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HOUSE BILL 24-1100

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A CORONER BE CERTIFIED BY THE
102 AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATORS OR
103 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF FORENSIC PATHOLOGISTS.

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 requires a coroner of a county with a population greater than 150,000 to be either a death investigator certified by and in good standing with the American board of medicolegal death investigators or a forensic pathologist certified by and in good standing with the American board of pathology (qualifications). County commissioners of

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a county with a population of 150,000 or less may impose the qualifications upon an affirmative majority vote of the commissioners.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-601.5, **amend**
3 (1)(b) and (1)(c); and **add** (1)(d) as follows:

4 **30-10-601.5. Qualifications - fingerprints.** (1) A person is
5 eligible to hold the office of coroner if the person:

6 (b) Has earned a high school diploma or its equivalent or a college
7 degree; **and**

8 (c) Has given a set of fingerprints in accordance with subsection
9 (2) of this section; **AND**

10 (d) (I) FOR A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION GREATER THAN ONE
11 HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND, IS A DEATH INVESTIGATOR CERTIFIED BY AND
12 IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICOLEGAL DEATH
13 INVESTIGATORS OR IS A FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST CERTIFIED BY AND IN
14 GOOD STANDING WITH THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY; OR

15 (II) FOR A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY
16 THOUSAND OR LESS, IS A DEATH INVESTIGATOR CERTIFIED BY AND IN GOOD
17 STANDING WITH THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICOLEGAL DEATH
18 INVESTIGATORS OR IS A FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST CERTIFIED BY AND IN
19 GOOD STANDING WITH THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY IF A
20 MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE COUNTY
21 AFFIRMATIVELY VOTE TO REQUIRE THESE QUALIFICATIONS.

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

- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.