

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-first General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

*This Unofficial Version Includes Committee  
Amendments Not Yet Adopted on Second Reading*

LLS NO. 17-0769.01 Bob Lackner x4350

**HOUSE BILL 17-1259**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Weissman,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs  
Appropriations

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE**  
102              **COMMITTEE CREATED BY A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE IS**  
103              **SUBJECT TO CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING**  
104              **LIMITS ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUCH CANDIDATES.**

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**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>.)*

For purposes of the "Fair Campaign Practices Act", an independent expenditure committee is one or more persons that make an independent expenditure in excess of \$1,000 or that collect in excess of \$1,000 for the

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.*

purpose of making an independent expenditure. An independent expenditure is an expenditure that is not controlled by or coordinated with any candidate or agent of such candidate.

Under the bill, any independent expenditure committee established, financed, or maintained by a candidate or candidate committee in accordance with the decision of the Colorado court of appeals in the case of *Colorado Republican Party v. Williams*, 2016 COA 26 (2016), is subject to the contribution limits and restrictions that are imposed on candidate committees as specified in the state constitution.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-103.7, **add** (11)  
3 as follows:

4 **1-45-103.7. Contribution limits - treatment of independent**  
5 **expenditure committees - contributions from limited liability**  
6 **companies - voter instructions on spending limits - definitions.**

7 (11) NO CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE MAY ESTABLISH,  
8 FINANCE, OR MAINTAIN AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE TO  
9 RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OR MAKE EXPENDITURES FOR OR AGAINST ANY  
10 CANDIDATE FOR THE SAME OFFICE IN THE SAME DISTRICT OR, IN THE CASE  
11 OF A STATEWIDE CANDIDATE, FOR OR AGAINST ANY CANDIDATE FOR THE  
12 SAME STATEWIDE OFFICE.

13 **SECTION 2. Applicability.** This act applies to the portion of any  
14 election cycle or for the portion of the calendar year remaining after the  
15 effective date of this act and for any election cycle or calendar year  
16 commencing after such effective date, whichever is applicable.

17 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.