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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CASH FUND SOLVENCY, AND, IN CONNECTION
102 THEREWITH, CREATING THE CASH FUND SOLVENCY FUND TO
103 ALLOW THE STATE CONTROLLER TO TRANSFER MONEY TO
104 CERTAIN CASH FUNDS WITH ANTICIPATED CASH DEFICITS,
105 WHICH AMOUNTS WILL BE LATER REPAID, AND TRANSFERRING
106 MONEY TO THE MARIJUANA CASH FUND.

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/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. Section 1 of the bill creates the cash

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fund solvency fund. The purpose of the fund is to allow the state controller to transfer money from the fund to another cash fund for which it is anticipated that there will be a cash deficit. Thereafter, the state controller is required to transfer the same amount of money from the cash fund back to the cash fund solvency fund in one or more installments, which may be over multiple fiscal years. The state controller is required to annually report to the joint budget committee and the office of state planning and budgeting about any transfers made.

Section 2 requires the state treasurer to transfer \$1,805,317 from the marijuana tax cash fund to the marijuana cash fund and \$1,200,000 from the general fund to the marijuana cash fund. The first transfer repays the marijuana cash fund for a prior transfer and the second transfer partially repays the marijuana cash fund.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-30-210 as
3 follows:

4 **24-30-210. Cash fund solvency fund - creation - loans - report**
5 **- legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND
6 DECLARES THAT:

7 (a) WHEN FEE-FUNDED PROGRAMS USE MULTI-YEAR LICENSING
8 AND SERVICE PERIODS, STATE AGENCIES MAY HAVE REVENUE SHORTFALLS
9 DURING OFF-CYCLE YEARS IN WHICH REVENUE COLLECTIONS ARE
10 DRAMATICALLY LOWER THAN THEY ARE IN ON-CYCLE YEARS;

11 (b) THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS REDUCED FEE REVENUE OR
12 DISRUPTED THE FEE CYCLE FOR MANY STATE PROGRAMS, WHICH
13 EXACERBATES THE NEED FOR A MULTI-YEAR, CASH-MANAGEMENT
14 SOLUTION TO SMOOTH OUT REVENUE FLUCTUATIONS;

15 (c) FEE-FUNDED STATE PROGRAMS SHOULD BE ABLE TO WEATHER
16 THE CURRENT AND FUTURE ECONOMIC DOWNTURNS WITHOUT RESORTING
17 TO LARGE, SHORT-TERM FEE INCREASES ON BUSINESSES AND COLORADANS
18 AS THEY ARE RECOVERING FROM THE DOWNTURN; AND

1 (d) PROVIDING FEE-FUNDED PROGRAMS ADEQUATE, MULTI-YEAR
2 FLEXIBILITY TO MANAGE CASH FLOWS WHILE ALSO MAINTAINING THE
3 EXISTING SAFEGUARDS AGAINST OVERCHARGING FEE PAYERS FOR
4 SERVICES IS AN IMPORTANT STATE FUNCTION.

5 (2) THE CASH FUND SOLVENCY FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS
6 SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY.
7 THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY CREDITED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO
8 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE
9 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND. THE
10 STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED
11 FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE CASH FUND
12 SOLVENCY FUND TO THE FUND.

13 (3) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE
14 CONTRARY, UPON THE REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND
15 BUDGETING, THE STATE CONTROLLER MAY TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE
16 FUND TO ANOTHER CASH FUND IF THE STATE CONTROLLER DETERMINES
17 THAT:

18 (I) THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF REVENUE IN THE CASH FUND IS FROM
19 FEE REVENUE;

20 (II) THE FEE REVENUE IS COLLECTED ON A MULTI-YEAR LICENSING
21 AND SERVICE PERIOD OR THERE HAS BEEN AN UNEXPECTED, SIGNIFICANT
22 DECREASE IN FEE REVENUE COLLECTED; AND

23 (III) THE CASH FUND WILL HAVE A DEFICIT BASED ON CURRENT
24 EXPENDITURES IN THE ABSENCE OF A SIGNIFICANT FEE INCREASE, UNLESS
25 A LOAN IS MADE TO THE CASH FUND.

26 (b) AFTER A TRANSFER TO A CASH FUND UNDER SUBSECTION (3)(a)
27 OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE CONTROLLER SHALL TRANSFER THE SAME

1 AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM THE CASH FUND BACK TO THE CASH FUND
2 SOLVENCY FUND IN ONE OR MORE INSTALLMENTS. THE STATE
3 CONTROLLER SHALL ESTABLISH THE TERMS OF THE REPAYMENT
4 TRANSFERS, WHICH MAY BE OVER MULTIPLE FISCAL YEARS.

5 (4) ON JULY 1, 2021, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
6 THREE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL
7 FUND TO THE FUND.

8 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11), ON OR BEFORE
9 NOVEMBER 1, 2021, AND EACH NOVEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE STATE
10 CONTROLLER SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
11 AND THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING ABOUT ANY
12 TRANSFERS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE TERMS OF
13 THE REPAYMENT TRANSFERS, AND THE AMOUNT THAT HAS BEEN REPAID.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-801, **amend**
15 (1)(d) as follows:

16 **44-10-801. Marijuana cash fund - repeal.** (1) (d) (I) ~~On July 1,~~
17 ~~2014, the state treasurer shall transfer to the marijuana tax cash fund~~
18 ~~created in section 39-28.8-501 any money in the fund that is attributable~~
19 ~~to the retail marijuana excise tax transferred pursuant to section~~
20 ~~39-28.8-305 (1)(b), the retail marijuana sales tax transferred pursuant to~~
21 ~~section 39-28.8-203 (1)(b), or the sales tax imposed pursuant to section~~
22 ~~39-26-106, on the retail sale of marijuana products pursuant to this article~~
23 ~~10.~~

24 (II) ~~On the date on which the state controller publishes the~~
25 ~~comprehensive annual financial report of the state for the 2013-14 state~~
26 ~~fiscal year, the state treasurer shall transfer to the marijuana tax cash fund~~
27 ~~created in section 39-28.8-501 any remaining money in the fund that is~~

1 ~~attributable to the retail marijuana excise tax transferred pursuant to~~
2 ~~section 39-28.8-305 (1)(b), the retail marijuana sales tax transferred~~
3 ~~pursuant to section 39-28.8-203 (1)(b), or the sales tax imposed pursuant~~
4 ~~to section 39-26-106, on the retail sale of marijuana products under this~~
5 ~~article 10.~~

6 (III) (A) On July 1, 2019, the state treasurer shall transfer nine
7 hundred fourteen thousand four hundred sixteen dollars from the
8 marijuana cash fund to the marijuana tax cash fund created in section
9 39-28.8-501. On July 1, 2020, the state treasurer shall transfer eight
10 hundred ninety thousand nine hundred one dollars from the marijuana
11 cash fund to the marijuana tax cash fund.

12 (B) ON JULY 1, 2021, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ONE
13 MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN
14 DOLLARS FROM THE MARIJUANA TAX CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION
15 39-28.8-501 TO THE MARIJUANA CASH FUND.

16 (C) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(d)(III) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
17 2022.

18 (IV) (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on June 30,
19 2020, the state treasurer shall transfer one million six hundred thousand
20 dollars from the marijuana cash fund to the general fund.

21 (B) ON JULY 1, 2021, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ONE
22 MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO
23 THE MARIJUANA CASH FUND.

24 (C) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(d)(IV) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
25 2022.

26 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.