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Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Article II of the Colorado Constitution is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

SECTION 33. Domestic partnerships.

(1) **Legislative declaration.** THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO FIND THAT DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS FURTHER IMPORTANT SOCIETAL GOALS AND DO NOT AFFECT THE ~~SANCTITY~~ INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN.

(2) **Definitions.** "DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP" MEANS A ~~FORMALIZED~~ RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO ~~ADULTS~~ PERSONS WHO ARE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, ARE OF THE SAME GENDER AND ~~THEREFORE EXCLUDED FROM THE MARRIAGE LAWS OF THIS STATE~~ SEX, ARE NOT PARTNERS IN ANOTHER DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP, ARE NOT MARRIED TO ANOTHER PERSON ~~OF THE OPPOSITE GENDER, AND~~ ARE NOT RELATED BY ADOPTION OR BY BLOOD, AND HAVE OBTAINED A LICENSE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

(3) **Recognition Establishment of domestic partnerships.** NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP IS ESTABLISHED AS A UNIQUE AND VALID RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ELIGIBLE ADULTS OF THE SAME ~~GENDER~~ SEX AND IS NOT SIMILAR TO MARRIAGE.

(4) **Implementing legislation.** NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2007, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ENACT LEGISLATION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION, WHICH LEGISLATION SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES, BENEFITS, AND PROTECTIONS, AS WELL AS THE LICENSING PROVISIONS, SET FORTH IN HOUSE BILL ~~HOUSE BILL~~ 06-1344 AS PASSED BY THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND STATE SENATE DURING THE 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.