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SENATE BILL 12-093

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees

Health and Human Services

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A LICENSED HOSPITAL PROVIDE**
102 **NOTICE TO PATIENTS OF ANY SERVICE NOT PROVIDED BY THE**
103 **HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF MORAL CONVICTIONS BASED ON**
104 **RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.**

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 requires hospitals licensed in Colorado to provide notice in a manner specified by the department of public health and environment

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
February 29, 2012

SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
February 24, 2012

of all services that the hospital refuses to provide because of religious beliefs or moral convictions. The bill requires the notice to inform patients of their right to obtain any service not provided by the hospital because of religious beliefs or moral convictions from another hospital that does provide the service. Requires the notice to be made available prior to or at admission of the patient or as soon after admission as practicable.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-3-104.5 as
3 follows:

4 **25-3-104.5. Mandatory disclosure of services not provided**
5 **because of religious beliefs or moral convictions.** A HOSPITAL LICENSED
6 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE, IN A MANNER
7 SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, OF
8 ALL SERVICES THAT THE HOSPITAL REFUSES TO PROVIDE BECAUSE OF
9 RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OR MORAL CONVICTIONS. THE NOTICE MUST INFORM
10 PATIENTS OF THEIR RIGHT TO OBTAIN ANY SERVICE NOT PROVIDED BY THE
11 HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OR MORAL CONVICTIONS FROM
12 ANOTHER HOSPITAL THAT DOES PROVIDE THE SERVICE. THE HOSPITAL
13 SHALL PROVIDE THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION PRIOR TO OR AT
14 ADMISSION OF THE PATIENT OR AS SOON AFTER ADMISSION AS IS
15 PRACTICABLE.

16 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.