

## CHAPTER 197

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES**


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## SENATE BILL 21-115

BY SENATOR(S) Zenzinger and Lundeen, Bridges, Coleman, Donovan, Gardner, Ginal, Gonzales, Hansen, Liston, Priola, Rankin, Buckner, Danielson, Story, Winter;  
 also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Titone and Larson, McCluskie, Ransom, Bacon, Bernett, Cutter, Esgar, Froelich, Herod, Hooton, Jackson, Kennedy, Kipp, Lontine, McLachlan, Michaelson Jenet, Mullica, Ortiz, Pico, Ricks, Valdez A., Valdez D., Young.

## AN ACT

**CONCERNING THE USE OF MONEY IN THE COLORADO TELEPHONE USERS WITH DISABILITIES FUND TO SUPPORT TALKING BOOK LIBRARY SERVICES FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, 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, 40-17-104, **amend** (1)(b) as follows:

**40-17-104. Colorado telephone users with disabilities fund - creation - purpose.** (1) (b) The general assembly SHALL MAKE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OUT OF THE FUND:

~~(I) Shall make annual appropriations out of the fund:~~ FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND;

~~(A) For the administration of the fund; and~~

~~(B)~~ (II) To the reading services for the blind cash fund, created in section 24-90-105.5 (5), for use by the state librarian in support of privately operated reading services for people who are blind; and

~~(H)~~ (III) ~~May make annual appropriations out of the fund~~ To provide support for library services as authorized by section 24-90-105 (1)(e).

**SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$250,000 is appropriated to the department of regulatory agencies for use by the public utilities commission. This appropriation is from the Colorado telephone users with

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disabilities fund created in section 40-17-104 (1)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the commission may use this appropriation for the Colorado talking book library.

(2) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$250,000 is appropriated to the department of education. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the department of regulatory agencies under subsection (1) of this section. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the Colorado talking book library.

**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 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 28, 2021