

It's not fiscally responsible to change the title of Registered Psychotherapists.

Although the current amendment is a better compromise from what was originally proposed (eliminating Registered Psychotherapists in the next 5 years), I'm not sure anyone has taken into consideration the financial impact on Colorado's Division of Regulatory Agencies (DORA)'s budget in having to change everything involved in switching the name from Registered Psychotherapist to Unlicensed Psychotherapist.

I would like you to seriously consider retaining the title of Registered Psychotherapist.

I could also argue that discontinuing the ability for new "alternative mental health providers" to register once this law is passed is really poor timing given the current and future level of stress in our great State, but I'm not sure anyone is willing to listen.

I strongly believe that this has all come about because of the fear based special interests of therapists who do not approve of alternative practices. What is interesting is that in DORA's official sunset review, DORA did not see a problem with Registered Psychotherapists.

However, the special interest group was able to persuade the House with their fear based, fact-less argument that Registered Psychotherapists are doing harm. The DORA statistics show this is an out and out lie.

This is personal to me, because after I retired with 26 years of service with Arapahoe County, I have gone back to school and received advanced training in hypnotherapy and Internal Family Systems therapy, but do not have the \$30,000 it would take to get an additional master's degree and get licensed.

From a Finance Committee perspective, I don't believe anyone has taken into consideration the financial impact on DORA. The State budget is so far overextended right now, I can't imagine there are funds for a frivolous name change.

Thank you for taking the time to review this.

Respectfully

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