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SENATE BILL 22-184

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Fenberg and Pettersen,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Esgar and Tipper,

Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AUTHORITY FOR A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
102 TO BE ABSENT DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WITHOUT
103 FORFEITING COMPENSATION.

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 allows a member of the general assembly who is absent for a long-term illness, parental leave in excess of the permitted maximum period, or another similar purpose, subject to approval by the president of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives, respective to the member's house, to be exempted from forfeiture of their

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compensation, and allows a member of the general assembly to receive compensation for an absence due to parental leave for a maximum of 12 weeks, and an additional 4 weeks for complications due to pregnancy or childbirth. Under current law, the exemption from forfeiture of compensation is only for an approved absence for a long-term illness.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-307, **amend**
3 (2)(a) and (2)(b); and **add** (2)(e) as follows:

4 **2-2-307. Compensation of members - reimbursement of**
5 **expenses.** (2) The compensation for the services of the members of the
6 general assembly shall be adjusted as follows:

7 (a) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(e) OF THIS
8 SECTION, if any member of the general assembly is absent for any purpose
9 ~~other than long-term illness approved by the president of the senate or the~~
10 ~~speaker of the house of representatives~~ from two-thirds or more of the
11 sessions of ~~his or her~~ THE MEMBER'S respective house, two-thirds of the
12 compensation allowed under this section ~~shall be~~ IS forfeited.

13 (b) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(e) OF
14 THIS SECTION, if any member of the general assembly is absent for any
15 purpose ~~other than long-term illness approved by the president of the~~
16 ~~senate or the speaker of the house of representatives~~, from one-third or
17 more, but less than two-thirds, of the sessions of ~~his or her~~ THE MEMBER'S
18 respective house, one-third of the compensation allowed under this
19 section ~~shall be~~ IS forfeited.

20 (e) (I) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OR THE SPEAKER OF THE
21 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY APPROVE A MEMBER OF THEIR
22 RESPECTIVE HOUSE FOR AN ABSENCE FOR PURPOSES OF A LONG-TERM
23 ILLNESS, PARENTAL LEAVE IN EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM PERIOD SET FORTH

1 IN SUBSECTION (2)(e)(II) OF THIS SECTION, OR ANOTHER SIMILAR PURPOSE,
2 AND A MEMBER RECEIVING SUCH APPROVAL SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO
3 FORFEIT COMPENSATION AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTIONS (2)(a) AND (2)(b)
4 OF THIS SECTION.

5 (II) ANY MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY BE ABSENT
6 FOR PURPOSES OF PARENTAL LEAVE FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWELVE WEEKS,
7 PLUS UP TO AN ADDITIONAL FOUR WEEKS FOR A SERIOUS HEALTH
8 CONDITION RELATED TO PREGNANCY COMPLICATIONS OR CHILDBIRTH
9 COMPLICATIONS, DURING SESSION AND SHALL NOT FORFEIT
10 COMPENSATION AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTIONS (2)(a) AND (2)(b) OF THIS
11 SECTION. HOWEVER, NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e)(II) EXEMPTS A
12 MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM RECEIVING ANY APPROVAL
13 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(e)(I) OF THIS SECTION OR LEGISLATIVE
14 RULES FOR ANY PERIOD OF ABSENCE FOR PURPOSES OF PARENTAL LEAVE
15 THAT IS LONGER THAN THE DURATION SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION
16 (2)(e)(II).

17 **SECTION 2. 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, or safety.