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## **ENGROSSED**

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**SENATE BILL 22-019** 

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING ACCESS TO AUTOMATICALLY SUPPRESSED COURT RECORDS OF EVICTION PROCEEDINGS.

## **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 <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov">http://leg.colorado.gov</a>.)

Under existing law, a court record in an eviction proceeding is automatically suppressed and only available to judges; court staff; a party to the case and, if represented, the party's attorneys; authorized judicial department staff; and a person with a valid court order authorizing access to the court record. The bill permits an attorney, with permission of a party included in a suppressed court record, to access the record for the

purpose of providing legal advice to, or evaluating whether to enter an appearance on behalf of, the party included in the record.

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

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2	SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-40-110.5, add (5)
3	as follows:
4	13-40-110.5. Automatic suppression of court records -
5	<b>definition.</b> (5) IN ADDITION TO THE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
6	(1) OF THIS SECTION, A COURT SHALL ALLOW A PERSON TO ACCESS A
7	SUPPRESSED COURT RECORD IF THE PERSON AFFIRMS TO THE COURT, IN
8	<u>WRITING</u> OR ELECTRONICALLY, THAT:
9	(a) The Person is an attorney, other than a party's
10	ATTORNEY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, OR IS ACTING
11	ON BEHALF OF THE ATTORNEY;
12	(b) A PARTY INCLUDED IN THE COURT RECORD HAS GIVEN WRITTEN
13	OR VERBAL PERMISSION FOR THE PERSON TO ACCESS THE SUPPRESSED
14	COURT RECORD;
15	(c) THE PERSON IS ONLY ACCESSING THE RECORD FOR THE PURPOSE
16	<u>OF:</u>
17	(I) Providing Legal advice to, or evaluating whether to
18	ENTER AN APPEARANCE ON BEHALF OF, THE PARTY WHO GAVE PERMISSION
19	FOR THE PERSON TO ACCESS THE RECORD; $\underline{OR}$
20	(II) EVALUATING WHETHER THE MATTER IS SUITABLE FOR
21	MEDIATION OR IN PREPARATION FOR A MEDIATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES
22	INCLUDED IN THE COURT RECORD; AND
23	(d) THE PERSON IS NOT ACCESSING THE RECORD FOR COMMERCIAL
24	PURPOSES, OTHER THAN AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(c) OF THIS
25	SECTION.

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SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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