## HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT Committee on Health & Human Services.

HB24-1005 be amended as follows:

Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and substitute:

"SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-2-113, amend (5)(a) as follows:

8-2-113. Unlawful to intimidate worker - agreement not to compete - physician employment agreement - prohibition - exceptions - notice - definitions. (5) (a) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5)(a)(III)(A) OF THIS SECTION, any covenant not to compete provision of an employment, partnership, or corporate agreement between physicians that restricts the right of a physician to practice medicine, as defined in section 12-240-107, upon termination of the agreement is void; except that all other provisions of the agreement enforceable at law, including provisions that require the payment of damages in an amount that is reasonably related to the injury suffered by reason of termination DUE TO A BREACH of the agreement are enforceable. Provisions of a covenant not to compete PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT that require the payment of damages upon termination BREACH of the agreement may include damages related to competition BUT MUST NOT INCLUDE:

- (A) DAMAGES RESULTING FROM BREACH OF A VOID PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT;
- (B) Damages related to competition that result from a primary care provider's termination of an employment agreement that has a term of at least four years; or
- (C) A LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AMOUNT THAT IS NOT AN ENFORCEABLE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES PROVISION AS A MATTER OF LAW, THAT IS NOT REASONABLY RELATED TO THE ACTUAL INJURY SUFFERED, OR THAT EXCEEDS ONE-HALF OF THE PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER'S ANNUAL CASH COMPENSATION IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER ASSOCIATION.
- (II) ANY CONTRACT THAT CONTAINS A DAMAGES CLAUSE THAT IS SUBJECT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5)(a) IS ALSO SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (4), (5)(b), (6), AND (7) OF THIS SECTION.
  - (III) Subsections (5)(a)(I) and (5)(a)(II) of this section:
- (A) DO NOT APPLY TO A PHYSICIAN WHO HOLDS A MAJORITY INTEREST IN A MEDICAL PRACTICE AND ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT TO SELL THE MEDICAL PRACTICE; AND
- 37 (B) DO APPLY TO A MINORITY OWNER OF A MEDICAL PRACTICE 38 WHO AGREES TO THE SALE OF THE MEDICAL PRACTICE IN WHICH THE 39 MINORITY OWNER HAS INTEREST.
  - SECTION 2. Act subject to petition effective date -

**applicability.** (1) 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 held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

(2) This act applies to contracts entered into on or after the applicable effective date of this act.".

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