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HOUSE BILL 19-1208

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AS HEALTH**
102 **CARE PROVIDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING COMPLIANCE**
103 **WITH REQUIRED HEAD TRAUMA GUIDELINES IN ORGANIZED**
104 **YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES.**

Bill Summary

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>.)

Current law states that if a youth athlete is removed from play because a coach suspects the youth athlete has sustained a concussion in a game, competition, or practice, the coach or other designated personnel shall not permit the youth athlete to return to play or participate in any

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supervised team activities involving physical exertion until the youth athlete is evaluated by a health care provider and receives written clearance to return to play from the health care provider. The bill adds licensed physical therapists to the definition of "health care provider" for this purpose.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-43-102, **amend**
3 the introductory portion and (1) as follows:

4 **25-43-102. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43, unless
5 the context otherwise requires:

6 (1) "Health care provider" means a:

7 (a) Doctor of medicine;

8 (b) Doctor of osteopathic medicine;

9 (c) Licensed nurse practitioner;

10 (d) Licensed physician assistant; ~~or~~

11 (e) LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST; OR

12 (f) Licensed doctor of psychology with training in
13 neuropsychology or concussion evaluation and management.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
17 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.