

CHAPTER 283

**HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

**HOUSE BILL 02-1329**

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**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE TO MONITOR AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS IN GROUNDWATER, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 25-8-205.5 (3) (g) and the introductory portion to 25-8-205.5 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**25-8-205.5. Pollution from agricultural chemicals. (3) Powers and duties of the commissioner of agriculture.** (g) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PERFORM THE MONITORING SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION. ~~The commissioner is authorized to~~ SHALL enter into an agreement with the department of public health and environment to assist in the identification of agricultural management areas and to perform ~~the monitoring specified in subsection (5) of this section~~ ANALYSIS, INTERPRETATION, AND REPORTING OF GROUNDWATER MONITORING DATA SUPPLIED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

(5) **Monitoring.** Pursuant to ~~its~~ THE COMMISSIONER'S duties as set forth in ~~section 25-8-303 and to~~ any contract authorized in paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of this section, ~~the division shall assist the commissioner in the identification of~~ SHALL IDENTIFY agricultural management areas as defined in section 25-8-103 (1.1) and shall conduct monitoring programs to determine:

**SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments in 2002 long bill.** (1) For implementation of this act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, shall be adjusted as follows:

- (a) The cash funds exempt appropriation to the department of public health and

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

environment, water quality control division, for watershed assessment, outreach, and assistance, is decreased by ninety-three thousand eight hundred six dollars (\$93,806) and 1.0 FTE.

(b) The number of FTE appropriated to the department of agriculture, agricultural services division, for personal services, is increased by 1.0 FTE.

**SECTION 3. 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.

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