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Seventy-fifth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

PREAMENDED

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LLS NO. 25-0448.01 Owen Hatch x2698

SENATE BILL 25-273

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Roberts,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Smith and Soper,

Senate Committees
Health & Human Services

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF BLOOD DRAWS FOR FOURTEEN DAYS**
102 **FOR USE IN INVESTIGATIONS.**

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>.)

Current law does not require hospitals to hold on to blood draws for any specific amount of time. The bill requires hospitals or other health-care facilities to retain blood draws or admission blood samples for 14 days if a peace officer submits a blood draw retention form. The bill also lists the requirements for a blood draw retention form.

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

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-606, add
3 (6)(e) as follows:

4 **30-10-606. Coroner - inquiry - grounds - postmortem - jury -**
5 **certificate of death. (6) (e)** A CORONER HOLDING AN INQUEST OR
6 INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY REQUEST A
7 HEALTH-CARE FACILITY THAT IS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE
8 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 25 TO RETAIN AND KEEP
9 SAFE IN ITS CONTROL ANY BLOOD DRAW OR ADMISSION BLOOD SAMPLE
10 TAKEN FROM THE INDIVIDUAL THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE INQUEST OR
11 INVESTIGATION. UPON REQUEST, THE HEALTH-CARE FACILITY SHALL
12 RETAIN THE BLOOD DRAW OR ADMISSION BLOOD SAMPLE FOR FOURTEEN
13 DAYS. THE CORONER SHALL SERVE THE RETENTION REQUEST ON THE
14 DECEASED INDIVIDUAL'S ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, CLINICAL LEADERSHIP OF
15 THE HEALTH-CARE FACILITY WHERE THE DECEASED INDIVIDUAL EXPIRED,
16 OR THE HEALTH-CARE FACILITY'S LABORATORY THAT HAS THE DECEASED
17 INDIVIDUAL'S BLOOD DRAW OR ADMISSION BLOOD SAMPLE IN ITS CONTROL.

18 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
19 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
20 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
21 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
22 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
23 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
24 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
25 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
26 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.