

CHAPTER 169

NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE BILL 15-1304

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AN ACT

CONCERNING A PLAN TO STUDY THE AVAILABLE BEAR MANAGEMENT TOOLS YEAR ROUND TO ADDRESS BEAR-HUMAN CONFLICTS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 33-9-110 as follows:

33-9-110. Black bears - methods to address bear-human conflicts - study - report - repeal. (1) THE DIVISION SHALL GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT, CONSIDER, AND EVALUATE ALL AVAILABLE MANAGEMENT TOOLS TO ENHANCE THE DIVISION'S ABILITY TO PROPERLY MANAGE BLACK BEAR POPULATIONS YEAR ROUND TO ADDRESS BEAR-HUMAN CONFLICTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY. THE DIVISION SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS BY **DECEMBER 31, 2015**, TO THE AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ENERGY COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

(2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3)

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of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 8, 2015