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HOUSE BILL 24-1273

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE**
102 **GRANT PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
103 **IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE 2023 SUNSET**
104 **REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.**

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/>.)

Sunset Process - House State, Civic, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill implements the recommendation of the department of regulatory agencies' sunset review and report on the

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HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 17, 2024

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 15, 2024

veterans assistance grant program by continuing the program for 7 years, until September 1, 2031.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**
3 (25)(a)(VIII); and **add** (32)(a)(XI) as follows:

4 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
5 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
6 **declaration - repeal.** (25) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
7 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2024:

8 (VIII) ~~The veterans assistance grant program created in section~~
9 ~~28-5-712;~~

10 (32) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
11 for repeal on September 1, 2031:

12 (XI) THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN
13 SECTION 28-5-712.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-712, **amend**
15 (3)(b) and (5) as follows:

16 **28-5-712. Veterans assistance grant program - created - rules**
17 **- fund - repeal.** (3) (b) The moneys MONEY in the fund are IS subject to
18 annual ___ appropriation to the division by the general assembly for the
19 direct and indirect costs associated with implementing the program. The
20 state treasurer may invest any ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund not expended
21 for the purposes of this section as provided by law. The state treasurer
22 shall credit any interest and income derived from the deposit and
23 investment of ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund to the fund. Any unexpended
24 and unencumbered ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund at the end of a fiscal year
25 ~~remain~~ REMAINS in the fund and shall not be credited to any other fund;

1 except that ~~any moneys remaining in the fund on September 1, 2024, shall~~
2 ~~be credited~~ THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ALL UNEXPENDED
3 AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND ON AUGUST 31, 2031, to the
4 general fund.

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6 (5) This section is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2024~~
7 SEPTEMBER 1, 2031. Before ITS repeal, the department of regulatory
8 agencies shall review the program as described in section 24-34-104.
9 ~~C.R.S.~~

10 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
11 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
12 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
13 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
14 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
15 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
16 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
17 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.