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	A BILL FOR AN ACT
101	CONCERNING A PROHIBITION AGAINST REQUIRING COMPENSATION TO
102	A HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCY IF A CONTRACTED
103	HEALTH-CARE FACILITY HIRES THE HEALTH-CARE STAFFING
104	AGENCY'S EMPLOYEE AS A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE OF THE
105	HEALTH-CARE FACILITY.

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 prohibits a supplemental health-care staffing agency (staffing agency) from including in a contract or agreement with a

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HOUSE Amended 2nd Reading February 2, 2023 health-care worker, nursing care facility, or assisted living residence a provision for liquidated damages, employment fees, or other compensation to be paid to the staffing agency if the nursing care facility or assisted living residence hires the health-care worker as a permanent employee either prior to or after the termination of the contract or agreement.

A staffing agency that violates the prohibition commits a civil infraction and is subject to a monetary penalty. Further, for repeated or willful violations, the executive director of the department of labor and employment may impose monetary or administrative penalties against the staffing agency.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:* 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-4-125, 3 (2.5) as follows: 4 8-4-125. Supplemental health-care staffing agencies - annual 5 certification - contract restrictions - penalty - civil action - reporting 6 - definitions. 7 8 IN ANY CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT BETWEEN A (2.5) (a) 9 SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCY AND A HEALTH-CARE 10 WORKER OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF A 11 HEALTH-CARE WORKER WHO IS A NURSING PROFESSIONAL LICENSED OR 12 CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 255 OF TITLE 12, IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR 13 THE SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCY TO REQUIRE THE 14 PAYMENT OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES, EMPLOYMENT FEES, OR OTHER 15 COMPENSATION TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCY 16 IF THE HEALTH-CARE FACILITY HIRES THE HEALTH-CARE WORKER AS A 17 PERMANENT EMPLOYEE EITHER PRIOR TO OR AFTER THE TERMINATION OF 18 THE CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE 19 STAFFING AGENCY.

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1	(b) IF A SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCY
2	COLLECTS OR ATTEMPTS TO COLLECT LIQUIDATED DAMAGES,
3	EMPLOYMENT FEES, OR OTHER COMPENSATION FROM A HEALTH-CARE
4	WORKER OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (2.5)(a)
5	OF THIS SECTION, THE HEALTH-CARE WORKER OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITY
6	MAY BRING AN ACTION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION FOR
7	DAMAGES, A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER
8	VIOLATION, AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. THE PREVAILING PARTY TO AN
9	ACTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION $(2.5)(b)$ IS ENTITLED TO
10	REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES.
11	SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
12	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
13	preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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