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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A STOCKPILE OF ESSENTIAL MATERIALS THAT MAY BE
102 UTILIZED IN THE EVENT OF A DECLARED DISASTER EMERGENCY.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Section 1 of the bill requires the division of homeland security and emergency management in the department of public safety (division) to procure and maintain a stockpile of essential materials that are available for distribution after the governor has a declared a disaster emergency. The division shall attempt to ensure that, in the event of a national public health emergency, the stockpile has a sufficient supply of personal

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protective equipment to bridge the gap until the national supply chain can increase production to meet the demand for such items.

The division, in consultation with the department of public health and environment, may distribute the essential materials to state agencies, schools, local public health agencies, hospitals or other health-care providers, or to any other individual or entity that the director of the division determines is in need as a result of the disaster emergency. The division may contract with a third-party entity to administer the stockpile.

In order to ensure that the essential materials in the stockpile are rotated prior to the applicable expiration date, state agencies shall, to the extent possible, procure essential materials from the division. In addition, the division may donate or sell essential materials as necessary to avoid having stock that is past its expiration date. Any proceeds from the sale of the essential materials are credited to the newly created emergency stockpile rotation cash fund. The money in the cash fund is continuously appropriated to the department of public safety for use by the division for the purpose of administering the stockpile.

The division is authorized to seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from private or public sources, including from the federal government, for the purposes described in the bill. The bill authorizes the general assembly to appropriate money from the general fund and, for stockpile-related expenditures that are made prior to December 31, 2024, from the revenue loss restoration cash fund.

Under current law, the state board of health has the authority to adopt rules and to establish standards to assure that hospitals; other acute care facilities; county, district, and municipal public health agencies; and trauma centers are prepared for an emergency epidemic that is declared to be a disaster emergency. **Section 2** specifies that, under this authority, the board may adopt rules or establish standards for the maintenance of an adequate stockpile of personal protective equipment for infection control and staff proficiency in using the personal protective equipment.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 24-33.5-1620** as
3 follows:

4 **24-33.5-1620. Essential materials - stockpile - rotation -**
5 **emergency stockpile rotation cash fund - creation - legislative**
6 **declaration - definitions.** (1) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS
7 AND DECLARES THAT:

1 (I) AT THE OUTSET OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THERE WAS A
2 SHORTAGE IN THE STATE OF VENTILATORS AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE
3 EQUIPMENT THAT COULD HELP SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS, BUT THE
4 DIVISION HAS SINCE ACQUIRED A STOCKPILE OF THESE ITEMS USING
5 FEDERAL MONEY;

6 (II) THE DIVISION HAS DISTRIBUTED THESE MATERIALS, ALONG
7 WITH OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS SHELF-STABLE FOODS AND PERSONAL
8 HYGIENE SUPPLIES, DURING THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY;
9 AND

10 (III) IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE STATE TO MAINTAIN THIS STOCKPILE
11 TO RESPOND TO THE CURRENT PANDEMIC AND FOR ANY FUTURE DISASTER
12 EMERGENCIES.

13 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

14 (I) ACQUIRING AND MAINTAINING A RESERVE OF ESSENTIAL
15 MATERIALS THAT MAY BE DISTRIBUTED IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19
16 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OR FUTURE DISASTER EMERGENCIES IS A
17 CRITICAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE FOR THE STATE TO PROVIDE TO THE
18 CITIZENS OF THIS STATE; AND

19 (II) THEREFORE, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO USE MONEY IN THE
20 REVENUE LOSS RESTORATION CASH FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE.

21 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
22 REQUIRES:

23 (a) "CASH FUND" MEANS THE EMERGENCY STOCKPILE ROTATION
24 CASH FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION.

25 (b) "ESSENTIAL MATERIALS" MEANS PERSONAL PROTECTIVE
26 EQUIPMENT, VENTILATORS, AND ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE DIRECTOR
27 DETERMINES ARE NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO A DISASTER EMERGENCY.

1 (c) "PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT" MEANS FACE COVERINGS,
2 GOWNS, FACE SHIELDS, AND GLOVES.

3 (d) "REVENUE LOSS RESTORATION CASH FUND" MEANS THE
4 REVENUE LOSS RESTORATION CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-227
5 (2)(a).

6 (3) (a) THE DIVISION SHALL PROCURE AND MAINTAIN A STOCKPILE
7 OF ESSENTIAL MATERIALS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION AFTER
8 THE GOVERNOR HAS DECLARED A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN ACCORDANCE
9 WITH SECTION 24-33.5-704 (4). SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS,
10 THE DIVISION SHALL ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT, IN THE EVENT OF A
11 NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, THE STOCKPILE HAS A SUFFICIENT
12 SUPPLY OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO BRIDGE THE GAP UNTIL
13 THE NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN CAN INCREASE PRODUCTION TO MEET THE
14 DEMAND FOR SUCH ITEMS.

15 (b) THE DIVISION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, MAY DISTRIBUTE THE ESSENTIAL
17 MATERIALS TO STATE AGENCIES, SCHOOLS, LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH
18 AGENCIES, HOSPITALS OR OTHER HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS, OR ANY OTHER
19 INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY THAT THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES IS IN NEED AS A
20 RESULT OF THE DISASTER EMERGENCY.

21 (4) IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE ESSENTIAL MATERIALS IN THE
22 STOCKPILE ARE ROTATED PRIOR TO THEIR APPLICABLE EXPIRATION DATES,
23 STATE AGENCIES SHALL, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, PROCURE ESSENTIAL
24 MATERIALS FROM THE DIVISION. IN ADDITION, THE DIVISION MAY DONATE
25 OR SELL ESSENTIAL MATERIALS AS NECESSARY TO AVOID HAVING STOCK
26 THAT IS PAST ITS EXPIRATION DATE. ANY PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF
27 THE ESSENTIAL MATERIALS ARE CREDITED TO THE CASH FUND.

1 (5) THE DIRECTOR MAY CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY
2 TO PROCURE, MAINTAIN, ROTATE, AND DISTRIBUTE THE STOCKPILE OF
3 ESSENTIAL MATERIALS AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

4 (6) (a) THE EMERGENCY STOCKPILE ROTATION CASH FUND IS
5 HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE CASH FUND CONSISTS OF
6 THE PROCEEDS OF SALES OF ESSENTIAL MATERIALS CREDITED TO THE CASH
7 FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY
8 OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR
9 TRANSFER TO THE CASH FUND.

10 (b) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
11 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
12 EMERGENCY STOCKPILE ROTATION CASH FUND TO THE CASH FUND.

13 (c) MONEY IN THE CASH FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED
14 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR USE BY THE DIVISION AS REQUIRED BY THIS
15 SECTION.

16 (7) THE DIVISION MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,
17 OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES, INCLUDING FROM THE
18 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

19 (8) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE
20 GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR USE BY THE DIVISION FOR THE
21 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. IN ADDITION, FOR EXPENDITURES THAT ARE
22 MADE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2024, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY
23 APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE REVENUE LOSS RESTORATION CASH FUND
24 FOR THE SAME PURPOSES, NOTWITHSTANDING THE LIMITATION IN SECTION
25 24-75-227 (3)(c).

26 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1-108, **amend**
27 (1)(c)(VI) as follows:

1 **25-1-108. Powers and duties of state board of health.** (1) In
2 addition to all other powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the
3 state board of health by this part 1, the board has the following specific
4 powers and duties:

5 (c) (VI) To adopt rules and to establish such standards as the
6 board may deem necessary or proper to assure that hospitals; other acute
7 care facilities; county, district, and municipal public health agencies; and
8 trauma centers are prepared for an emergency epidemic, as defined in
9 section 24-33.5-703 (4), that is declared to be a disaster emergency,
10 including the immediate investigation of any case of a suspected
11 emergency epidemic, THE MAINTENANCE OF AN ADEQUATE STOCKPILE OF
12 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR INFECTION CONTROL, AND STAFF
13 PROFICIENCY IN USING THE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT;

14 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.