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STATE OF COLORADO

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SENATE BILL 26-012

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING COMPENSABLE LOSSES UNDER THE "COLORADO CRIME  
102 VICTIM COMPENSATION ACT" FOR ENROLLED MEMBERS OF A  
103 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE.

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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>.)*

The bill allows eligible enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe to receive compensation for traditional Native American healing ceremonies and practices and related expenses under the "Colorado Crime Victim Compensation Act".

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4.1-109, **amend**  
3 (1)(i), (1)(k), and (1)(l); and **add** (1)(m) as follows:

4 **24-4.1-109. Losses compensable.**

5 (1) Losses compensable under this part 1 resulting from death of  
6 or injury to a victim include:

7 (i) Reasonable travel expenses for a victim related to funeral,  
8 burial, medical care, ~~or~~ mental health counseling, OR TRADITIONAL  
9 NATIVE AMERICAN HEALING CEREMONIES AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
10 (1)(m) OF THIS SECTION;

11 (k) Dependent care services; ~~and~~

12 (l) Reasonable relocation expenses for a victim to relocate as  
13 necessary to ensure the victim's safety; AND

14 (m) EXPENSES FOR TRADITIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HEALING  
15 CEREMONIES AND PRACTICES FOR ENROLLED MEMBERS OF A FEDERALLY  
16 RECOGNIZED TRIBE, INCLUDING:

17 (I) TRADITIONAL COUNSELING AND HEALING FROM AN ELDER OR  
18 SPIRITUAL HEALER;

19 (II) SWEAT LODGE AND SMUDGING CEREMONIES;

20 (III) CEREMONIAL BURIALS, INCLUDING CLOTHING FOR THE  
21 DECEASED, MEALS, AND OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO TRADITIONAL  
22 GIVEAWAY OR GIFTING PRACTICES;

23 (IV) CHILD CARE DURING BURIAL CEREMONIES; AND

24 (V) REIMBURSEMENT FOR GIFTS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO PERFORM  
25 CEREMONIAL SERVICES.

26 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
3 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
4 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
5 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
6 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
7 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
8 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
9 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.