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HOUSE BILL 09-1090

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CONCERNING THE USE OF TITLES ASSOCIATED WITH INTERPRETATION FOR DEAF PERSONS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SUCH TITLES A DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE UNDER THE "COLORADO CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT".

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

SECTION 1. 6-1-707 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

6-1-707. Use of title or degree - deceptive trade practice. (1) A person engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in the course of such person's business, vocation, or occupation, such person:

(e) CLAIMS TO BE A "SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER", "INTERPRETER FOR THE DEAF", "DEAF INTERPRETER", "ASL-ENGLISH INTERPRETER", "AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) INTERPRETER", "TRANSLITERATOR", "CERTIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER", "CERTIFIED INTERPRETER FOR

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THE DEAF", "CERTIFIED DEAF INTERPRETER", "CERTIFIED ASL-ENGLISH INTERPRETER", "CERTIFIED AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) INTERPRETER", OR "CERTIFIED TRANSLITERATOR", UNLESS SUCH PERSON HOLDS A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD ISSUED BY THE REGISTRY OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF OR A SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION. EACH MEMBERSHIP CARD SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE INSPECTION AND REVIEW BY ANY CONSUMER OR AGENT OF THE STATE OF COLORADO.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability. (1) This act shall take effect September 1, 2009.

(2) However, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act during the 90-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution, then the act, item, section, or part, shall not take effect unless approved by the people at a biennial regular general election and shall take effect on the date specified in subsection (1) or on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor, whichever is later.

(3) The provisions of this act shall apply to the use of titles set forth in section 6-1-707 (1) (e), Colorado Revised Statutes, on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

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