

Colorado lawmakers introduced more than 600 bills this legislative session and many made it to the governor's desk in the 120-day term that ended Monday.

Why it matters: The legislation will impact the daily lives of people living in Colorado, from limiting the ability to purchase guns to making adult education free.

What to know: Here's a rundown of what happened this session and what the new laws will mean for you.

3 must-know things

- **The guidelines for legalized psychedelic mushrooms** — including growing, selling and purchasing — are taking shape. The first licenses for facilities where you can ingest psychedelics will come by 2025.
- **It's now harder to buy a firearm.** New laws raise the minimum age to buy a gun [to 21 from 18](#); require firearm buyers to [wait three days](#) before receiving their purchase; and [make it](#) easier to seek an order [seizing a gun owner's firearms](#).
- **A crackdown on rising car theft** is here. New laws [make it a felony](#) for repeat criminals and [allocate \\$5 million](#) to a dedicated auto theft prevention fund.

Health care

- **Hospitals can** no longer [charge facility fees](#) for [preventive care visits](#) and must post notices about these often-overlooked charges.
- **The price of a two-pack of EpiPens** is capped at \$60 for those with insurance. Those without can apply for a low-cost program.
- **The interest** charged on [medical debt is capped at 3%](#), instead of the current 8%. Other legislation also [prevents medical debt from being listed](#) on consumer credit reports.
- **You can pick up** prescription drugs as easily as grabbing a bag of chips under a new law that allows [automated "vending machines"](#) in pharmacies, hospitals and health clinics.

Environment

- **The federal government** [must give Colorado a waiver](#) before the [reintroduction of wolves](#) into the Western Slope can take place. Another bill [sets aside \\$175,000](#) to compensate ranchers whose livestock and animals are killed or injured by wolves.
- **Drivers can** soon buy a "Born to Be Wild" [special license plate](#) with the revenue going toward managing gray wolves.
- **The state can** create a nonprofit entity known as the [Wild Horse Project](#) to prioritize a healthy herd of wild horses rather than efforts to eliminate or cull the herds.

Education

- Public and private colleges** have the green light to [solicit opportunities for student athletes](#) to earn money for the use of their name, image or likeness.
- Schools can [hire licensed therapists](#)** even if they are not licensed by the state Department of Education to address a shortage.
- An estimated \$2.5 million in [bonus payments](#)** will be given to Colorado preschool providers to incentivize them to participate in the state's preschool program.
- Schools will** need to do more to [investigate harassment and discrimination complaints](#) and accommodate students who experience the behavior.
- A new [Office of School Safety](#)** will help schools streamline security protocols and better respond to a crisis or emergency event.
- A new [education program for adults](#)** will let people 21 and older earn their high school diploma in person for free.

Public safety

- Boat operators** must be [at least 14 years of age](#), and a safety course is required for those who are younger than 18.
- So-called "ghost guns" [that can be assembled at home](#)** are no longer legal and owners must register the firearms and complete a background check.
- The false reporting** of a mass shooting is [now a felony crime](#). This bill also makes it easier to charge individuals for a false emergency claim.

Housing

- Renters receiving** public assistance [can't be evicted](#) by their landlord unless a mediation between the two is held first.
- 1 **A local government [gets the first bid](#)** when a multi-unit housing complex is up for sale as a way to create affordable housing.
- If you're looking** to rent an apartment, you can use the same background check to [apply to multiple listings](#), as long as it's within 30 days.

Money

- Small businesses** with less than \$500,000 in annual sales will no longer have to collect [the 27-cent retail delivery fee](#).

☎ **Phone calls** for people in prison [will be free by July 2025](#) to help inmates better maintain connections with family and friends.

Landlords must limit their pet fees. Renters' monthly dues for their animals will be [capped at \\$35 per month](#) or 1% of their rent, whichever is more, and pet deposits can't exceed \$300.

It will be harder for employers to skirt the state's [existing equal pay law](#) by requiring state labor regulators to [investigate and enforce violations](#).

Farmers can [legally fix their own equipment](#) after a law mandating manufacturers provide access to parts, tools, software and manuals for repairs.

- Colorado is the first U.S. state to pass such a law.

Casinos can extend \$1,000 or more in credit to gamblers, repealing a previous prohibition on the practice.

Other

A state-run [insurer-of-last-resort](#) will be created to provide property insurance where coverage is not available, such as in areas vulnerable to wildfires.

Most schools and government workers can now [join a union and receive workplace protections](#), though the entities are not obligated to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement.

Each new public building will need to [include a non-gender restroom](#).

Politicians can [block people on their social media accounts](#), as long as it's not a government-controlled account.