



## Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

### **FY2022 RECOMMENDATION/FY22-SR06 Revise Penalties for Unauthorized Practice of Certain Professions or Occupations [Statutory]**

**Status:** Implementation Complete

#### **Actions/Updates**

##### **2022 UPDATE (JUNE)**

During the FY 2022 Legislative Session, this recommendation was included in House Bill 2022-1257 (Concerning the adoption of the 2022 recommendations of the Colorado Criminal and Juvenile Justice Commission regarding sentencing provisions for offenses). The bill was passed by the General Assembly 3/31/2022 and was signed by the Governor 4/7/2022.

With the passage and signing of this bill, this recommendation is considered complete.

##### **2022 UPDATE (JANUARY)**

This recommendation, approved by the Commission on January 28, 2022, involves statutory revisions and is first applicable for action during the FY 2022 legislative session.

#### **Description**

Amend §12-20, C.R.S., to include a new statutory section with additional professions, the practice of which without a license, should be a felony due to a public safety risk. These crimes shall be a Class 6 Felony.

[No Proposed Statutory Language. See "Recommendation Text" for the list of professions/occupations.]

#### **Agencies Responsible**

General Assembly

#### **Discussion**

Prior to Senate Bill 2021-271, professional licensure offenses were primarily misdemeanor offenses with an increase to a felony level for 2nd and subsequent offenses. In S.B. 21-271, increased penalties for second and subsequent offenses were eliminated. Upon further review, it was determined that certain professional licensure violations be classified as felonies applicable for the first offense due to public safety risk concerns.