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

SECTION 1. In the Constitution of the state of Colorado, amend section 3 of article II as follows:

(3) Inalienable rights. All persons have certain natural, essential, and inalienable rights, among which may be reckoned the right to enjoying and defending their lives and liberties; of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; and of seeking and obtaining their safety and happiness.

ALL PARENTS HAVE CERTAIN NATURAL, ESSENTIAL, AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS, INCLUDING EXERCISING SOLE DISCRETION CONCERNING THE WELLBEING OF THEIR CHILD UP UNTIL THE CHILD IS NO LONGER UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PARENT.

SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability. This measure shall be effective on and after the date it is declared by proclamation of the governor to have been adopted by the registered electors of the state and shall apply to instances occurring on or after the effective date.