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**HOUSE BILL 17-1330** 

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING DISALLOWING THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADJUDICATING A PERSON AN HABITUAL CRIMINAL.

## **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>.)

Current law states that a conviction for escape or for attempt to escape may not be used for the purpose of adjudicating a person an habitual criminal unless the conviction is based on the offender's escape or attempt to escape from a correctional facility. The bill clarifies that this prohibition applies to both current and prior convictions for escape and

attempt to escape. The bill also states that for the purposes of this prohibition, "correctional facility" does not include a community corrections facility.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:* 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.3-801, amend 3 (5) as follows: 4 **18-1.3-801. Punishment for habitual criminals.** (5) A CURRENT 5 OR PRIOR conviction for escape, as described in section 18-8-208 (1), (2), 6 or (3), or attempt to escape, as described in section 18-8-208.1 (1), (1.5), 7 or (2), shall MAY not be used for the purpose of adjudicating a person an 8 habitual criminal as described in subsection (1.5) or subsection (2) of this 9 section unless the conviction is based on the offender's escape or attempt 10 to escape from a correctional facility, as defined in section 17-1-102, 11 C.R.S., or from physical custody within a county jail; EXCEPT THAT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "CORRECTIONAL FACILITY" DOES NOT 12 13 INCLUDE A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FACILITY. 14 **SECTION 2.** Act subject to petition - effective date. This act 15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the 16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 17 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a 18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the 19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act 20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect 21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in 22 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the 23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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