

CHAPTER 27

GOVERNMENT - STATE

HOUSE BILL 21-1054

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also SENATOR(S) Gonzales, Bridges, Danielson, Donovan, Fenberg, Ginal, Hansen, Jaquez Lewis, Kolker, Lee, Moreno, Pettersen, Rodriguez, Story, Winter.

AN ACT

CONCERNING A HOUSING ASSISTANCE EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT TO VERIFY LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.5-103, **amend** (3)(h) and (3)(i); and **add** (3)(j) as follows:

24-76.5-103. Verification of lawful presence - exceptions - reporting - rules.
(3) Verification of lawful presence in the United States is not required:

(h) For renewing an educator license pursuant to article 60.5 of title 22; ~~C.R.S.~~;
or

(i) For receipt of educational services or benefits from institutions of higher education, except as may be limited pursuant to section 23-7-110, including participation in the college opportunity fund program pursuant to part 2 of article 18 of title 23, college savings plans pursuant to section 23-3.1-301, state student financial assistance pursuant to article 3.3 of title 23, and any other financial benefit of the institution of higher education relating to attendance at the institution of higher education; **OR**

(j) **UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW, FOR RECEIPT OF PUBLIC OR ASSISTED HOUSING, HOUSING SERVICES, HOUSING ASSISTANCE, OR OTHER SIMILAR BENEFIT.**

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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