An Act

HOUSE BILL 23-1036

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also SENATOR(S) Cutter, Bridges, Danielson, Hinrichsen, Jaquez Lewis, Sullivan.

CONCERNING MEASURES DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF NONTOXIC BULLETS FOR HUNTING, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 33-1-127 as follows:

33-1-127. Nontoxic bullet pilot program - rules - repeal. (1) THE DIVISION SHALL COOPERATE AND COLLABORATE WITH ONE OR MORE WILLING NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO DESIGN AND PROMOTE A TWO-YEAR NONTOXIC BULLET PILOT PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS INDIVIDUALS WHO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM TO RECEIVE VOUCHERS THAT OFFSET THE COST OF PURCHASING HUNTING ROUNDS THAT HAVE NONLEAD

BULLETS, FOCUSING ON AREAS WHERE THE EXPOSURE OF WILDLIFE POPULATIONS TO SPENT LEAD BULLETS IS OF SPECIAL OR POTENTIAL CONCERN. THE DIVISION SHALL WORK WITH ONE OR MORE WILLING NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO DETERMINE THE SCOPE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(2) TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION, THE DIVISION MAY COOPERATE AND COLLABORATE WITH WILLING NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO:

(a) DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AND BROCHURES ABOUT THE PILOT PROGRAM STATEWIDE; AND

(b) IDENTIFY RANGE SPACE FOR PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND OFFER THOSE ACTIVITIES AT THE IDENTIFIED RANGE SPACE.

(3) THE DIVISION SHALL COOPERATE AND COLLABORATE WITH WILLING NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO COLLECT THE RESULTS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND REPORT THOSE RESULTS, INCLUDING DATA ON PARTICIPATION RATES, TO THE COMMISSION AND POST THIS INFORMATION TO A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE DIVISION WEBSITE.

(4) THE DIVISION SHALL DESIGNATE A QUALIFIED ENTITY, AS DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION, TO:

(a) EDUCATE HUNTERS ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF USING NONTOXIC BULLETS IN HUNTING; AND

(b) PUBLICIZE THE NONTOXIC BULLET PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING USING HUNTING BROCHURES AND THE DIVISION'S WEBSITE.

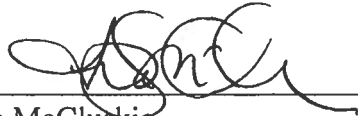(5) THE COMMISSION MAY PROMULGATE RULES REASONABLY NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

(6) TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, THE DIVISION SHALL NOT EXPEND ANY MONEY, OTHER THAN FOR STAFF TIME, PRINTING, AND THE CREATION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.
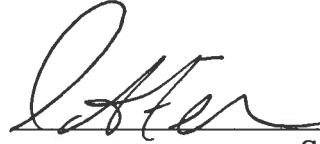
(7) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

SECTION 2. **Appropriation.** For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, $31,200 is appropriated to the department of natural resources for use by the division of parks and wildlife. This appropriation is from the wildlife cash fund created in section 33-1-112 (1)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for wildlife operations.

SECTION 3. **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; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) 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
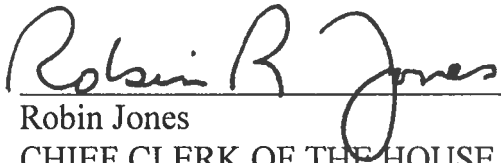
November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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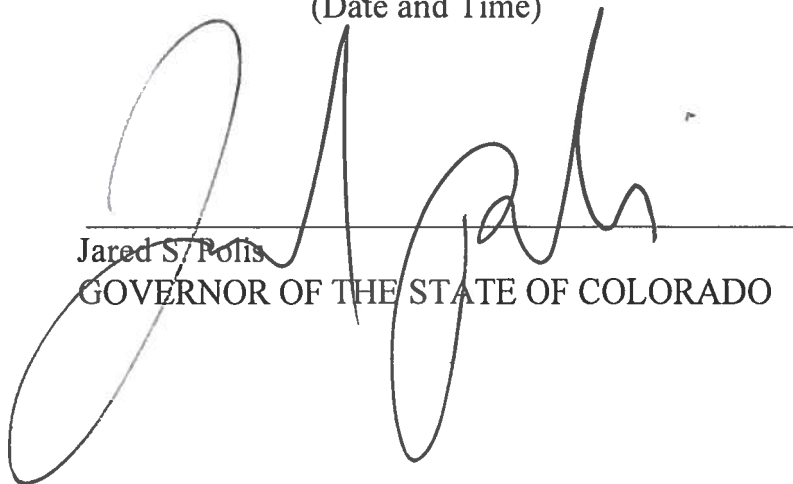OF REPRESENTATIVES

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APPROVED Friday, May 19th, 2023 at 10:30am
(Date and Time)

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