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**HOUSE BILL 17-1313**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING CIVIL FORFEITURE REFORM, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
102 **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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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>.)*

The bill requires the executive director of the department of local affairs (department), after considering the input from specified interested parties, to establish a form for law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and multijurisdictional task forces (seizing agencies) to use in submitting to the department biannual reports containing specified information on seizures through which the seizing agencies received proceeds from a

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forfeiture and the use of the proceeds. Based on the reports, the department is to post on its website a searchable database that includes the information contained in the biannual reports and a summary report of the information.

Seizing agencies are required to submit the biannual reports containing information known to the agency by specified dates; except that an agency need not include information if the disclosure of the information could endanger a person or disclose certain confidential information. The executive director of the department may issue civil penalties for failure to file or late filing of the reports.

The bill directs the executive director of the department to submit an annual report to the governor, the attorney general, and the judiciary committees of the general assembly on seizure and forfeiture activity in the state.

The bill prohibits seizing agencies from receiving forfeiture proceeds from the federal government unless the aggregate net equity value of the property and currency seized in the case is in excess of \$50,000 and the federal government commences a forfeiture proceeding that relates to a filed criminal case.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact,**  
3 **with amendments,** 16-13-701 as follows:

4           **16-13-701. Reports related to seizures and forfeitures -**   
5 **legislative declaration - definitions.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS  
6 THAT:

7           (a) UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL FORFEITURE LAWS AND SUBJECT  
8 TO THE DUE PROCESS PROVISIONS PROVIDED IN BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL  
9 LAW AS APPLICABLE, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE  
10 AUTHORIZED TO SEIZE MONEY AND OTHER PROPERTY AND TO USE  
11 FORFEITURE PROCEEDS AS PERMITTED AND EXPRESSLY LIMITED BY BOTH  
12 OPERATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL LAW AND APPLICABLE ASSET  
13 FORFEITURE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES;

14           (b) IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF STATE LEGISLATORS TO MONITOR

1 SEIZURES BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, FORFEITURE LITIGATION BY  
2 PROSECUTORS, AND THEIR EXPENDITURES OF FORFEITED PROCEEDS WHEN  
3 SUCH MONEY IS RECEIVED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR  
4 PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE; AND

5 (c) THIS SECTION PROVIDES LEGISLATORS AND THE PUBLIC WITH  
6 THE INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR BASIC OVERSIGHT OF LAW  
7 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND PROSECUTORS' OFFICES THAT SEIZE  
8 PROPERTY, OBTAIN THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH SEIZURES THROUGH THE ASSET  
9 FORFEITURE PROCESS, AND EXPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH FORFEITURES  
10 UNDER BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS.

11 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
12 REQUIRES:

13 (a) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS  
14 CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-125.

15 (b) "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
16 THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS.

17 (c) "SEIZING AGENCY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS DEFINED IN  
18 SECTION 16-13-301 (2.7).

19 (3) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO PROPERTY SEIZED UNDER THE  
20 FOLLOWING:

21 (a) PART 3 OF THIS ARTICLE 13, ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE;

22 (b) PART 5 OF THIS ARTICLE 13, "COLORADO CONTRABAND  
23 FORFEITURE ACT";

24 (c) PART 6 OF THIS ARTICLE 13, RECEIPT OF FEDERALLY FORFEITED  
25 PROPERTY; AND

26 (d) SECTIONS 18-17-105 AND 18-17-106 OF THE "COLORADO  
27 ORGANIZED CRIME CONTROL ACT";

1           (4) (a) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN,  
2           AND AMEND AS NECESSARY AND POST ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE A  
3           BIANNUAL REPORTING FORM FOR USE BY SEIZING AGENCIES TO REPORT THE  
4           INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION. EACH  
5           SEIZING AGENCY THAT RECEIVED ANY FORFEITURE PROCEEDS THROUGH  
6           EITHER A STATE OR FEDERAL FORFEITURE PROCESS WITHIN THE REPORTING  
7           PERIOD SHALL COMPLETE A FORM ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE FOR  
8           THAT REPORTING PERIOD. IN CREATING THE FORM, THE EXECUTIVE  
9           DIRECTOR SHALL CONSIDER THE INPUT FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- 10           (I) THE COLORADO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL;
- 11           (II) A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE;
- 12           (III) A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY SHERIFFS;
- 13           (IV) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; AND
- 14           (V) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

15           (b) IF A SEIZING AGENCY HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY FORFEITURE  
16           PROCEEDS DURING A REPORTING PERIOD, IT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT  
17           INDICATING THAT NO FORFEITURE PROCEEDS WERE RECEIVED.

18           (c) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2017, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
19           SHALL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE UNIFORM REPORT FORM DEVELOPED  
20           PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION FOR SEIZING AGENCIES  
21           TO FILE OR UPDATE INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

22           (5) BASED UPON THE INFORMATION RECEIVED ON THE FORMS  
23           SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
24           DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SEARCHABLE, PUBLIC  
25           ACCESS DATABASE THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING, IF KNOWN AT THE  
26           TIME OF REPORTING:

27           (a) INFORMATION FROM EACH CASE IN WHICH AN AGENCY

1 RECEIVED ANY FORFEITURE PROCEEDS SPECIFYING:

2 (I) THE NAME OF THE SEIZING AGENCY AND, IF SEIZED BY A  
3 MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE, THE NAME OF THE LEAD AGENCY;

4 (II) THE DATE OF THE SEIZURE;

5 (III) THE PLACE OF THE SEIZURE, WHETHER A HOME, BUSINESS, OR  
6 TRAFFIC STOP, AND, IF A TRAFFIC STOP ON AN INTERSTATE OR STATE  
7 HIGHWAY, THE DIRECTION OF THE TRAFFIC FLOW, WHETHER EASTBOUND,  
8 WESTBOUND, SOUTHBOUND, OR NORTHBOUND;

9 (IV) THE BASIS FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACT;

10 (V) THE TYPE OF PROPERTY SEIZED:

11 (A) IF CURRENCY, THE AMOUNT OF THE CURRENCY; AND  
12 (B) IF PROPERTY OTHER THAN CURRENCY, ANY MAKE, MODEL, OR  
13 SERIAL NUMBER RELATED TO THE PROPERTY AND THE ESTIMATED NET  
14 EQUITY OF THE PROPERTY;

15 (VI) WHETHER A STATE OR FEDERAL CRIMINAL CASE WAS FILED IN  
16 RELATION TO THE SEIZURE AND, IF SO, THE COURT IN WHICH THE CASE WAS  
17 FILED, THE CASE NUMBER AND CHARGES FILED, AND ANY DISPOSITION OF  
18 THE CRIMINAL CASE;

19 (VII) IF FORFEITURE IS SOUGHT UNDER FEDERAL LAW, THE REASON  
20 FOR THE FEDERAL TRANSFER, WHETHER ADOPTION, JOINT TASK FORCE, OR  
21 OTHER; AND

22 (VIII) INFORMATION RELATING TO ANY FORFEITURE PROCEEDING  
23 INCLUDING:

24 (A) THE COURT IN WHICH THE FORFEITURE CASE WAS FILED;  
25 (B) THE FORFEITURE CASE NUMBER;  
26 (C) IF ANY OWNER OR INTEREST OWNER FILED A COUNTERCLAIM;  
27 (D) IF ANY OWNER WAS DETERMINED BY THE COURT TO BE AN

- 1 INNOCENT OWNER;
- 2 (E) THE DATE OF THE FORFEITURE ORDER;
- 3 (F) IF ANY ASSET WAS RETURNED IN WHOLE TO AN OWNER OR  
4 INTEREST HOLDER, A DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSET AND THE DATE OF THE  
5 RETURN;
- 6 (G) IF ANY PROPERTY WAS SOLD, THE PROCEEDS RECEIVED FROM  
7 THE SALE;
- 8 (H) IF ANY PROPERTY WAS RETAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL  
9 AGENCY, THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS USED;
- 10 (I) THE DATE OF ANY DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY;
- 11 (J) IF THE PROPERTY WAS DESTROYED BY A STATE OR LOCAL  
12 AGENCY, THE DATE OF DESTRUCTION;
- 13 (K) IF AN ORDER FOR DESTRUCTION WAS ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL  
14 GOVERNMENT; AND
- 15 (L) THE AMOUNT OF ANY PROCEEDS RECEIVED BY THE REPORTING  
16 AGENCY; AND
- 17 (b) INFORMATION FROM EACH SEIZING AGENCY ON THE USE OF  
18 FORFEITURE PROCEEDS REPORTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION INCLUDING:
- 19 (I) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY EXPENDED IN EACH OF THE  
20 FOLLOWING CATEGORIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:
- 21 (A) DRUG ABUSE, CRIME, AND GANG PREVENTION PROGRAMS;
- 22 (B) VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS;
- 23 (C) INFORMANT FEES AND CONTROLLED BUYS ON CLOSED CASES;
- 24 (D) SALARIES, OVERTIME, AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, AS  
25 PERMITTED BY LAW;
- 26 (E) PROFESSIONAL OUTSIDE SERVICES, INCLUDING AUDITING,  
27 COURT REPORTING, EXPERT WITNESS AND OUTSIDE COUNSEL FEES, AND

1 MEMBERSHIP FEES PAID TO TRADE ASSOCIATIONS;

2 (F) TRAVEL, MEALS, ENTERTAINMENT, TRAINING CONFERENCES,  
3 AND CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINARS;

4 (G) OPERATING EXPENSES, INCLUDING OFFICE SUPPLIES, POSTAGE,  
5 AND ADVERTISING;

6 (H) CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, INCLUDING VEHICLES, FIREARMS,  
7 EQUIPMENT, COMPUTERS, AND FURNITURE; AND

8 (I) OTHER EXPENDITURES OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDS; AND

9 (II) THE TOTAL VALUE OF SEIZED AND FORFEITED PROPERTY HELD  
10 BY THE SEIZING AGENCY AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

11 (6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO POST ON THE WEBSITE A  
12 SUMMARY OF INFORMATION RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF  
13 THIS SECTION THAT, TO THE EXTENT AVAILABLE FOR THE REPORTING  
14 PERIOD, DESCRIBES:

15 (a) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FORFEITURE ACTIONS INITIATED OR  
16 ADMINISTERED BY EACH SEIZING AGENCY;

17 (b) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE  
18 FORFEITURE ACTIONS INITIATED BY A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE  
19 INCLUDING A FEDERAL AGENCY OR REFERRED BY A SEIZING AGENCY AND  
20 ACCEPTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR FORFEITURE UNDER  
21 FEDERAL LAW;

22 (c) THE TYPE OF ASSETS SEIZED AND THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE NET  
23 PROCEEDS RECEIVED IN ALL REPORTED FORFEITURES; AND

24 (d) THE RECIPIENTS OF ANY FORFEITURE PROCEEDS INCLUDING THE  
25 AMOUNT RECEIVED BY EACH AND THE DATE OF RECEIPT.

26 (7) (a) EACH SEIZING AGENCY, INCLUDING ANY DISTRICT  
27 ATTORNEY OR OTHER PROSECUTOR, THAT RECEIVES OR EXPENDS

1 FORFEITURE-RELATED MONEY OR PROPERTY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT WITH  
2 ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS  
3 SECTION THAT IS KNOWN TO THE AGENCY AT THE TIME OF THE REPORT ON  
4 THE FORM DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION.  
5 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2017, FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD BETWEEN JULY  
6 1 AND DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE SEIZING AGENCY SHALL FILE THE  
7 REPORT BY JUNE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR YEAR. FOR THE  
8 REPORTING PERIOD BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND JUNE 30, THE SEIZING  
9 AGENCY SHALL FILE THE REPORT BY DECEMBER 1 OF THAT CALENDAR  
10 YEAR. IF A SEIZING AGENCY HAS PREVIOUSLY FILED A REPORT, BUT FOR  
11 THE REPORTING PERIOD IT HAS NOT RECEIVED OR EXPENDED ANY  
12 FORFEITURE PROCEEDS, IT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT INDICATING THAT  
13 FACT.

14 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, IF THE  
15 REPORTING OF ANY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS  
16 SECTION IS LIKELY TO DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF A CONFIDENTIAL  
17 SOURCE; DISCLOSE CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATIVE OR PROSECUTION  
18 MATERIAL THAT COULD ENDANGER THE LIFE OR PHYSICAL SAFETY OF ANY  
19 PERSON; DISCLOSE THE EXISTENCE OF A CONFIDENTIAL SURVEILLANCE OR  
20 INVESTIGATION; OR DISCLOSE TECHNIQUES OR PROCEDURES FOR LAW  
21 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, INVESTIGATION, OR PROSECUTIONS, THE  
22 SEIZING AGENCY IS NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE SUCH INFORMATION IN THE  
23 REPORT DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION.  
24 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE FORM DEVELOPED  
25 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A BOX FOR A SEIZING  
26 AGENCY TO CHECK IF IT IS NOT DISCLOSING INFORMATION PURSUANT TO  
27 THIS SUBSECTION (7)(b).



1 (c) IF A SEIZING AGENCY FAILS TO FILE A REPORT REQUIRED BY  
2 SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE  
3 THE REPORT IS DUE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL SEND NOTICE OF THE  
4 FAILURE TO THE SEIZING AGENCY. IF THE REPORT:

5 (I) IS FILED WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE OF  
6 FAILURE IS SENT, THE SEIZING AGENCY SHALL PAY A CIVIL FINE OF FIVE  
7 HUNDRED DOLLARS; OR

8 (II) IS NOT FILED WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE OF  
9 FAILURE IS SENT, THE SEIZING AGENCY SHALL PAY A CIVIL FINE OF THE  
10 GREATER OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO FIFTY  
11 PERCENT OF THE FORFEITURE PROCEEDS RECEIVED BY THE SEIZING  
12 AGENCY DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

13 (d) IF THE DEPARTMENT PURSUES LEGAL ACTION TO ENFORCE THE  
14 CIVIL FINES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7)(c) OF THIS  
15 SECTION AND THE DEPARTMENT PREVAILS IN THE ACTION, THE  
16 DEPARTMENT IS ENTITLED TO ITS REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS  
17 RELATED TO THE ACTION.

18 (8) (a) NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND EACH  
19 DECEMBER 31 THEREAFTER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL SUBMIT A  
20 REPORT SUMMARIZING SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE ACTIVITY IN THE STATE  
21 FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR TO THE GOVERNOR; THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;  
22 AND THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
23 REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. THE REPORT MUST  
24 ALSO BE POSTED ON THE DIVISION'S WEBSITE. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

25 (I) THE TYPE, APPROXIMATE VALUE, AND DISPOSITION OF ALL  
26 PROPERTY SEIZED;

27 (II) THE AMOUNT OF ANY FORFEITURE PROCEEDS RECEIVED BY THE

1 STATE AND ANY SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; AND

2 (III) A CATEGORIZED ACCOUNTING OF ALL FORFEITURE PROCEEDS  
3 EXPENDED BY THE STATE AND ANY SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

4 (b) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE REPORT  
5 PREPARED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS SECTION  
6 RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE STATUTES, RULES, OR POLICIES TO  
7 BETTER ENSURE THAT SEIZURES, FORFEITURES, AND EXPENDITURES ARE  
8 DONE AND REPORTED IN A MANNER THAT IS FAIR TO CRIME VICTIMS,  
9 INNOCENT PROPERTY OWNERS, SECURED INTEREST HOLDERS, CITIZENS,  
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, AND TAXPAYERS.

11 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REPORT  
12 REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (8) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

13 (9) (a) THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SHALL PREPARE AN  
14 ANNUAL ACCOUNTING REPORT OF MONEY RECEIVED BY THE MANAGED  
15 SERVICE ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-13-311 (3)(a)(VII)(B),  
16 INCLUDING REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, BEGINNING AND ENDING  
17 BALANCES, AND SERVICES PROVIDED. THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
18 SHALL PROVIDE THIS REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
19 COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN  
20 SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY  
21 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

22 (b) PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REPORT  
23 REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (9) EXPIRES ON FEBRUARY 1, 2021.


24 (10) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT POLICIES AND  
25 PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

26 (11) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION IN ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE  
27 24, INFORMATION, EXCEPT FOR INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION

1 (7)(b) OF THIS SECTION, AND REPORTS PREPARED PURSUANT TO THIS  
2 SECTION ARE PUBLIC RECORDS AND SUBJECT TO INSPECTION PURSUANT TO  
3 PART 2 OR 3 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 16-13-306.5 as  
5 follows:

6 **16-13-306.5. Limitations on receipt of forfeiture payments**  
7 **from federal agencies.** (1) A SEIZING AGENCY OR PARTICIPANT IN ANY  
8 JOINT TASK FORCE OR OTHER MULTIJURISDICTIONAL COLLABORATION  
9 SHALL ACCEPT PAYMENT OR DISTRIBUTION FROM A FEDERAL AGENCY OF  
10 ALL OR A PORTION OF ANY FORFEITURE PROCEEDS RESULTING FROM  
11 ADOPTION OR A JOINT TASK FORCE OR OTHER MULTIJURISDICTIONAL  
12 COLLABORATION ONLY IF THE AGGREGATE NET EQUITY VALUE OF THE  
13 PROPERTY AND CURRENCY SEIZED IN A CASE IS IN EXCESS OF FIFTY  
14 THOUSAND DOLLARS AND A FORFEITURE PROCEEDING IS COMMENCED BY  
15 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND RELATES TO A FILED CRIMINAL CASE.

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17 (2) SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO  
18 RESTRICT SEIZING AGENCIES FROM COLLABORATING WITH A FEDERAL  
19 AGENCY TO SEIZE PROPERTY THAT THE SEIZING AGENCY HAS PROBABLE  
20 CAUSE TO BELIEVE IS THE PROCEEDS OR INSTRUMENTS OF A CRIME  
21 THROUGH AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL JOINT TASK FORCE.

22 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 16-13-504.5 as  
23 follows:

24 **16-13-504.5. Limitations on receipt of forfeiture payments**  
25 **from federal agencies.** (1) A SEIZING AGENCY OR PARTICIPANT IN ANY  
26 JOINT TASK FORCE OR OTHER MULTIJURISDICTIONAL COLLABORATION  
27 SHALL ACCEPT PAYMENT OR DISTRIBUTION FROM A FEDERAL AGENCY OF

1 ALL OR A PORTION OF ANY FORFEITURE PROCEEDS RESULTING FROM  
2 ADOPTION OR A JOINT TASK FORCE OR OTHER MULTIJURISDICTIONAL  
3 COLLABORATION ONLY IF THE AGGREGATE NET EQUITY VALUE OF THE  
4 PROPERTY AND CURRENCY SEIZED IN A CASE IS IN EXCESS OF FIFTY  
5 THOUSAND DOLLARS AND A FORFEITURE PROCEEDING IS COMMENCED BY  
6 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND RELATES TO A FILED CRIMINAL CASE.

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8 (2) SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO  
9 RESTRICT SEIZING AGENCIES FROM COLLABORATING WITH A FEDERAL  
10 AGENCY TO SEIZE PROPERTY THAT THE SEIZING AGENCY HAS PROBABLE  
11 CAUSE TO BELIEVE IS THE PROCEEDS OR INSTRUMENTS OF A CRIME  
12 THROUGH AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL JOINT TASK FORCE.

13 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-13-702, **amend**  
14 (1) as follows:

15 **16-13-702. Disposition of forfeited property.** (1) No forfeited  
16 property shall be used nor shall any forfeited proceeds be expended by  
17 any seizing agency to whom section 16-13-701 (~~+~~) applies unless such  
18 use or expenditure has been approved by a committee on disposition of  
19 forfeited property which is created in subsection (2) of this section.

20 **SECTION 5. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2017-18 state fiscal  
21 year, \$84,451 is appropriated to the department of local affairs. This  
22 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the  
23 department may use this appropriation as follows:

24 (a) \$24,814 for use by the division of local government for  
25 personal services related to local government and community services,  
26 which amount is based on an assumption that the division will require an  
27 additional 0.5 FTE;

1 (b) \$10,398 for use by the division of local government for  
2 operating expenses related to local government and community services;  
3 and

4 (c) \$4,753 for the purchase of legal services; and

5 (d) \$44,486 for the purchase of information technology services.

6 (2) For the 2017-18 state fiscal year, \$4,753 is appropriated to the  
7 department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds  
8 received from the department of local affairs under subsection (1)(c) of  
9 this section. To implement this act, the department of law may use this  
10 appropriation to provide legal services for the department of public  
11 safety.

12 (3) For the 2017-18 state fiscal year, \$44,486 is appropriated to  
13 the office of the governor for use by the office of information technology.  
14 This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the  
15 department of local affairs under subsection (1)(d) of this section. To  
16 implement this act, the office may use this appropriation to provide  
17 information technology services for the department of local affairs.

18 **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
19 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
20 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
21 general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10,  
22 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
23 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
24 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
25 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
26 to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
27 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

1           (2) This act applies to seizures conducted on or after the  
2 applicable effective date of this act.