INTEREST DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT
6 OF MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.

7 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE ANNUALLY
8 FROM THE COLORADO 2-1-1 FIRST CALL FOR HELP FUND TO THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ITS COSTS OF ADMINISTERING MONEYS
10 DESIGNATED AS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND. ALL MONEYS REMAINING
11 IN THE FUND AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, AFTER SUBTRACTING THE
12 APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO MILE
13 HIGH UNITED WAY, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, SOLELY FOR USE IN
14 OPERATING 2-1-1 COLORADO.

15 **39-22-3704. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 37 IS REPEALED,
16 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014, UNLESS THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO
17 THE COLORADO 2-1-1 FIRST CALL FOR HELP FUND ESTABLISHED BY THIS
18 PART 37 IS CONTINUED OR REESTABLISHED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
19 ACTING BY BILL PRIOR TO SAID DATE.

20 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
21 shall take 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 (August
23 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a
24 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
25 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
26 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect
27 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

1 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official
2 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.