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HOUSE BILL 26-1127

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Roberts,

House Committees

Transportation, Housing & Local Government

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REPORT AFTER MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES RESULTING
102 IN DEATH.**

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 requires coroners to include toxicology results for all deceased parties in required reports regarding motor vehicle crashes resulting in death.

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

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.

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 42-4-1609 as
2 follows:

3 **42-4-1609. Coroners to report.**

4 Every coroner or other official performing like functions shall on
5 or before the tenth day of each month report in writing to the department
6 the death of any person within such official's jurisdiction during the
7 preceding calendar month as the result of an accident involving a motor
8 vehicle and the circumstances of such accident UPON REQUEST BY THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, EVERY CORONER OR OTHER OFFICIAL
10 PERFORMING LIKE FUNCTIONS SHALL ELECTRONICALLY REPORT ALL
11 AVAILABLE TOXICOLOGY RESULTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 TRANSPORTATION BY THE FINAL BUSINESS DAY OF EACH QUARTER OF THE
13 CALENDAR YEAR FOR EACH DECEASED PARTY WHO DIED DURING THE
14 QUARTER AS THE RESULT OF A CRASH INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE
15 WITHIN THE OFFICIAL'S JURISDICTION. IF A CORONER DOES NOT HAVE
16 ACCESS TO NECESSARY TOXICOLOGY RESULTS ON THE FINAL BUSINESS DAY
17 OF THE QUARTER, THE REPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE NEXT QUARTER
18 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR WHEN COMPLETE RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE. THE
19 REPORT MUST INCLUDE ALL AVAILABLE TOXICOLOGY RESULTS FOR ALL
20 DECEASED PARTIES INVOLVED IN A CRASH, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED
21 TO, THE BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS; DRUG SCREENING PANELS;
22 AND THE DATE, TIME, AND SOURCE OF THE SAMPLE COLLECTIONS.

23 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
24 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
25 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
26 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
27 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the

1 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
2 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
3 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
4 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
5 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.