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**HOUSE BILL 25-1202** 

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#### **House Committees**

#### **Senate Committees**

Energy & Environment Appropriations

#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	Concerning	MEASURES	TO	ADDRESS	MOLD	IN	INDOOR
102	ENVIRON	MENTS, AND,	IN CO	NNECTION T	THEREWI	TH, E	ENACTING
103	тне "Мо	OLD AWAREN	ESS Al	ND EDUCATI	ON ACT'	٠.	

## **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>.)

**Section 1** of the bill enacts the "Mold Awareness and Registration Act", which requires the department of public health and environment (department) to establish a public awareness campaign (campaign) to assist the public in understanding the health dangers of mold and the importance of removing mold from indoor environments.

The department is directed to establish the campaign, and the state board of health is directed to adopt rules governing the campaign. As part of the campaign, the department is required to:

- Inform the public on the health dangers of mold;
- Provide the public with contact information for organizations or government agencies that can provide further information relating to the health effects of mold, mold testing methods, or accredited industry standards for mold remediation; and
- Every 5 years, perform a review of the technology or treatment techniques for mold identification and remediation that protect public health and safety.

**Section 1** also requires the executive director of the department to issue a registration to a person that provides mold remediation or assessment services in the state if the person applies for registration and provides evidence of an active third-party remediation or assessment certification, as well as evidence of financial responsibility. The executive director is required to maintain on the department's website a public database of all persons that have been issued a registration.

Sections 2 and 3 require a contract to sell residential real property to contain, and a landlord of residential real property to provide to prospective tenants, in writing:

- A warning statement about the health dangers of mold;
- Any knowledge the seller or landlord has of the residential real property's mold concentrations and history, including assessments performed, reports written, and mitigation or remediation conducted; and
- The most recent brochure published by the department that provides information about the health dangers of mold in indoor environments.

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

2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add part 26 to article

3 4 of title 25 as follows:

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4 PART 26

5 MOLD AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ACT

6 **25-4-2601. Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS PART 26 IS THE

7 "MOLD AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ACT".

**25-4-2602.** Legislative declaration. (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1	FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:
2	(a) THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION STATES THAT THOSE
3	LIVING IN DAMP AND MOLDY BUILDINGS FACE AN INCREASED RISK OF
4	RESPIRATORY HEALTH ISSUES, INCLUDING SEVERE HEALTH CONDITIONS
5	SUCH AS ASTHMA;
6	(b) EXCESSIVE INDOOR DAMPNESS AND MOLD IN BUILDINGS IS A
7	WIDESPREAD PROBLEM THAT WARRANTS ACTION AT THE LOCAL, STATE,
8	AND NATIONAL LEVELS;
9	(c) BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE HEALTH EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO
10	MOLD IN BUILDINGS AND THE PREVALENCE OF COLORADO HOMES WITH
11	MOLD, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT COLORADO RESIDENTS BE AWARE OF THE
12	DANGERS OF MOLD AND THE NEED FOR PROPER ASSESSMENT AND
13	REMEDIATION OF INDOOR ENVIRONMENTS AFFECTED BY MOLD; AND
14	(d) THERE IS A NEED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE HEALTH
15	DANGERS OF MOLD, HOW TO REMEDIATE MOLD, AND HOW TO FIND
16	QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS TO ASSESS AND REMEDIATE MOLD.
17	<b>25-4-2603. Definitions.</b> As used in this part 26, unless the
18	CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
19	(1) "ANSI/IICRC S520 STANDARD" MEANS THE AMERICAN
20	NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE/INSTITUTE OF INSPECTION, CLEANING
21	AND RESTORATION CERTIFICATION S520 STANDARD FOR PROFESSIONAL
22	MOLD REMEDIATION.
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24	(2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
25	AND ENVIRONMENT CREATED IN SECTION 25-1-102.
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27	(3) (a) "MOLD" MEANS MICROSCOPIC ORGANISMS OR FUNGI THAT

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1	CAN GROW IN DAMP CONDITIONS IN THE INTERIOR OF A BUILDING.
2	(b) "MOLD" INCLUDES CLADOSPORIUM, PENICILLIUM, ALTERNARIA
3	ASPERGILLUS, FUSARIUM, TRICHODERMA, MEMNONIELLA, MUCOR
4	CHAETOMIUM, AND STACHYBOTRYS CHARTARUM.
5	(4) (a) "MOLD ASSESSMENT" MEANS:
6	(I) THE INSPECTION, INVESTIGATION, OR SURVEY OF A DWELLING
7	OR OTHER STRUCTURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE OWNER OF
8	OCCUPANT OF THE DWELLING OR OTHER STRUCTURE REGARDING THE
9	PRESENCE, IDENTIFICATION, OR EVALUATION OF MOLD AND WATER
10	DAMAGE;
11	(II) THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MOLD REMEDIATION PROTOCOL;
12	(III) AIR QUALITY TESTING TO DETECT THE PRESENCE OF MOLD; OF
13	(IV) THE COLLECTION OF A MOLD SAMPLE FOR ANALYSIS.
14	(b) "MOLD ASSESSMENT" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INSPECTION, AN
15	INVESTIGATION, OR A SURVEY OF A DWELLING OR OTHER STRUCTURE
16	CONDUCTED BY A MOLD REMEDIATOR PERFORMING A PRELIMINARY
17	DETERMINATION.
18	(5) "MOLD REMEDIATION" MEANS THE TIMELY AND GOOD FAITH
19	EFFORT TO REMOVE MOLD OR MOLD-CONTAINMENT MATTER FROM A
20	RESIDENTIAL PREMISES OR DWELLING UNIT AND TO MITIGATE ANY
21	NEGATIVE EFFECT OF THE PRESENCE OF MOLD.
22	(6) "Preliminary determination" means an initial
23	INSPECTION OF A DWELLING OR OTHER STRUCTURE, WHICH INSPECTION
24	IDENTIFIES AREAS OF MOISTURE INTRUSION AND ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL
25	MOLD GROWTH AND THE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER SPECIALIZED
26	EXPERTS.
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1	25-4-2604. Powers and duties of department - public
2	awareness. (1) The department shall, in consultation with
3	APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS, ESTABLISH A PAGE ON THE
4	DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC WEBSITE TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC IN UNDERSTANDING
5	THE HEALTH DANGERS OF MOLD AND THE IMPORTANCE OF REMOVING
6	MOLD FROM INDOOR ENVIRONMENTS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:
7	(a) PROVIDE, ON THE PAGE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC WEBSITE
8	ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1), THE FOLLOWING
9	INFORMATION:
10	(I) INFORMATION ON THE HEALTH DANGERS OF MOLD, INCLUDING
11	THE POTENTIAL TOXIC COMPOUNDS THAT MOLD CAN EMIT AND PRODUCE;
12	(II) DESCRIPTIONS OF MOLD TESTING AND REMEDIATION METHODS
13	AND TERMINOLOGY, INCLUDING ACCREDITED INDUSTRY STANDARDS FOR
14	MOLD REMEDIATION;
15	(III) HOW TO FIND MOLD TESTING AND REMEDIATION
16	PROFESSIONALS; AND
17	(IV) WEBSITE ADDRESSES OR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR
18	ORGANIZATIONS OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT CAN PROVIDE THE
19	PUBLIC WITH INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF MOLD,
20	MOLD TESTING METHODS, OR ACCREDITED INDUSTRY STANDARDS FOR THE
21	REMEDIATION OF MOLD; AND
22	(b) EVERY FIVE YEARS, UPDATE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON
23	THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS
24	SECTION WITH THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION ON THE HEALTH DANGERS
25	OF MOLD AND THE MOST RECENT BEST PRACTICES FOR MOLD ASSESSMENT
26	AND REMEDIATION.
2.7	(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH THE WERSITE PAGE

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1	PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE JULY 1,
2	2026.
3	25-4-2605. Standard of care for mold remediation. MOLD
4	REMEDIATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOURTH
5	EDITION OF THE ANSI/IICRC S520 STANDARD, OR A SUCCESSOR
6	PUBLICATION. A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS ENFORCEABLE ONLY
7	THROUGH A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION; EXCEPT THAT THE ATTORNEY
8	GENERAL MAY, PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-12-512, INITIATE AN
9	ENFORCEMENT ACTION IF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS CAUSE TO BELIEVE
10	THAT A PERSON, BY VIOLATING THIS SECTION, ENGAGED IN OR IS
11	ENGAGING IN A VIOLATION OF THE WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY AS
12	DESCRIBED IN SECTION 38-12-503.
13	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 38-35.7-113 as
14	follows:
15	<b>38-35.7-113.</b> Disclosure - mold - definitions. (1) A BUYER OF
16	RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY HAS THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED OF
17	WHETHER THE PROPERTY HAS MOLD, HAS BEEN ASSESSED FOR MOLD, OR
18	HAS HAD MOLD THAT WAS REMEDIATED. THIS INFORMATION MUST BE
19	PROVIDED ON THE COLORADO REAL ESTATE COMMISSION APPROVED
20	SELLER'S PROPERTY DISCLOSURE. THE SELLER'S PROPERTY DISCLOSURE
21	MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANY REPORTS PRODUCED BY ANY MOLD
22	ASSESSMENT OR REMEDIATION THAT WAS CONDUCTED AT THE
23	RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY.
24	(2) As used in this section:
25	(a) "MOLD ASSESSMENT" MEANS AIR QUALITY TESTING THAT IS
26	CONDUCTED AS PART OF AN INSPECTION, INVESTIGATION, OR SURVEY OF
27	A DWELLING OR OTHER STRUCTURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE

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1	OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE DWELLING OR OTHER STRUCTURE
2	REGARDING THE PRESENCE, IDENTIFICATION, OR EVALUATION OF MOLD
3	AND WATER DAMAGE.
4	(b) "MOLD REMEDIATION" MEANS THE TIMELY AND GOOD FAITH
5	EFFORT TO REMOVE MOLD OR MOLD-CONTAINMENT MATTER FROM A
6	RESIDENTIAL PREMISES OR DWELLING UNIT AND TO MITIGATE ANY
7	NEGATIVE EFFECT OF THE PRESENCE OF MOLD.
8	(c) "RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY" MEANS:
9	(I) A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME, MANUFACTURED HOME, MOBILE
10	HOME, CONDOMINIUM, APARTMENT, TOWNHOME, OR DUPLEX; OR
11	(II) A HOME SOLD BY THE OWNER, A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, OR
12	THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
13	DEVELOPMENT.
14	<b>SECTION 3.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, <b>add</b> 38-12-804 as
15	follows:
16	<b>38-12-804. Disclosure - mold - definitions.</b> (1) A TENANT THAT
17	RENTS RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY HAS THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED OF
18	WHETHER THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN ASSESSED FOR MOLD.
19	(2) (a) Before obtaining a tenant's signature on a lease
20	AGREEMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY, THE LANDLORD SHALL
21	DISCLOSE AND PROVIDE IN WRITING TO THE TENANT THE FOLLOWING
22	INFORMATION:
23	(I) A WARNING STATEMENT IN BOLD-FACED TYPE IN
24	SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FORM AS IS SPECIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
25	ACCORDING TO THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
26	HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, EXPOSURE TO A LARGE
27	NUMBER OF MOLD SPORES MAY CAUSE SYMPTOMS SUCH

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1	AS WATERY EYES, RUNNY NOSE, SNEEZING, ITCHING,
2	COUGHING, WHEEZING, DIFFICULTY BREATHING,
3	HEADACHE, AND FATIGUE. REPEATED EXPOSURE TO
4	MOLD CAN INCREASE A PERSON'S SENSITIVITY, CAUSING
5	MORE SEVERE REACTIONS. SOURCES OF MOISTURE MAY
6	INCLUDE: FLOODING, DAMP BASEMENT OR CRAWL SPACE,
7	LEAKY ROOF, LEAKY PLUMBING, HUMIDIFIERS, POORLY
8	VENTILATED AREAS, OR A CLOTHES DRYER THAT IS
9	VENTED INDOORS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE
10	VISIT THE WEBSITE OF THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF
11	PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.
12	(II) ANY KNOWLEDGE THE LANDLORD HAS OF THE PRESENCE OF
13	MOLD IN THE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING
14	INFORMATION:
15	(A) WHETHER A MOLD ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTED ON THE
16	RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY;
17	(B) A SUMMARY OF THE MOST RECENT RECORDS AND REPORTS
18	PERTAINING TO MOLD CONCENTRATIONS WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL REAL
19	PROPERTY, IF ANY; AND
20	(C) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY MOLD CONCENTRATIONS DETECTED OR
21	MITIGATION OR REMEDIATION PERFORMED, IF THE MOLD WAS NOT FULLY
22	REMOVED OR IS LIKELY TO RETURN; AND
23	(III) THE WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
24	HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT'S WEBSITE THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION
25	ABOUT THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF MOLD IN INDOOR ENVIRONMENTS IN
26	ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION $25-4-2604$ (1)(a).
2.7	(b) THE TENANT SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE

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1	INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION BY
2	SIGNING THE DISCLOSURE.
3	(3) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION:
4	(a) ABSOLVES A LANDLORD FROM HAVING TO COMPLY WITH THE
5	LANDLORD'S OBLIGATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 38-12-503 REGARDING
6	THE WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY; OR
7	(b) PRECLUDES A TENANT FROM EXERCISING ONE OR MORE OF THE
8	REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO THE TENANT PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-12-507
9	IN RESPONSE TO A BREACH OF THE WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY AS SET
10	FORTH IN SECTION 38-12-503.
11	(4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:
12	(a) "MOLD ASSESSMENT" MEANS AIR QUALITY TESTING THAT IS
13	CONDUCTED AS PART OF AN INSPECTION, INVESTIGATION, OR SURVEY OF
14	A DWELLING OR OTHER STRUCTURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE
15	OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE DWELLING OR OTHER STRUCTURE
16	REGARDING THE PRESENCE, IDENTIFICATION, OR EVALUATION OF MOLD
17	AND WATER DAMAGE.
18	(b) "RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY" MEANS:
19	(I) A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME, MANUFACTURED HOME, MOBILE
20	HOME, CONDOMINIUM, APARTMENT, TOWNHOME, OR DUPLEX; OR
21	(II) A HOME SOLD BY THE OWNER, A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, OR
22	THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
23	DEVELOPMENT.
24	SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date. Sections
25	38-35.7-113 and 38-12-804, Colorado Revised Statutes, as enacted in
26	sections 2 and 3 of this act, respectively, take effect January 1, 2026, and
27	the remainder of this act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following

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the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the 1 2 general assemby; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to 3 section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an 4 item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item, section, or part 5 6 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election 7 to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the 8 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor; except 9 that sections 38-35.7-113 and 38-12-804, Colorado Revised Statutes, as enacted in sections 2 and 3 of this act, respectively, take effect January 1, 10 11 2026.

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