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**SENATE BILL 25-277** 

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#### **HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

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Senate Committees
Business, Labor, & Technology

### **House Committees**

	A BILL FOR AN ACT
101	CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE TITLE INSURANCE COMMISSION,
102	AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING THE
103	COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO MEET WITH A TITLE
104	INSURANCE ADVISORY GROUP AND REPEALING THE TITLE
105	INSURANCE ADVISORY GROUP IN 2029 SUBJECT TO A SUNSET
106	REVIEW.

# **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>.)

Sunset Process - Senate Business, Labor, and Technology

**Committee.** The bill implements the recommendation of the department of regulatory agencies in the department's 2024 sunset report that the title insurance commission be repealed, effective September 1, 2025.

1	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
2	SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 10-11-201 as
3	<u>follows:</u>
4	10-11-201. Title insurance advisory group - meetings -
5	response by commissioner - subject to review - repeal. (1) There is
6	hereby created in the division the title insurance commission TWICE EACH
7	YEAR, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL HOLD A MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES
8	OF THE TITLE INSURANCE INDUSTRY, WHO ARE REFERRED TO IN THIS
9	SECTION AS THE "TITLE INSURANCE ADVISORY GROUP" OR "ADVISORY
10	GROUP". The commission ADVISORY GROUP is an advisory body to the
11	commissioner concerning THE PROMOTION OF FAIR COMPETITION,
12	CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE IN matters of
13	title insurance. Nothing in this section divests the commissioner of his or
14	her THE COMMISSIONER'S authority to regulate the business of insurance.
15	(2) (a) The commission consists of nine members appointed by the
16	governor as follows:
17	(I) Three members shall be employees of title insurance
18	companies with the following qualifications:
19	(A) Each shall be a licensed employee of a title insurance
20	company with not less than five years' experience in title insurance
21	<u>business;</u>
22	(B) At least one shall be a representative of a title insurance
23	company that has net admitted assets of five hundred million dollars or
24	more; and

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1	(C) At least one shall be a representative of a title insurance
2	company that has net admitted assets of less than five hundred million
3	<u>dollars.</u>
4	(II) Three members shall be employees of a title insurance agent
5	with the following qualifications:
6	(A) Each shall be a resident licensed title insurance agent with not
7	less than five years' experience in title insurance business in Colorado;
8	<u>and</u>
9	(B) To the greatest extent possible the commission shall reflect
10	the geographic diversity of the state and have representation from
11	members who reside or have their principal place of business within a
12	standard metropolitan statistical area and members who reside or whose
13	principal place of business is outside a standard metropolitan statistical
14	<u>area.</u>
15	(III) Three members shall represent the public at large, shall be
16	residents of Colorado, and shall not be engaged in the business of title
17	insurance. At least one of the three public at large members shall reside
18	outside a standard metropolitan statistical area.
19	(b) No more than one member of the commission may be
20	appointed from a single company or an affiliate or subsidiary of a
21	<u>company.</u>
22	(c) (I) The terms of the members are for four years; except that the
23	terms shall be staggered so that no more than five members' terms expire
24	in the same year. Members shall serve a maximum of two consecutive
25	<u>terms.</u>
26	(II) If a commission member's employment or license status
27	changes during the member's term so that the member is no longer

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1	quantited to serve on the commission, or upon the death, resignation.
2	removal, or incapacity of any member of the commission, the governor
3	shall appoint a member to fill out the unexpired term. The members of the
4	commission serve at the pleasure of the governor.
5	(d) Members of the commission are not employees of the division
6	and shall not receive compensation for service on the commission; except
7	that a member may be reimbursed for mileage in excess of fifty miles
8	from their principal place of business or residence to attend commission
9	<u>meetings.</u>
10	(e) Members of the commission shall annually select one member
11	to serve as chair.
12	(f) The chair of the commission may call meetings as necessary
13	and may call additional meetings:
14	(I) At the chair's discretion;
15	(II) Upon request of the commissioner; or
16	(III) Upon the written request of three or more members.
17	(g) The commission shall meet no less than four times per year
18	and may meet no more than eight times per year.
19	(h) Six members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
20	business. The action of a majority of the members when a quorum is
21	present is the action of the commission.
22	(i) The division shall aid in the administration of the commission.
23	The division may increase expenditures by no more than fifty thousand
24	dollars for this purpose, but may direct existing appropriations available
25	to the division pursuant to section 10-3-207 (1)(f)(I) to contribute to the
26	implementation of the commission.
2.7	(i) All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public

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pursuant to part 4 of article 6 of title 24, C.R.S. The records of the
commission and its members shall be subject to the requirements of part
2 of article 72 of title 24, C.R.S.
(2) MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP MUST BE OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC, AND ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN A
MEETING.
(3) MEMBERS OF THE TITLE INSURANCE ADVISORY GROUP ARE NOT
EMPLOYEES OF THE DIVISION AND SHALL NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR
SERVICE ON THE ADVISORY GROUP.
(4) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL HOLD THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
TITLE INSURANCE ADVISORY GROUP ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31 EACH
YEAR, AND THE COMMISSIONER SHALL HOLD THE SECOND MEETING OF THE
ADVISORY GROUP ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, BUT BEFORE AUGUST 1, EACH
YEAR UNLESS AN ALTERNATE TIME IS PROPOSED AND ACCEPTED BY THE
COMMISSIONER.
(5) THE COMMISSIONER OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE SHALL
ATTEND EACH OF THE TWO REGULAR MEETINGS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
(4) OF THIS SECTION. ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS MAY CONDUCT
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS APPROPRIATE.
(6) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL RESPOND IN WRITING TO FORMAL
WRITTEN PROPOSALS OR RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED TO THE
COMMISSIONER BY THE TITLE INSURANCE ADVISORY GROUP AT A MEETING.
(7) This section is repealed, effective September 1, 2029.
BEFORE THE REPEAL, THE ADVISORY GROUP IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-3-1203.
SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, repeal 10-11-202
and 10-11-203.

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1	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, repeal
2	(16)(a)(II); and add (20)(a)(X) as follows:
3	2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative
4	declaration - definition - repeal. (16) (a) The following statutory
5	authorizations for the designated advisory committees will repeal on
6	<u>September 1, 2025:</u>
7	(II) The title insurance commission created in part 2 of article 11
8	of title 10, C.R.S.;
9	(20) (a) The following statutory authorizations for the designated
10	advisory committees will repeal on September 1, 2029:
11	(X) THE TITLE INSURANCE ADVISORY GROUP DESCRIBED IN PART
12	2 of article 11 of title 10.
13	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-11-102, repeal
14	(3.6) as follows:
15	10-11-102. Definitions. As used in this article 11, unless the
16	context otherwise requires:
17	(3.6) "Commission" means the title insurance commission
18	established in part 2 of this article.
19	SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
20	takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
21	ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
22	that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
23	of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
24	act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
25	effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
26	November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
27	official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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