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Seventy-second General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

*This Unofficial Version Includes Committee  
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LLS NO. 20-0583.01 Esther van Mourik x4215

**SENATE BILL 20-039**

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**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING UPDATED ACCESSIBILITY SIGNAGE IN A STATE-OWNED**  
102      **FACILITY.**

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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/>.)*

**Capital Development Committee.** The bill requires any state-owned facility constructed, renovated, or remodeled and any state-owned facility acquired to use updated accessibility signage that depicts an accessible icon with a more dynamic character who leans forward in the wheelchair and who shows a sense of movement.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

2           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby finds and declares that:

4           (a) A grassroots effort in Boston, Massachusetts, in the early  
5 2010s, resulted in supporters placing stickers with an updated design over  
6 the most recognizable symbol of access, the white wheelchair with a head  
7 icon. As a result, people all over the world started advocating for an  
8 improvement to the symbol by depicting instead an accessible icon with  
9 a more dynamic character who leans forward in the wheelchair and who  
10 shows a sense of movement.

11           (b) The forward head indicates the forward motion of the person  
12 through space and shows the person as the driver or decision-maker about  
13 his or her mobility;

14           (c) The arm angle that points backwards suggests dynamic  
15 mobility of a chair user, one who actively navigates the world;

16           (d) By including white angled knockouts of the wheel, the symbol  
17 presents the wheel as being in motion;

18           (e) The leg has been moved forward to allow for more space  
19 between it and the wheel, which allows for better readability and cleaner  
20 application of the icon as a stencil;

21           (f) In order to avoid a confusion with established and widely used  
22 icons, the human depiction in the accessible icon is still consistent with  
23 other body representations found in the International Organization for  
24 Standardization's pictograms;

25           (g) An example of the accessible icon can be obtained for free at  
26 <http://www.accessibleicon.org>;

1 (h) The accessible icon has been adopted by the National Football  
2 League's Jacksonville Jaguars, the state of New York, and other localities,  
3 businesses, and schools in the United States and abroad; and

4 (i) Because history shows that the shape and form of what people  
5 see and hear works on a person's cognitive understanding of the world, it  
6 is important for the state to start using the accessible icon for accessibility  
7 signage in any newly acquired, newly built, or newly renovated facility.

8 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-30-1312 as  
9 follows:

10 **24-30-1312. Accessibility signage for facilities.** (1) INSTEAD OF  
11 THE INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF ACCESSIBILITY ICON OF A CHARACTER IN  
12 A WHEELCHAIR, ANY REQUIRED ACCESSIBILITY SIGNAGE IN A FACILITY  
13 MUST DEPICT AN ACCESSIBLE ICON WITH A MORE DYNAMIC CHARACTER  
14 WHO LEANS FORWARD IN THE WHEELCHAIR AND WHO SHOWS A SENSE OF  
15 MOVEMENT. THIS REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO ANY FACILITY THAT  
16 CONTAINS FIVE THOUSAND OR MORE GROSS SQUARE FEET AND THAT IS:

17 (a) CONSTRUCTED WITH A DATE OF COMPLETION ON OR AFTER THE  
18 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION;

19 (b) ACQUIRED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION;

20 OR

21 (c) SUBSTANTIALLY RENOVATED, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
22 24-30-1305.5 (8)(c), WITH A DATE OF COMPLETION ON OR AFTER THE  
23 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

24 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
25 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
26 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
27 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a

1 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
2 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
3 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
4 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
5 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.