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HOUSE BILL 17-1269

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE PROHIBITION OF AN ACTION 102 AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE FOR SHARING WAGE INFORMATION.

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 states that it is a discriminatory and unfair labor practice for an employer to discharge, discipline, discriminate against, coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any employee or other person because the employee inquired about, disclosed, compared, or otherwise discussed the employee's wages, unless otherwise permitted by federal law. Federal law exempts certain limited classes of employers Reading Unamended April 4, 2017

from labor laws. The bill strikes the reference to that exemption and extends the current law to those classes of employers, thereby providing wage transparency protections to all employees.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-402, amend 3 (1)(i) as follows: 4 24-34-402. Discriminatory or unfair employment practices. 5 (1) It shall be a discriminatory or unfair employment practice: 6 (i) Unless otherwise permitted by federal law, for an employer to 7 discharge, discipline, discriminate against, coerce, intimidate, threaten, 8 or interfere with any employee or other person because the employee 9 inquired about, disclosed, compared, or otherwise discussed the 10 employee's wages; to require as a condition of employment nondisclosure 11 by an employee of his or her wages; or to require an employee to sign a 12 waiver or other document that purports to deny an employee the right to 13 disclose his or her wage information. This paragraph (i) shall not apply 14 to employers who are exempt from the provisions of the "National Labor 15 Relations Act", 29 U.S.C. sec. 151 et seq. 16 **SECTION 2.** Act subject to petition - effective date. This act 17 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the 18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 19 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a 20 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the 21 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act 22 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect 23 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

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- November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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