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TO: Interested Parties

RE: Stakeholder Meeting on June 26, 2025, for Rulemaking under the Colorado Restrictive Employment Agreements Act, C.R.S. Section 8-2-113

To whom it may concern:

Under the Colorado Restrictive Employment Agreements Act, "any covenant not to compete that restricts the right of any person to receive compensation for performance of labor for any employer is void" unless the covenant falls under certain exemptions. See C.R.S. Section 8-2-113 (2)(a). Subsection 3(a) exempts provisions "providing for an employer's recovery of the expense of educating and training a worker where the training is distinct from normal, on-the-job training and satisfies any other requirements established by the Attorney General, by rule, regarding the transferability of the training or credentialing that is available to the employee as a result of the training." The Attorney General is in the process of drafting the rules authorized by subsections 3(a) and (9)(b).

The Attorney General's Office staff held a public stakeholder meeting on April 14, 2025, during which they welcomed and received oral comments concerning the rule.

The Attorney General's Office staff is now seeking additional oral or written comments on a draft rule, which can be found below at the end of this notice.

In addition to comments on the language of the draft rule, the Attorney General specifically requests comments from the public concerning the following:

- examples of transferable training or credentials that do not meet the requirements of the draft rule;
- examples of training that is transferable prior to receiving, or without receiving, an associated credential; and
- whether "training that an employer is required to provide an employee to retain the employer's own ability to operate" would fall within the category of "normal, on the job" training.

The Attorney General's staff will hold the stakeholder meeting on June 26, 2025, at 10AM on Zoom (link below) where the public is invited to provide comments orally. In addition, the Attorney General will accept written comments from the public at traps@coag.gov until June 26, 2025, at midnight.

All comments will become part of the public rulemaking record.

Please keep in mind that this stakeholder meeting is an intermediate step in the rulemaking process. The Attorney General will hold the formal rulemaking hearing following consideration of information provided by stakeholders during this stakeholder meeting. Any proposed rule will be published in the Colorado Register at least 20 days before the formal rulemaking hearing. The draft rule below is not the proposed rule and has not been published in the Colorado Register.

The Attorney General's draft rule for comment:

A training or credential is transferable for the purposes of C.R.S. Section 8-1-113(3)(a) when it is initiated voluntarily by the employee and directly results in either

- a) an educational degree or certification from:
 - i. a private college or university authorized to operate in Colorado under C.R.S. Section23-2-103.3;
 - ii. a private occupational school with a certificate of approval issued under in C.R.S. Section 23-64-115(1); or
 - iii. a community or technical college identified in C.R.S. Section 23-60-205; or
- iv. a public institute of higher education under in C.R.S. Section 23-4.5-102(7)

b) a license

- i. as defined in C.R.S. Section 12-20-102(9);
- ii. a commercial driver's license as defined in C.R.S. Section 42-2-402(1);
- iii. any license defined in Colorado law; or
- iv. a comparable license or credential defined in the law of any other state;
- c) a certificate or license granted by a federal government agency; or
- d) a training or credential that is recognized by an industry or trade association, a union, or other organization representing employers or workers within the profession or occupation to which the training or credentialing is related.

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