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HOUSE BILL 25-1106

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REMOVING LIMITATIONS ON RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP
102 PRECIPITATION COLLECTION.

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 authorizes the collection of rooftop precipitation from a single-family residence or a multifamily residence with 4 or fewer units (small residence). The bill removes the 100-gallon limitation on the amount of rooftop precipitation that may be collected from a small residence and removes all limitations on how the collected precipitation may be used. The bill allows for collection of any amount of precipitation

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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for any use on the property of a small residence.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 37-96.5-103
3 as follows:

4 **37-96.5-103. Residential rooftop precipitation collection**
5 **permitted.** (1) Precipitation from a rooftop may be collected if:

6 ~~(a) No more than two rain barrels with a combined storage~~
7 ~~capacity of one hundred ten gallons or less are utilized;~~

8 ~~(b) (a) Precipitation~~ THE PRECIPITATION is collected IN RAIN
9 BARRELS from the rooftop of a building that is used primarily as a
10 single-family residence or a multifamily residence with four or fewer
11 units; AND

12 ~~(c) The collected precipitation is used for outdoor purposes~~
13 ~~including irrigation of lawns and gardens; and~~

14 ~~(d) (b)~~ (b) The collected precipitation is used on the residential
15 property on which the precipitation is collected.

16 ~~(2) A person shall not use precipitation collected under this article~~
17 ~~for drinking water or indoor household purposes.~~

18 ~~(3) (2)~~ (2) The state engineer may curtail rain barrel usage pursuant
19 to section 37-92-502 (2)(a).

20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-210, **amend**
21 (1) introductory portion and (1)(a) as follows:

22 **25-1.5-210. Best practices for residential rooftop precipitation**
23 **collection.** (1) With respect to the use of a rain barrel, as defined in
24 section 37-96.5-102 (1), ~~C.R.S.~~, to collect precipitation from a residential
25 rooftop pursuant to section 37-96.5-103, ~~C.R.S.~~, the department, to the

1 extent practicable within existing resources, shall develop best practices
2 for:

3 (a) POTABLE AND nonpotable usage of the collected precipitation;
4 and

5 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
6 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
7 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
8 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
9 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
10 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
11 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
12 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.