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HOUSE BILL 20-1310

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Transportation & Local Government
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING SPECIFICATION OF TIMES AT WHICH THE DEPARTMENT
102 OF TRANSPORTATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PREPARED TO
103 CONDUCT AND ACTUALLY CONDUCT SNOW REMOVAL
104 OPERATIONS ON STATE HIGHWAYS.

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>.)

Current law does not specify times at which the Colorado department of transportation (CDOT) must be prepared to conduct and actually conduct snow removal operations on state highways. CDOT's

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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current practice, with some exceptions, is to conduct snow removal operations on state highways that have average daily traffic of less than 1,000 vehicles per day only between the hours of 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. The bill requires CDOT to:

- ! Be prepared to conduct snow removal operations between the hours of 4 a.m. and 10 p.m. on every state highway where a winter storm watch issued by the national weather service is in effect; and
- ! Conduct snow removal operations between the hours of 4 a.m. and 10 p.m. on every state highway located where a winter storm warning issued by the national weather service is in effect.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 43-2-102.5 as
3 follows:

4 **43-2-102.5. Snow removal on state highways - mandatory**
5 **hours.** (1) IN ORDER TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY ON STATE HIGHWAYS
6 DURING WINTER WEATHER EVENTS, THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF
7 TRANSPORTATION SHALL:

8 (a) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS
9 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4 A.M. AND 10 P.M. ON EVERY STATE HIGHWAY
10 WHERE A WINTER STORM WATCH ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER
11 SERVICE IS IN EFFECT; AND

12 (b) CONDUCT SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS BETWEEN THE HOURS
13 OF 4 A.M. AND 10 P.M. ON EVERY STATE HIGHWAY LOCATED WHERE A
14 WINTER STORM WARNING ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IS
15 IN EFFECT.

16 (2) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FROM CONDUCTING SNOW REMOVAL
18 OPERATIONS ON A STATE HIGHWAY AT ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT.

19 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
3 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a
4 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
5 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
6 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
7 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
8 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
9 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.