

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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1 Amend printed bill, page 10, after line 10 insert:

2 "SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-245-202, amend
3 (3.5) as follows:

4 **12-245-202. Definitions.**

5 As used in this article 245, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (3.5) (a) ~~"Conversion therapy" means any practice or treatment by~~
7 ~~a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder that attempts or purports to~~
8 ~~change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, including~~
9 ~~efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or~~
10 ~~reduce sexual or romantic attraction or feelings toward individuals of the~~
11 ~~same sex~~ MEANS ANY PRACTICE OR TREATMENT BY A LICENSED MENTAL
12 HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER THAT SEEKS TO DIRECT A PATIENT TOWARD A
13 PREDETERMINED SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OUTCOME,
14 INCLUDING EFFORTS TO CHANGE AN INDIVIDUAL'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION
15 OR GENDER IDENTITY, OR TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE SEXUAL OR ROMANTIC
16 ATTRACTIONS OR FEELINGS TOWARD INDIVIDUALS OF A PARTICULAR SEX
17 OR GENDER, REGARDLESS OF THE SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER
18 IDENTITY THE PATIENT IS DIRECTED TOWARD.

19 (b) ~~"Conversion therapy" does not include practices or treatments~~
20 ~~that provide~~ INCLUDE:

21 (I) ~~Acceptance, support, and understanding for the facilitation of~~
22 ~~an individual's coping, social support, and identity exploration and~~
23 ~~development, including sexual-orientation-neutral interventions to~~
24 ~~prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices, as long~~
25 ~~as the counseling does not seek to change sexual orientation or gender~~
26 ~~identity;~~ OR COUNSELING OR THERAPY THAT ASSISTS A PATIENT IN
27 EXPLORING OR ALIGNING WITH THEIR GENDER IDENTITY;

28 (II) ~~Assistance to a person undergoing gender transition.~~
29 COUNSELING OR THERAPY THAT PROVIDES ACCEPTANCE, SUPPORT, AND
30 UNDERSTANDING OF A PATIENT OR FACILITATES A PATIENT'S COPING,
31 SOCIAL SUPPORT, AND IDENTITY EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT,
32 WITHOUT SEEKING TO DIRECT THE PATIENT TOWARD A PREDETERMINED
33 SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OUTCOME;

34 (III) COUNSELING OR THERAPY THAT IS NEUTRAL WITH RESPECT TO
35 SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY AND THAT DOES NOT SEEK
36 TO DIRECT THE PATIENT TOWARD A PREDETERMINED SEXUAL ORIENTATION
37 OR GENDER IDENTITY OUTCOME; OR

38 (IV) COUNSELING OR THERAPY RELATED TO A PATIENT'S SEXUAL
39 BEHAVIORS, PRACTICES, OR RELATIONSHIPS, PROVIDED THAT THE
40 COUNSELING OR THERAPY DOES NOT SEEK TO DIRECT THE PATIENT
41 TOWARD A PREDETERMINED SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY."

42 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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