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**SENATE BILL 24-177**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF HISTORY COLORADO TO DISPOSE OF**  
102      **ITS NORTH STORAGE FACILITY.**

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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/>.)*

**Capital Development Committee.** The bill grants the state historical society, also known as history Colorado, the authority to sell the real property that is referred to as its north storage property. The bill specifies that history Colorado is required to credit the proceeds of the sale to the state museum cash fund to be used for moving, retrofitting, and lease-related costs for a new storage facility that history Colorado will

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lease in the future or for controlled maintenance.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) In 2011, the state historical society, also known as history  
5 Colorado, acquired property that is referred to as the north storage facility  
6 (facility), which is the current collections storage facility and the state  
7 historical fund document repository. Initially, history Colorado intended  
8 to use the facility for temporary storage of large items in the collection  
9 while the history Colorado center was built, but it became clear that the  
10 storage space was still needed to house the collection and the facility was  
11 switched to permanent storage.

12 (b) The collection has continued to grow and there are currently  
13 85,000 square feet of artifacts, which is more square footage than the  
14 facility adequately provides, making it too small to meet the storage and  
15 care needs of history Colorado. Additionally, issues with the different  
16 building systems, including electrical, mechanical, and fire suppression,  
17 make it difficult to maintain an optimal care environment for the  
18 collection.

19 (c) History Colorado has determined that, due to these challenges,  
20 the facility is no longer a suitable facility for the consolidated collections,  
21 care, and storage necessary to house significant artifacts that history  
22 Colorado is statutorily responsible for collecting and preserving on the  
23 state's behalf. The disposition of the property will be in the best interest  
24 of the organization and allow history Colorado to lease a more suitable  
25 facility for ongoing storage and care of the collection and to provide

1 current and future controlled maintenance needs of all of history  
2 Colorado's community and historic sites.

3 **SECTION 2. History Colorado authority to dispose of real**  
4 **property.** (1) The state, acting by and through the state historical society,  
5 also known as history Colorado, is authorized to dispose of real property  
6 located at 1100 W. 47th Ave., Denver, Colorado 80211, lots 13 to 36  
7 inclusive & vacated alley interjacent thereto block 13 Richards  
8 subdivision & NLY 8 1/2 feet of vacated Alice Place adjacent to 25  
9 through 36 in SD block, City and County of Denver, state of Colorado.

10 (2) The capital development committee and the state controller  
11 must approve all agreements relating to the disposition of the real  
12 property described in subsection (1) of this section prior to closing.

13 (3) History Colorado shall credit the proceeds of the disposition  
14 of the real property described in subsection (1) of this section to the state  
15 museum cash fund created in section 24-80-214, Colorado Revised  
16 Statutes, to be used for moving, retrofitting, and lease-related costs for a  
17 new storage facility that history Colorado will lease in the future or for  
18 controlled maintenance.

19 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
22 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
23 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
24 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
25 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
26 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.