

CHAPTER 176

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE BILL 97-1176

BY REPRESENTATIVES Taylor, G. Berry, Entz, Epps, Lamborn, Miller, Morrison, Musgrave, Paschall, Reeser, Schwarz, Young, and Zimmerman;
also SENATORS Ament, Tebedo, and Wattenberg.

AN ACT

CONCERNING ATTAINMENT OF VISIBILITY STANDARDS FOR AIR QUALITY.

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

SECTION 1. Part 2 of article 7 of title 25, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1989 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

25-7-215. Visibility impairment subcommittee. (1) IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS ISSUES CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OBJECTIVE CRITERIA FOR REDUCING EMISSIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING AND IMPROVING HUMANLY PERCEPTIBLE VISIBLE RESOURCES, THERE SHALL BE A SUBCOMMITTEE CREATED OF THE COMMITTEE CREATED BY SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 97-29. SUCH SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL BE CHARGED WITH HEARING FROM A CROSS-SECTION OF CONCERNED PERSONS INCLUDING: ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS, REPRESENTATIVES OF FEDERAL AGENCIES HAVING A ROLE IN VISIBILITY PROTECTION, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND INTERESTED BUSINESS, LABOR, AND CITIZEN GROUPS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAY UTILIZE INFORMAL AND PANEL TYPE DISCUSSION FORMATS DESIGNED TO OBTAIN FULL DISCUSSION AND DISCLOSURE OF ISSUES RELEVANT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER. AT A MINIMUM, THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL EVALUATE THE EFFECT OF ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC NUMERIC STANDARDS RESPECTING VISIBILITY. THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ANY RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL COMMITTEE ALLOWING SUFFICIENT TIME FOR FULL COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AND DELIBERATIONS PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES.

(2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED JANUARY 1, 1998.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 21, 1997