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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE LICENSING OF PET ANIMAL**  
102                    **FACILITIES BY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE IN**  
103                    **ACCORDANCE WITH THE "PET ANIMAL CARE AND FACILITIES**  
104                    **ACT", AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE**  
105                    **RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE 2025 SUNSET REPORT**  
106                    **BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.**

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**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/>.)*

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SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
April 21, 2026

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 24, 2026

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 23, 2026

**Resources Committee.** The bill implements the recommendations of the department of regulatory agencies in its 2025 sunset review of the "Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act" (PACFA) as follows:

- **Sections 1 and 2** of the bill continue the commissioner of agriculture's (commissioner) function of licensing pet animal facilities in accordance with the PACFA for 15 years, until 2041;
  - **Section 3** amends the PACFA's pet animal advisory committee (committee) membership structure by requiring the commissioner, on and after January 1, 2027, to appoint 15 members with certain specifications. **Section 3** also specifies that members appointed to the committee on and after January 1, 2027, may serve no more than 2 consecutive terms of 4 years.
  - **Section 4** prohibits the importation of certain pet animals into the state without a valid certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin within 10 days prior to the pet animal's arrival in Colorado;
  - **Section 5** clarifies that the commissioner is authorized to adopt rules extending the required minimum holding periods for pet animals held by or in the custody of a licensed animal shelter;
  - **Section 6** removes the current maximum fee amount of \$700 for pet animal facility license application fees and permits the commissioner to establish the fee amount by rule, which amount must be based on the direct and indirect costs of processing license applications;
  - **Section 7** raises the maximum civil penalty amount for a violation of the PACFA or of a rule adopted pursuant to the PACFA from \$1,000 per violation to \$2,500 per violation;
  - **Section 8** states that a person that chooses to request a hearing in response to a cease-and-desist order issued by the commissioner for a violation of the PACFA or of a rule adopted pursuant to the PACFA must do so within 30 days after the issuance of the cease-and-desist order; and
  - **Section 9** relocates the statute that establishes the pet overpopulation authority (authority) so the authority is no longer subject to sunset review as part of the PACFA.
- Sections 10 through 13** make conforming amendments.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**

1 (27)(a)(XII); and **add (35)(a)(IX)** as follows:

2 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
3 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
4 **declaration - repeal.**

5 (27) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled  
6 for repeal on September 1, 2026:

7 (XII) ~~The licensing of pet animal facilities by the commissioner~~  
8 ~~of agriculture in accordance with article 80 of title 35;~~

9 (35) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled  
10 for repeal on September 1, 2034:

11 (IX) THE LICENSING OF PET ANIMAL FACILITIES BY THE  
12 COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 80 OF  
13 TITLE 35.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-80-117, **amend**  
15 (1) as follows:

16 **35-80-117. Repeal of article - sunset review - report to general**  
17 **assembly.**

18 (1) This article 80 is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2026~~  
19 **SEPTEMBER 1, 2034.**

20 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-80-115, **amend**  
21 (1), (3), and (4); and **add (1.5) and (2.5)** as follows:

22 **35-80-115. Advisory committee - repeal.**

23 (1) (a) There is hereby established a pet animal advisory  
24 committee to advise the commissioner in establishing rules under this  
25 article 80 and to provide ongoing review of this article 80. The members  
26 of the advisory committee shall receive no compensation or  
27 reimbursement from the state of Colorado or the department for expenses

1 incurred in the performance of their duties. The advisory committee shall  
2 consist of seventeen persons appointed by the commissioner as follows:

3       ~~(a)~~ (I) One person who represents animal rescue;  
4       ~~(b)~~ (II) One person who represents bird breeders;  
5       ~~(c)~~ (III) One person who represents small-scale operation dog  
6 breeders;

7       ~~(d)~~ (IV) One person who represents cat breeders;  
8       ~~(e)~~ (V) One person who represents small animal breeders;  
9       ~~(f)~~ (VI) One person who represents boarding kennels;  
10       ~~(f.5)~~ (VII) One person who represents the "dog day care industry",  
11 which term means premises on which dogs are kept primarily for the  
12 purpose of short-term care;

13       ~~(g)~~ (VIII) One person who represents pet groomers;  
14       ~~(h)~~ (IX) One person who represents pet animal retailers;  
15       ~~(i)~~ (X) One person who represents pet animal wholesalers;  
16       ~~(j)~~ (XI) One person who represents animal control officers;  
17       ~~(k)~~ (XII) One person who represents animal shelters;  
18       ~~(l)~~ (XIII) One veterinarian licensed pursuant to article 315 of title  
19 12;

20       ~~(m)~~ (XIV) Three members of the general public, none of whom  
21 shall represent or have a financial interest in any of the groups listed in  
22 this subsection (1); and

23       ~~(n)~~ (XV) One person who represents large-scale operation dog  
24 breeders.

25       (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, ON  
26 JANUARY 1, 2027:

27       (I) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN SAID SUBSECTION

1 (1)(a) IS DISMISSED;

2 (II) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S AUTHORITY IS REVOKED; AND

3 (III) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1.5)

4 OF THIS SECTION SHALL ASSUME THE AUTHORITY OF THE ADVISORY

5 COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN SAID SUBSECTION (1)(a).

6 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (1) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,

7 2028.

8 (1.5) (a) ON JANUARY 1, 2027, THE PET ANIMAL ADVISORY

9 COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED TO ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER IN

10 ESTABLISHING RULES UNDER THIS ARTICLE 80 AND TO PROVIDE ONGOING

11 REVIEW OF THIS ARTICLE 80. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF

12 FIFTEEN INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER AS FOLLOWS:

13 (I) TEN INDIVIDUALS, EACH OF WHOM REPRESENTS AT LEAST ONE

14 DISTINCT CATEGORY OF LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 80;

15 (II) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO REPRESENTS ANIMAL CONTROL

16 OFFICERS;

17 (III) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A VETERINARIAN LICENSED

18 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 315 OF TITLE 12; AND

19 (IV) THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT REPRESENT OR HAVE A

20 FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ANY OF THE GROUPS LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION

21 (1.5).

22 (b) (I) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, THE COMMISSIONER

23 SHALL APPOINT THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

24 EACH INITIAL MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE AN

25 INITIAL TERM OF FOUR YEARS; EXCEPT THAT:

26 (A) TWO OF THE INITIAL MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO

27 SUBSECTION (1.5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF

1 THREE YEARS;

2 (B) TWO OF THE INITIAL MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
3 SUBSECTION (1.5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF  
4 TWO YEARS;

5 (C) ONE OF THE INITIAL MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
6 SUBSECTION (1.5)(a)(IV) OF THIS SECTION SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM  
7 OF THREE YEARS; AND

8 (D) ONE OF THE INITIAL MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
9 SUBSECTION (1.5)(a)(IV) OF THIS SECTION SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM  
10 OF TWO YEARS.

11 (II) (A) THE COMMISSIONER, AT THE COMMISSIONER'S DISCRETION,  
12 MAY APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN  
13 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
14 DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1.5).

15 (B) THIS SUBSECTION (1.5)(b)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE  
16 JANUARY 1, 2028.

17 (III) AFTER THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
18 COMPLETE THEIR INITIAL TERMS, EACH MEMBER APPOINTED TO THE  
19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE A TERM OF FOUR YEARS; EXCEPT  
20 THAT AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE  
21 FOUR-YEAR TERMS ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

22 (c) IN APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
23 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1.5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
24 COMMISSIONER SHALL APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH CATEGORY OF  
25 LICENSE, IF ANY, WHICH CATEGORY COLLECTIVELY PAID TWENTY-FIVE  
26 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE TOTAL FEE REVENUE COLLECTED PURSUANT TO  
27 THIS ARTICLE 80 DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.

1 (2.5) THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL RECEIVE  
2 NO COMPENSATION OR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE STATE OF COLORADO  
3 OR THE DEPARTMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF  
4 THEIR DUTIES.

5 (3) In the event of a vacancy on the advisory committee prior to  
6 the completion of a member's full term, the commissioner shall appoint  
7 a person to complete the remainder of the term. The person shall  
8 represent the same group as the member the person is replacing. ~~pursuant~~  
9 ~~to subsection (1) of this section.~~

10 (4) (a) The initial appointments of the animal rescue  
11 representative, the small animal breeder, the pet animal wholesaler, one  
12 member from the general public, and the large-scale operation dog  
13 breeder shall expire on January 1, 1995. The initial appointments of the  
14 bird breeder, the representative of boarding kennels, the representative of  
15 animal control officers, the small-scale operation dog breeder, and one  
16 member from the general public shall expire on January 1, 1996. The  
17 initial appointment of all other members shall be for a term of three years.  
18 Thereafter, members of the advisory committee shall serve for terms of  
19 three years.

20 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,  
21 2027.

22 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-80-108, **amend**  
23 (1)(n) as follows:

24 **35-80-108. Unlawful acts - short title - disclosure requirement**  
25 **- definition - rules.**

26 (1) Unless otherwise authorized by law, it is unlawful and a  
27 violation of this article 80 for an individual or entity:

1 (n) To import or cause to be imported a ~~dog or cat~~ PET ANIMAL,  
2 EXCLUDING A REPTILE, FISH, OR RODENT, for the purpose of sale by a pet  
3 animal facility, unless the ~~dog or cat~~ PET ANIMAL has a VALID certificate  
4 of veterinary health and, if the ~~dog or cat is over six months old,~~ proof of  
5 ~~a rabies vaccination,~~ or INSPECTION BY AN ACCREDITED VETERINARIAN IN  
6 THE STATE OF ORIGIN ISSUED WITHIN TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE PET  
7 ANIMAL'S ARRIVAL IN COLORADO. A PET ANIMAL FACILITY SHALL MEET  
8 ALL IMPORT REQUIREMENTS AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE  
9 VETERINARIAN.

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11 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-80-105, **amend**  
12 (4) as follows:

13 **35-80-105. Pet animal facility - licensure requirements -**  
14 **application - fees - rules.**

15 (4) Each applicant for a pet animal facility license shall pay an  
16 annual license fee in the amount specified by rule of the commissioner,  
17 which amount shall not exceed ~~seven hundred~~ ONE THOUSAND FIVE  
18 HUNDRED dollars per license.

19 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-80-113, **amend**  
20 (1) as follows:

21 **35-80-113. Civil penalties.**

22 (1) ~~Any~~ A person ~~who~~ THAT violates ~~any provision of this article~~  
23 ARTICLE 80 or any rule adopted pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 80 is  
24 subject to a civil penalty, as determined by the commissioner. The  
25 AMOUNT OF THE maximum penalty ~~shall~~ MUST not exceed ~~one thousand~~  
26 TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED dollars per violation.

27 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-80-111, **amend**

1 (2)(a) as follows:

2 **35-80-111. Enforcement - cease-and-desist orders - hearings.**

3 (2) (a) Whenever the commissioner has reasonable cause to  
4 believe a violation ~~of a provision~~ of this article 80 or a rule adopted  
5 pursuant to this article 80 has occurred and immediate enforcement is  
6 ~~deemed~~ necessary, the commissioner may issue a cease-and-desist order,  
7 which may require a person to cease ~~violating a provision of this article~~  
8 ~~80 or a rule adopted pursuant to this article 80~~ THE VIOLATION. The  
9 cease-and-desist order must set forth the provisions alleged to have been  
10 violated, the facts alleged to have constituted the violation, and the  
11 requirement that all actions cease forthwith. ~~At any time after service of~~  
12 ~~the order to cease and desist,~~ The person may request, at the person's  
13 discretion, a **prompt** hearing to determine whether the violation occurred,  
14 WHICH REQUEST MUST BE MADE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER ISSUANCE OF  
15 THE ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST. The hearing shall be conducted  
16 pursuant to article 4 of title 24 and shall be conducted promptly.

17 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-80-109, **add** (8)  
18 as follows:

19 **35-80-109. Powers and duties of commissioner - rules.**

20 (8) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP AN ADMINISTRATIVE  
21 PROCESS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH SECTION 24-4-103 (7), FOR AN  
22 INTERESTED PERSON TO PETITION FOR THE ISSUANCE, AMENDMENT, OR  
23 REPEAL OF A RULE BY THE COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 80.

24 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-80-108.5, **amend**  
25 **as added by House Bill 26-1011** (4)(b)(V) and (4)(b)(VI); and **add**  
26 **(4)(b)(VII)** as follows:

27 **35-80-108.5. Pet stores - brokers - exceptions - short title.**

- 1           (4) (b) Subsection (4)(a) of this section does not apply to:  
2           (V) The sale or transfer of a dog or cat by the original breeder of  
3           the dog or cat; or  
4           (VI) The sale, transfer, or adoption of a dog or cat by a  
5           health-related research facility pursuant to section 35-82-102; OR  
6           (VII) PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2028, THE SALE, TRANSFER, OR  
7           ADOPTION OF A DOG OR CAT TO OR BY A PET STORE.

8           **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-234, **amend**  
9           (4)(b) and (4)(c); and **add with amended and relocated provisions (7)**  
10          as follows:

11           **42-3-234. Special plates - adopt a shelter pet - pet**  
12           **overpopulation authority - pet overpopulation fund - adopt a shelter**  
13           **pet account - definitions.**

14           (4) The amount of the taxes and fees for special license plates  
15           under this section is the same as the amount of the taxes and fees  
16           specified for regular motor vehicle license plates; except that the  
17           department shall collect the following fees and donations:

18           (b) A one-time, thirty-dollar donation for issuance or replacement  
19           of the license plate, which donation shall be transmitted to the state  
20           treasurer, who shall credit the same to the adopt a shelter pet account in  
21           the pet overpopulation fund created in ~~section 35-80-116.5, C.R.S.~~  
22           SUBSECTION (7)(f) OF THIS SECTION; and

23           (c) An annual twenty-five-dollar license plate renewal donation,  
24           which donation shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit  
25           the same to the adopt a shelter pet account in the pet overpopulation fund  
26           created in ~~section 35-80-116.5, C.R.S.~~ SUBSECTION (7)(f) OF THIS  
27           SECTION; except that the department and its authorized agents may retain

1 the portion of the donation necessary to offset implementing this  
2 ~~paragraph (c)~~ SUBSECTION (4)(c), up to a maximum of two dollars.

3 (7) (a) **[Formerly 35-80-116.5 (1)]** There is ~~hereby~~ created the  
4 Colorado pet overpopulation authority, ~~also referred to in this section as~~  
5 ~~the "authority"~~, which ~~shall be~~ IS a body corporate and a political  
6 subdivision of the state. The authority is not an agency of state  
7 government and is not subject to administrative direction by any state  
8 agency. ~~except as provided in this article.~~

9 (b) **[Formerly 35-80-116.5 (2)]** ~~(a)~~ (I) The powers of the  
10 Colorado ~~pet overpopulation~~ authority are vested in a board of directors  
11 consisting of the following:

12 ~~(I)~~ (A) One representative of the Animal Assistance Foundation  
13 or its successor organization;

14 ~~(II)~~ (B) One representative of an animal shelter; ~~as defined in~~  
15 ~~section 35-80-102 (1);~~

16 ~~(III)~~ (C) One representative of a state veterinary medical  
17 association;

18 ~~(IV)~~ (D) One representative of a Colorado animal control agency;

19 ~~(V)~~ (E) One representative from the department of agriculture;

20 ~~(VI)~~ (F) One member from a pet animal rescue; ~~as defined in~~  
21 ~~section 35-80-102 (11.2);~~

22 ~~(VII)~~ (G) One member of the general public who has an interest  
23 in animal welfare who is not a member of a board of any animal welfare  
24 organization;

25 ~~(VIII)~~ (H) One ~~representative of~~ MEMBER WHO IS FROM WESTERN  
26 COLORADO AND REPRESENTS an animal shelter ~~as defined in section~~  
27 ~~35-80-102 (1);~~ OR a pet animal rescue ~~as defined in section 35-80-102~~

1 ~~(H.2)~~; or IS a veterinary professional registered with the state board of  
2 veterinary medicine; ~~from western Colorado;~~

3 ~~(IX)~~ (I) One ~~representative of~~ MEMBER WHO IS FROM EASTERN  
4 COLORADO AND REPRESENTS an animal shelter ~~as defined in section~~  
5 ~~35-80-102 (1)~~; OR a pet animal rescue ~~as defined in section 35-80-102~~  
6 ~~(H.2)~~; or IS a veterinary professional registered with the state board of  
7 veterinary medicine; ~~from eastern Colorado;~~

8 ~~(X)~~ (J) One ~~representative of~~ MEMBER WHO IS FROM SOUTHERN  
9 COLORADO AND REPRESENTS an animal shelter ~~as defined in section~~  
10 ~~35-80-102 (1)~~; OR a pet animal rescue, ~~as defined in section 35-80-102~~  
11 ~~(H.2)~~; or IS a veterinary professional registered with the state board of  
12 veterinary medicine; ~~from southern Colorado;~~ and

13 ~~(XI)~~ (K) One representative from a pet animal facility licensed  
14 and in good standing pursuant to section 35-80-104 located in a county  
15 with a population of fifty thousand or less.

16 ~~(b)~~ (II) The commissioner OF AGRICULTURE shall appoint the  
17 board members to three-year terms; except that three of the members  
18 appointed on September 1, 2001, shall serve an initial term of two years.  
19 Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and shall  
20 continue in office until the member's successor is appointed and qualified.  
21 Initial members of the authority shall be appointed no later than  
22 September 1, 2001.

23 ~~(c)~~ (III) On the expiration of the term of a member of the board,  
24 that member's successor shall be appointed by the commissioner OF  
25 AGRICULTURE for a term of three years; except that, in the case of a  
26 vacancy, the commissioner shall appoint ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL who  
27 shall serve for the unexpired term.

1 (c) [Formerly 35-80-116.5 (3)] ~~(a)~~ (I) Each board member shall  
2 meet the following qualifications at the time of appointment and  
3 throughout the member's term of office:

4 ~~(H)~~ (A) Residency in this state; and

5 ~~(H)~~ (B) Demonstration of an active interest in the education of the  
6 community regarding the benefits of pet overpopulation control in  
7 Colorado.

8 ~~(b)~~ (II) The commissioner OF AGRICULTURE shall immediately  
9 declare the office of any member of the board vacant whenever the  
10 commissioner finds that the member is not qualified under this ~~subsection~~  
11 ~~(3)~~ SUBSECTION (7)(c) or that the member is unable to perform the duties  
12 of the office.

13 ~~(c)~~ (III) Members shall serve without compensation for any  
14 service provided to the Colorado pet overpopulation authority. Members  
15 shall not receive any reimbursement from the board for any expenses  
16 incurred fulfilling their responsibilities pursuant to this ~~section~~  
17 SUBSECTION (7).

18 ~~(d)~~ (IV) Except as provided in ~~subsection (2)(a)~~ ~~(VII)~~ SUBSECTION  
19 (7)(b)(I)(G) of this section, a board member may be a member of a board  
20 or subcommittee of a board of an animal welfare organization, but no  
21 more than one member of the board may be on the board or subcommittee  
22 of the board of the same animal welfare organization.

23 ~~(e)~~ (V) A member of the board shall recuse themselves from any  
24 board action or vote if they have a conflict of interest in relation to the  
25 board action or vote, including any allocation of funding to the member  
26 made pursuant to this ~~section~~ SUBSECTION (7).

27 (d) [Formerly 35-80-116.5 (4)] The board may:

1           (a) (I) Adopt an education program concerning pet overpopulation  
2 with emphasis on the importance of spaying and neutering to control pet  
3 overpopulation;

4           (b) (II) Develop, adopt, and implement a process to fund and  
5 expend ~~moneys~~ MONEY for the activities and responsibilities of the board.  
6 Funding for the board includes the ~~moneys~~ MONEY available in the ~~pet~~  
7 ~~overpopulation~~ fund. ~~created in subsection (5) of this section.~~

8           (c) (III) Accept gifts, grants, and donations, including personal  
9 services, for the activities and responsibilities of the board. Any gift,  
10 grant, or donation other than personal services shall be deposited into the  
11 ~~pet overpopulation~~ fund. ~~created in subsection (5) of this section.~~

12           (d) (IV) Develop, adopt, and implement a cooperative process to  
13 work with local veterinarians, licensed animal shelters, and local  
14 communities concerning animal sheltering and pet overpopulation control  
15 in this state.

16           (e) [Formerly 35-80-116.5 (4.5)] The board shall annually publish  
17 on the ~~pet overpopulation~~ fund website the name of each grantee  
18 receiving money from the ~~pet overpopulation~~ fund, the amount of each  
19 grant provided to a grantee, when a grantee received a grant, and the  
20 names of each board member.

21           (f) [Formerly 35-80-116.5 (5)] (a) (I) Donations collected  
22 pursuant to ~~subsection (4)~~ SUBSECTION (7)(d) of this section and section  
23 39-22-2201 ~~C.R.S.~~, shall be transmitted to the state treasurer and credited  
24 to the pet overpopulation fund, which fund is hereby created in the state  
25 treasury. All interest derived from the deposit and investment of ~~moneys~~  
26 MONEY in the fund ~~shall be~~ IS credited to the fund.

27           (b) (II) All unexpended and unencumbered ~~moneys~~ MONEY

1 remaining in the fund at the end of any STATE fiscal year ~~shall remain~~  
2 REMAINS in the fund, ~~and~~ DOES not revert back to the general fund or any  
3 other fund, ~~or~~ AND SHALL NOT be used for any purpose other than the  
4 purposes set forth in this ~~section~~ SUBSECTION (7). Such ~~moneys shall be~~  
5 MONEY IS appropriated continually to the state treasurer, who shall  
6 transfer all available ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the ~~pet overpopulation~~ fund to the  
7 ~~pet overpopulation~~ authority at least quarterly unless the board expressly  
8 requests otherwise. The board shall expend ~~moneys~~ MONEY from the ~~pet~~  
9 ~~overpopulation~~ fund for the implementation of this ~~section~~ SUBSECTION  
10 (7).

11 (c) (III) When expending ~~funds~~ MONEY to implement this ~~section~~  
12 SUBSECTION (7), the ~~Colorado pet overpopulation~~ authority shall give  
13 priority to the areas that have an insufficient number of pet animal  
14 veterinary resources to adequately meet local needs.

15 (c.5) (IV) At least seventy percent of the money annually awarded  
16 for all grants that are funded by the ~~pet overpopulation~~ fund must be  
17 annually allocated for rural community facilities. The board shall consider  
18 awarding at least fifty percent of the ~~funds~~ MONEY designated for rural  
19 community facilities to counties with a population of fifty thousand or  
20 less.

21 (d) (V) There is ~~hereby~~ created in the ~~pet overpopulation~~ fund the  
22 adopt a shelter pet account, which consists of ~~moneys~~ MONEY donated to  
23 qualify for the adopt a shelter pet special license plate pursuant to ~~section~~  
24 ~~42-3-234, C.R.S.~~ THIS SECTION.

25 (e) (f) (VI) (A) The authority shall use the money in the adopt a  
26 shelter pet account to support the spaying and neutering and other medical  
27 costs of animals in animal shelters and rescues, to support overpopulation

1 education programs, and to support the trap-neuter-return established in  
2 ~~subsection (9)(b)~~ SUBSECTION (7)(j)(II) of this section; except that up to  
3 ten percent of the money in the adopt a shelter pet account may be used  
4 for the administration of the account.

5 ~~(H)~~ (B) The authority ~~must~~ SHALL not favor a particular shelter  
6 model when allocating money from the adopt a shelter pet account.

7 (g) [Formerly 35-80-116.5 (6)] Except as provided in section  
8 ~~42-3-234, C.R.S.~~ THIS SUBSECTION (7), the ~~Colorado pet overpopulation~~  
9 authority ~~created pursuant to this section~~, shall not be funded by or  
10 through any state agency.

11 (h) [Formerly 35-80-116.5 (7)] Nothing in this section  
12 SUBSECTION (7) shall be construed to authorize the ~~Colorado pet~~  
13 ~~overpopulation~~ authority to ~~promulgate~~ ADOPT rules to implement this  
14 section SUBSECTION (7).

15 (i) [Formerly 35-80-116.5 (8)] A pet animal facility applying for  
16 a grant described in ~~subsection (9)(b)~~ SUBSECTION (7)(j)(II) of this section  
17 from the adopt a shelter pet account must be licensed and in good  
18 standing pursuant to section 35-80-104.

19 (j) [Formerly 35-80-116.5 (9)] ~~(a)~~ (I) As used in this section  
20 SUBSECTION (7), unless the context otherwise requires:

21 ~~(H)~~ (A) "Animal welfare facility" means a pet animal facility, as  
22 ~~defined in section 35-80-102 (11);~~ a pet animal rescue, ~~as defined in~~  
23 ~~section 35-80-102 (11.2);~~ or a spay and neuter organization. ~~as defined in~~  
24 ~~subsection (9)(a)(V) of this section.~~

25 (B) "ANIMAL SHELTER" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
26 35-80-102 (1).

27 (C) "AUTHORITY" MEANS THE COLORADO PET OVERPOPULATION

1 AUTHORITY CREATED IN SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

2 ~~(H)~~ (D) "Community cat" means a free-roaming domestic cat that  
3 may have a caretaker and is not socialized to humans.

4 ~~(H)~~ (E) "Ear-tipping" means the removal of approximately one  
5 quarter of a community cat's left ear while under anesthesia, which serves  
6 as a visual indicator of sterilization.

7 (F) "FUND" MEANS THE PET OVERPOPULATION FUND CREATED IN  
8 SUBSECTION (7)(f)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (G) "PET ANIMAL RESCUE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN  
10 SECTION 35-80-102 (11.2).

11 ~~(H)~~ (H) "Rural community facility" means an animal welfare  
12 facility that is located in a Colorado county with a population of two  
13 hundred thousand or less.

14 ~~(I)~~ (I) "Spay and neuter organization" means a nonprofit  
15 organization primarily offering spay and neuter services performed by a  
16 licensed veterinarian, as defined in section 35-80-102 (8.7).

17 ~~(J)~~ (J) "Trap-neuter-return" means a nonlethal process of  
18 humanely trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, ear-tipping, and  
19 returning ~~community cats~~ to their habitats COMMUNITY CATS.

20 ~~(b)~~ (II) The authority shall establish a trap-neuter-return funded  
21 by the adopt a shelter pet account. The authority may award money from  
22 the adopt a shelter pet account to animal welfare facilities located in  
23 Colorado to implement trap-neuter-return for the purposes described in  
24 ~~subsection (9)(c)~~ SUBSECTION (7)(j)(III) of this section.

25 ~~(c)~~ (III) An animal welfare facility awarded money for the  
26 trap-neuter-return is authorized to spend the money only on:

27 ~~(A)~~ (A) Trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating, and ear-tipping

1 community cats in Colorado;

2 ~~(H)~~ (B) Veterinary care for the treatment and sterilization of  
3 community cats in Colorado;

4 ~~(H)~~ (C) Training for community cat caretakers and animal control  
5 personnel in humane trapping and trap-neuter-return protocols in  
6 Colorado; and

7 ~~(V)~~ (D) For An animal welfare facility that is a spay and neuter  
8 organization, veterinary materials and support for mobile clinics in  
9 Colorado.

10 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-80-102, **amend**  
11 (6.6) and (6.7) as follows:

12 **35-80-102. Definitions - repeal.**

13 As used in this article 80, unless the context otherwise requires:

14 (6.6) (a) "Dog breeder, large scale operation" or "large scale  
15 operation dog breeder" means a dog breeder that transfers at least one  
16 hundred dogs per year.

17 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (6.6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,  
18 2028.

19 (6.7) (a) "Dog breeder, small scale operation" or "small scale  
20 operation dog breeder" means a dog breeder that transfers more than the  
21 number of dogs permitted for a canine hobby breeder facility but no more  
22 than ninety-nine dogs per year.

23 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (6.7) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,  
24 2028.

25 **SECTION 12.** **Repeal of relocated provisions in this act.** In  
26 Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 35-80-116.5.

27 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 39-22-2201

1 as follows:

2 **39-22-2201. Voluntary contribution designation - procedure.**

3 For income tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2010, the  
4 Colorado state individual income tax return form must contain a line  
5 whereby each individual taxpayer may designate the amount of the  
6 contribution, if any, the taxpayer wishes to make to the pet  
7 overpopulation fund created in ~~section 35-80-116.5(5)~~ SECTION 42-3-234  
8 (7)(f).

9 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 39-22-2202  
10 as follows:

11 **39-22-2202. Contributions credited to the fund -**  
12 **administration - transfer.**

13 The department of revenue shall determine annually the total  
14 amount designated pursuant to section 39-22-2201 and shall report the  
15 amount to the state treasurer, who shall credit such amount to the pet  
16 overpopulation fund created in ~~section 35-80-116.5(5)~~, C.R.S. SECTION  
17 42-3-234 (7)(f). The general assembly shall appropriate annually from the  
18 pet overpopulation fund to the department the department's costs of  
19 administering the ~~moneys~~ MONEY designated as contributions to the fund.  
20 After subtracting the appropriation to the department, all designated  
21 ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund ~~are hereby~~ IS continuously appropriated for  
22 the purposes of this part 22. At the end of each STATE fiscal year, the state  
23 treasurer shall transfer all designated ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund and all  
24 interest earned through the investment of fund ~~moneys~~ MONEY, after  
25 subtracting the appropriation to the department, as specified in ~~section~~  
26 ~~35-80-116.5(5)(b)~~, C.R.S. SECTION 42-3-234 (7)(f)(II).

27 **SECTION 15. Act subject to petition - effective date.**

1 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, this act takes  
2 effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day  
3 period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 12, 2026,  
4 if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a referendum  
5 petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state  
6 constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within  
7 such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless  
8 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November  
9 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official  
10 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

11 (2) Section 35-80-108.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended  
12 in section 9 of this act, takes effect only if House Bill 26-1011 becomes  
13 law, in which case section 35-80-108.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, as  
14 amended in section 9 of this act, takes effect on the applicable effective  
15 date of this act.