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**HOUSE BILL 18-1273**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Salazar and Esgar,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**  
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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING PROTECTION FOR COLORADO RESIDENTS FROM FEDERAL**  
102 **GOVERNMENT OVERREACH BASED ON A PERSON'S STATUS.**

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**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 state or political subdivision from:

- ! Providing the race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation of a Colorado resident to the federal government without determining that it is for a legal and constitutional purpose;

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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- ! Aiding or assisting the federal government in creating, maintaining, or updating a registry for the purpose of identifying Colorado residents based on race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation;
- ! Aiding or assisting the federal government or a federal agency in marking or otherwise placing a physical or electronic identifier on a person based on his or her race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation; and
- ! Aiding or assisting, including using state or local lands or resources, the federal government in interning, arresting, or detaining a person based on his or her race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation.

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

2       **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly  
3 hereby finds and declares that Colorado has been a beacon of hope  
4 against inhumane practices. The Colorado general assembly is aware that  
5 history often repeats itself. History has demonstrated that the  
6 demonization of communities leading to internment camps and the  
7 deprivation of human rights, constitutional rights, and civil rights is often  
8 rooted in the overreach of federal policies. The Colorado general  
9 assembly rejects any federal attempts to demonize Colorado communities;  
10 rejects any attempts to detain or intern Coloradans because of their race,  
11 ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender  
12 identity, or religious affiliation; and rejects any attempts to access data or  
13 information about Coloradans for illegal or unconstitutional purposes.  
14 Through its constitutional reservation of powers, Colorado will prohibit  
15 the use of state and local law enforcement and state and local resources  
16 to engage in discriminatory and unconstitutional behavior that is  
17 repugnant to Colorado values. In asserting its constitutional reservation

1 of powers, the Colorado general assembly affirms its obligation to prevail  
2 over federal overreach that may result in Coloradans being harmed.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 76.6 to  
4 title 24 as follows:

5 **ARTICLE 76.6**

6 **Colorado Freedom Defense Act**

7 **24-76.6-101. Compliance with legal and constitutional federal**  
8 **requests - definition.** (1) (a) BEFORE THE STATE OR A POLITICAL  
9 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE COMPLIES WITH A REQUEST FROM THE FEDERAL  
10 GOVERNMENT OR ANY FEDERAL AGENCY TO DIVULGE AN INHERENT  
11 CHARACTERISTIC, AS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, OF  
12 A COLORADO RESIDENT, THE STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE  
13 STATE, TO THE EXTENT THAT IT KNOWS THE BASIS FOR THE REQUEST,  
14 SHALL DETERMINE THAT THE REQUEST IS FOR A LEGAL AND  
15 CONSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE.

16 (b) "INHERENT CHARACTERISTIC" MEANS THE RACE, ETHNICITY,  
17 NATIONAL ORIGIN, IMMIGRATION STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER  
18 IDENTITY, PHYSICAL DISABILITY, INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL  
19 DISABILITY, OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION OF A COLORADO RESIDENT.

20 (2) THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE SHALL  
21 NOT AID OR ASSIST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR A FEDERAL AGENCY IN  
22 CREATING, MAINTAINING, OR UPDATING A REGISTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
23 IDENTIFYING COLORADO RESIDENTS BASED ON RACE, ETHNICITY,  
24 NATIONAL ORIGIN, IMMIGRATION STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER  
25 IDENTITY, PHYSICAL DISABILITY, INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL  
26 DISABILITY, OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION; EXCEPT THAT THE STATE OR A  
27 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE MAY AID OR ASSIST THE UNITED

1 STATE CENSUS BUREAU, MAY PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATED TO  
2 INVESTIGATIONS OF A HATE BIAS CRIME, MAY PROVIDE INFORMATION  
3 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS BIAS-BASED DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT  
4 SERVICES, MAY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION USED FOR NATIONAL  
5 STATISTICAL PURPOSES SUCH AS FINGERPRINT DATA AND NATIONAL  
6 INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING DATA, AND MAY PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION  
7 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UNDER THE "COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT",  
8 PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF THIS TITLE 24.

9 (3) THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE SHALL  
10 NOT AID OR ASSIST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR A FEDERAL AGENCY IN  
11 MARKING OR OTHERWISE PLACING A PHYSICAL OR ELECTRONIC IDENTIFIER  
12 ON A PERSON BASED ON HIS OR HER RACE, ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN,  
13 IMMIGRATION STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY,  
14 PHYSICAL DISABILITY, INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY,  
15 OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

16 **24-76.6-102. Noncompliance with national internment or**  
17 **detention - definition.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "INTERNMENT"  
18 MEANS HOLDING OR IMPRISONING A PERSON WITHOUT PROBABLE CAUSE OR  
19 DUE PROCESS BASED ON HIS OR HER RACE, ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN,  
20 IMMIGRATION STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY,  
21 PHYSICAL DISABILITY, INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY,  
22 OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION FOR LONGER THAN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS.

23 (2) (a) THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE  
24 SHALL NOT ASSIST OR AID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR A FEDERAL  
25 AGENCY IN INTERNING PERSONS BASED ON THEIR RACE, ETHNICITY,  
26 NATIONAL ORIGIN, IMMIGRATION STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER  
27 IDENTITY, PHYSICAL DISABILITY, INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL

1     DISABILITY, OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

2             (b) THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE SHALL  
3     NOT ASSIST OR AID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR A FEDERAL AGENCY IN  
4     ARRESTING OR DETAINING PERSONS FOR A NONCRIMINAL OFFENSE BASED  
5     ON THEIR RACE, ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, IMMIGRATION STATUS,  
6     SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, PHYSICAL DISABILITY,  
7     INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, OR RELIGIOUS  
8     AFFILIATION.

9             (3) STATE OR LOCAL LANDS OR RESOURCES SHALL NOT BE USED  
10    FOR THE INTERNMENT OF PERSONS BASED ON THEIR RACE, ETHNICITY,  
11    NATIONAL ORIGIN, IMMIGRATION STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER  
12    IDENTITY, PHYSICAL DISABILITY, INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL  
13    DISABILITY, OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

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