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GOVERNMENT - STATE

SENATE BILL 25-224

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT FOR THE MOBILE APPLICATION SOFTWARE KNOWN AS THE "BY COLORADO APP" THAT ENABLES LOCAL BUSINESS USERS TO LEARN ABOUT LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOFTWARE.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 24-48.5-122 as follows:

- 24-48.5-122. Local business mobile application software creation legislative declaration definitions. (1) The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that the Colorado office of economic development is directed to contract for the development of local business mobile application software in order to:
 - (a) Assist consumers in the state who wish to find and patronize local businesses;
 - (b) Allow such businesses to publicize their Colorado affiliations; and
- (c) Consistent with the office's duties, promote economic growth through the expansion of businesses in the state.
 - (2) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (a) "Local business" means a business that is owned, located, or headquartered in, or manufactures in, Colorado.
- (b) "Office" means the Colorado office of economic development created in this part 1.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

- (3) (a) The office shall contract for the creation, management, operation, and maintenance within the office of mobile application software to be known as the "By Colorado App", which software enables users to learn about local businesses that elect to participate in the software.
- (b) The software developed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (3) must be operational on or before January 1, 2015.
- (c) The office shall make the local business mobile application software searchable by the types of goods or services offered, location, the type of Colorado affiliation described under paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section that qualifies the businesses as a "local business", and any other factors the office deems appropriate.
- (d) The office shall make the data in the local business mobile application database available to other application developers. In so doing, the office shall take all appropriate steps to maintain the security of the database and the information used therein.
- (e) The office may register a trademark with the United States patent and trademark office or file a trademark with the Colorado secretary of state for the "By Colorado App" developed under this section.
- (4) The office is authorized to accept and expend gifts, grants, and donations for information technology costs incurred in creating, managing, operating, and maintaining the mobile application software developed pursuant to this section. The general assembly finds that the implementation of this section is not entirely dependent on the receipt of any gifts, grants, and donations.
- **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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