

CHAPTER 254

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

HOUSE BILL 25-1316

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Bradley and Carter, English, Espenozo, Ricks, McCluskie;
also SENATOR(S) Exum and Rich, Michaelson Jenet.

AN ACT**CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO DEFINITIONS THAT APPLY TO THE LAWS REGULATING
ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-280-402, **repeal** (2); and **add** (5) as follows:

12-280-402. Definitions. As used in this part 4, unless the context otherwise requires:

(2) ~~"Drug abuse" or "abuse" means utilization of a controlled substance for nonmedical purposes or in a manner that does not meet generally accepted standards of medical practice.~~

(5) "SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER" MEANS A CHRONIC RELAPSING BRAIN DISEASE, CHARACTERIZED BY RECURRENT USE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR BOTH, CAUSING CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPAIRMENT, INCLUDING HEALTH PROBLEMS, DISABILITY, AND FAILURE TO MEET MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES AT WORK, SCHOOL, OR HOME.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be

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held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 24, 2025