

SB005\_L.003

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

SB24-005 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 99 to  
4 title 37 as follows:

5 **ARTICLE 99**

6 **Prohibition of Nonfunctional Turf,**

7 **Artificial Turf, and Invasive Plant Species**

8 **37-99-101. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
9 FINDS THAT:

10 (a) AS COLORADO CONTINUES TO GRAPPLE WITH THE IMPACTS OF  
11 CLIMATE CHANGE, GREEN URBAN SPACES, SUCH AS URBAN TREE CANOPIES,  
12 ARE A VITAL ADAPTATION TOOL FOR MITIGATING THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE  
13 CHANGE, ESPECIALLY FOR MITIGATING THE URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT,  
14 WHICH CAN INCREASE ENERGY COSTS, AIR POLLUTION, AND HEAT-RELATED  
15 ILLNESSES AND DEATHS;

16 (b) HOWEVER, WATER SUPPLY IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES IS  
17 UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND INCREASING  
18 DEMAND;

19 (c) MANY COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE OVERUSE NONNATIVE  
20 GRASS FOR LANDSCAPING PURPOSES, WHICH REQUIRES LARGE AMOUNTS  
21 OF WATER TO MAINTAIN;

22 (d) WHILE THERE ARE APPROPRIATE AND IMPORTANT USES FOR  
23 TURF, INCLUDING FOR CIVIC, COMMUNITY, OR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES  
24 SUCH AS USE IN PARKS, SPORTS FIELDS, AND PLAYGROUNDS, MUCH OF THE  
25 TURF IN THE STATE IS NONFUNCTIONAL, LOCATED IN AREAS THAT RECEIVE  
26 LITTLE, IF ANY, USE, AND COULD BE REPLACED WITH LANDSCAPING THAT  
27 ADHERES TO WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING PRINCIPLES WITHOUT ADVERSELY  
28 IMPACTING QUALITY OF LIFE OR LANDSCAPE FUNCTIONALITY;

29 (e) PROHIBITING THE INSTALLATION, PLANTING, OR PLACEMENT OF  
30 NONFUNCTIONAL TURF IN APPLICABLE PROPERTY IN THE STATE CAN HELP  
31 CONSERVE THE STATE'S WATER RESOURCES;

32 (f) INSTALLED VEGETATION THAT ADHERES TO WATER-WISE  
33 LANDSCAPING PRINCIPLES CAN HELP REDUCE OUTDOOR DEMAND OF  
34 WATER; AND

35 (g) ADDITIONALLY, ARTIFICIAL TURF CAN CAUSE NEGATIVE  
36 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, SUCH AS EXACERBATING HEAT ISLAND EFFECTS  
37 IN URBAN AREAS AND RELEASING HARMFUL CHEMICALS, INCLUDING  
38 PLASTICS, MICROPLASTICS, AND PERFLUOROALKYL AND  
39 POLYFLUOROALKYL CHEMICALS, INTO THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
40 WATERSHEDS.

1 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEREFORE DECLARES THAT  
2 PREVENTING THE INSTALLATION, PLANTING, OR PLACEMENT OF  
3 NONFUNCTIONAL TURF, ARTIFICIAL TURF, AND INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES IN  
4 APPLICABLE PROPERTY IN THE STATE IS:

5 (a) A MATTER OF STATEWIDE CONCERN; AND

6 (b) IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

7 **37-99-102. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 99, UNLESS THE  
8 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

9 (1) "APPLICABLE PROPERTY" MEANS:

10 (a) COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, OR INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY;

11 (b) COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY PROPERTY; OR

12 (c) A STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY, PARKING LOT, MEDIAN, OR  
13 TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR.

14 (2) "ARTIFICIAL TURF" MEANS AN INSTALLATION OF SYNTHETIC  
15 MATERIALS DEVELOPED TO RESEMBLE NATURAL GRASS.

16 (3) "COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, OR INDUSTRIAL" HAS THE  
17 MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 37-60-135 (2)(b).

18 (4) "COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY" HAS THE MEANING SET  
19 FORTH IN SECTION 38-33.3-103 (8).

20 (5) "COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY PROPERTY" MEANS  
21 PROPERTY WITHIN A COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY THAT IS OWNED AND  
22 MAINTAINED BY A UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, SUCH AS ENTRYWAYS,  
23 PARKS, AND OTHER COMMON ELEMENTS AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
24 38-33.3-103 (5).

25 (6) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL  
26 CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-128 (1).

27 (7) "FUNCTIONAL TURF" MEANS TURF THAT IS LOCATED IN A  
28 RECREATIONAL USE AREA OR OTHER SPACE THAT IS REGULARLY USED FOR  
29 CIVIC, COMMUNITY, OR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, WHICH MAY INCLUDE  
30 PLAYGROUNDS; SPORTS FIELDS; PICNIC GROUNDS; AMPHITHEATERS;  
31 PORTIONS OF PARKS; AND THE PLAYING AREAS OF GOLF COURSES, SUCH AS  
32 DRIVING RANGES, CHIPPING AND PUTTING GREENS, TEE BOXES, GREENS,  
33 FAIRWAYS, AND ROUGHS.

34 (8) "INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN  
35 SECTION 37-60-135 (2)(e).

36 (9) "LOCAL ENTITY" MEANS A:

37 (a) HOME RULE OR STATUTORY CITY, COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY,  
38 TERRITORIAL CHARTER CITY, OR TOWN; AND

39 (b) SPECIAL DISTRICT.

40 (10) "MAINTAIN" OR "MAINTAINING" MEANS AN ACTION TO  
41 PRESERVE THE EXISTING STATE OF NONFUNCTIONAL TURF, ARTIFICIAL  
42 TURF, OR AN INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN  
43 INSTALLED, PLANTED, OR PLACED.

44 (11) "NATIVE PLANT" MEANS A PLANT SPECIES THAT IS  
45 INDIGENOUS TO THE STATE OF COLORADO.

1 (12) "NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECT" MEANS A NEW CONSTRUCTION  
2 PROJECT THAT REQUIRES A BUILDING OR LANDSCAPING PERMIT, PLAN  
3 CHECK, OR DESIGN REVIEW.

4 (13) (a) "NONFUNCTIONAL TURF" MEANS TURF THAT IS NOT  
5 FUNCTIONAL TURF.

6 (b) "NONFUNCTIONAL TURF" INCLUDES TURF LOCATED IN A STREET  
7 RIGHT-OF-WAY, PARKING LOT, MEDIAN, OR TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR.

8 (14) "REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT" MEANS A CONSTRUCTION  
9 PROJECT THAT:

10 (a) REQUIRES A BUILDING OR LANDSCAPING PERMIT, PLAN CHECK,  
11 OR DESIGN REVIEW; AND

12 (b) RESULTS IN A DISTURBANCE OF MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF  
13 THE AGGREGATE LANDSCAPE AREA.

14 (15) "SPECIAL DISTRICT" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
15 32-1-103 (20).

16 (16) "TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR" MEANS A TRANSPORTATION  
17 SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES ALL MODES AND FACILITIES WITHIN A DESCRIBED  
18 GEOGRAPHIC AREA, HAVING LENGTH AND WIDTH.

19 (17) "TURF" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 37-60-135  
20 (2)(i).

21 (18) "UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH  
22 IN SECTION 38-33.3-103 (3).

23 (19) "WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH  
24 IN SECTION 37-60-135 (2)(l).

25 **37-99-103. Prohibition of nonfunctional turf, artificial turf,  
26 and invasive plant species - local entities - construction or renovation  
27 of state facilities.** (1) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026, A LOCAL ENTITY  
28 SHALL NOT INSTALL, PLANT, OR PLACE, OR ALLOW ANY PERSON TO  
29 INSTALL, PLANT, OR PLACE, ANY NONFUNCTIONAL TURF, ARTIFICIAL TURF,  
30 OR INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES, AS PART OF A NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
31 OR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, ON ANY PORTION OF APPLICABLE PROPERTY  
32 WITHIN THE LOCAL ENTITY'S JURISDICTION.

33 (2) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, A LOCAL ENTITY SHALL  
34 ENACT OR AMEND ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, REGULATIONS, OR OTHER  
35 LAWS REGULATING NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND REDEVELOPMENT  
36 PROJECTS ON APPLICABLE PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
37 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

38 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT INSTALL, PLANT, OR PLACE, OR  
39 ALLOW ANY PERSON TO INSTALL, PLANT, OR PLACE, ANY NONFUNCTIONAL  
40 TURF, ARTIFICIAL TURF, OR INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES AS PART OF A PROJECT  
41 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF A STATE FACILITY, WHICH  
42 PROJECT COMMENCES ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025.

43 (4) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS:

44 (a) A LOCAL ENTITY FROM MAINTAINING, OR ALLOWING ANY  
45 PERSON TO MAINTAIN, ANY NONFUNCTIONAL TURF, ARTIFICIAL TURF, OR

1 INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES INSTALLED, PLANTED, OR PLACED BEFORE  
2 JANUARY 1, 2026;

3 (b) THE DEPARTMENT FROM MAINTAINING, OR ALLOWING ANY  
4 PERSON TO MAINTAIN, ANY NONFUNCTIONAL TURF, ARTIFICIAL TURF, OR  
5 INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES INSTALLED, PLANTED, OR PLACED AT A STATE  
6 FACILITY BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025;

7 (c) A LOCAL ENTITY OR THE DEPARTMENT FROM INSTALLING, OR  
8 ALLOWING ANY PERSON TO INSTALL, GRASS SEED OR SOD THAT IS A NATIVE  
9 PLANT OR HAS BEEN HYBRIDIZED FOR ARID CONDITIONS;

10 (d) A LOCAL ENTITY OR THE DEPARTMENT FROM ESTABLISHING  
11 PROHIBITIONS ON, OR REQUIREMENTS FOR, NONFUNCTIONAL TURF,  
12 ARTIFICIAL TURF, OR INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES THAT ARE MORE STRINGENT  
13 THAN THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION; OR

14 (e) A LOCAL ENTITY OR THE DEPARTMENT FROM INSTALLING, OR  
15 ALLOWING ANY PERSON TO INSTALL, ARTIFICIAL TURF ON ATHLETIC FIELDS  
16 OF PLAY.

17 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
18 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
19 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
20 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant  
21 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an  
22 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,  
23 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the  
24 general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take  
25 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the  
26 governor.

27 (2) This act does not apply to projects approved by the department  
28 of personnel or a local entity before the effective date of this act."

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