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SENATE BILL 18-082

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A PHYSICIAN'S RIGHT TO PROVIDE CONTINUING CARE TO
102 PATIENTS WITH RARE DISORDERS DESPITE A COVENANT NOT TO
103 COMPETE.

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>.)

An agreement among physicians may contain a covenant not to compete, under which a physician who leaves the group practice may be compelled to pay damages if he or she solicits patients who are former or prospective patients of the group practice. The bill makes an exception in the case of patients with a rare disorder, as determined in accordance with

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nationally recognized criteria, who would otherwise not have ready access to a physician with the necessary expertise to treat the disorder.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-2-113, **amend** (3)
3 as follows:

4 **8-2-113. Unlawful to intimidate worker - agreement not to**
5 **compete.** (3) (a) Any covenant not to compete provision of an
6 employment, partnership, or corporate agreement between physicians
7 ~~which~~ THAT restricts the right of a physician to practice medicine, as
8 defined in section 12-36-106, ~~C.R.S.~~, upon termination of ~~such~~ THE
9 agreement, ~~shall be~~ IS void; except that all other provisions of ~~such an~~
10 THE agreement enforceable at law, including provisions ~~which~~ THAT
11 require the payment of damages in an amount that is reasonably related
12 to the injury suffered by reason of termination of the agreement, ~~shall be~~
13 ARE enforceable. Provisions ~~which~~ OF A COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE
14 THAT require the payment of damages upon termination of the agreement
15 may include ~~but not be limited to~~, damages related to competition.

16 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION,
17 AFTER TERMINATION OF AN AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a)
18 OF THIS SECTION, A PHYSICIAN MAY DISCLOSE HIS OR HER CONTINUING
19 PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND NEW PROFESSIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION
20 TO ANY PATIENT WITH A RARE DISORDER, AS DEFINED IN ACCORDANCE
21 WITH CRITERIA DEVELOPED BY THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR RARE
22 DISORDERS, INC., OR A SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, TO WHOM THE
23 PHYSICIAN WAS PROVIDING CONSULTATION OR TREATMENT BEFORE
24 TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT. THE PHYSICIAN IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY
25 DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF THE DISCLOSURE.

1 **SECTION 2. Applicability.** This act applies to conduct occurring
2 on or after the effective date of this act.

3 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.