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**HOUSE BILL 22-1219**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING ESTABLISHING AN ONLINE PORTAL WITHIN THE**  
102 **VETERANS RESOURCE INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE.**

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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>.)*

Under existing law, the division of veterans affairs (division) within the department of military and veterans affairs operates a veterans resource information clearinghouse (clearinghouse) to provide information concerning support, services, and other assistance available to veterans and their families.

The bill requires the division to create and maintain an online

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

portal to assist veterans with accessing information provided through the clearinghouse, allow users to maintain a personalized health record in the portal, and offer secure care coordination and personalized care tools that help veterans be more engaged in their health. The division is permitted to enter into an agreement with a third party to create and maintain the online portal or, if the third party maintains an existing, similar portal, to expand and maintain that existing portal.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-711, **add** (4) as  
3 follows:

4 **28-5-711. Veterans resource information clearinghouse -**  
5 **online portal.** (4) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023, AND SUBJECT TO  
6 AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DIVISION SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN  
7 AN ONLINE PORTAL TO PROVIDE INFORMATION THROUGH THE VETERANS  
8 RESOURCE INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER OVER  
9 THE INTERNET. THE PORTAL MUST:

10 (I) PROVIDE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUPPORTS,  
11 SERVICES, AND OTHER ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
12 SECTION, INCLUDING COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES, HEALTH SERVICES,  
13 SUPPORT SERVICES, AND AVAILABLE ASSISTIVE DEVICES;

14 (II) ALLOW USERS TO MAINTAIN A PERSONALIZED HEALTH RECORD  
15 IN THE PORTAL; ■

16 (III) OFFER SECURE CARE COORDINATION AND PERSONALIZED CARE  
17 TOOLS THAT HELP VETERANS BE MORE ENGAGED IN THEIR HEALTH AND  
18 WELL-BEING;

19 (IV) PROVIDE USERS WITH INFORMATION ON VETERANS SERVICES  
20 PROVIDED BY ALL STATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
21 EDUCATION; AND

22 (V) COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL "HEALTH INSURANCE

1 PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996", AS AMENDED, 42  
2 U.S.C. SEC. 1320d TO 1320d-9, AND WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND  
3 FEDERAL DATA PRIVACY LAWS.

4 (b) IN ORDER TO ENSURE ACCESS FOR ALL OF COLORADO'S  
5 VETERANS, THE PORTAL MUST COMPLY WITH ANY APPLICABLE  
6 REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF  
7 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, AND THE STATE  
8 ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-85-103 (1).

9 (c) THE DIVISION MAY CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY TO:

10 (I) CREATE AND MAINTAIN THE PORTAL; OR

11 (II) IF THE THIRD PARTY MAINTAINS AN ONLINE PORTAL THAT IS  
12 SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE PORTAL DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION  
13 (4), TO EXPAND AND MAINTAIN THE EXISTING PORTAL SO THAT IT  
14 SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (4).

15 (d) IF THE DIVISION ELECTS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A  
16 THIRD PARTY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(c) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
17 THIRD PARTY SHALL:

18 (I) PROVIDE THE DIVISION WITH REGULAR UPDATES ABOUT THE  
19 INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE PORTAL SERVICE DIRECTORY AND  
20 CONSISTENT PLATFORM METRICS, AT A FREQUENCY DETERMINED BY THE  
21 DIVISION; AND

22 (II) DELIVER TO THE DIVISION AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PORTAL  
23 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS MAY  
24 INCLUDE IN ITS ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO THE COMMITTEES OF  
25 REFERENCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203.

26 (e) (I) IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS  
27 SUBSECTION (4), THE DIVISION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE "PROCUREMENT

1 CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24.

2 (II) THE DIVISION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE OFFICE OF  
3 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CREATED IN SECTION 24-37.5-103, ON THE  
4 SELECTION OF TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (4)  
5 AND, IF APPLICABLE, SELECTION OF A THIRD PARTY PURSUANT TO  
6 SUBSECTION (4)(c) OF THIS SECTION.

7 (f) THE DIVISION MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,  
8 OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF  
9 THIS SUBSECTION (4).

10 **SECTION 2. 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 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.