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HOUSE BILL 25-1113

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING LIMITING THE USE OF CERTAIN LANDSCAPING PRACTICES**
102 **IN NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.**

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>.)

In the 2024 regular legislative session, the general assembly enacted Senate Bill 24-005, which:

- Prohibits a local entity, on and after January 1, 2026, from installing, planting, or placing, or allowing any person to install, plant, or place, any nonfunctional turf, artificial turf, or invasive plant species, as part of a new development

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project or redevelopment project, on any portion of applicable property within the local entity's jurisdiction; and

- Requires a local entity, on or before January 1, 2026, to enact or amend ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or other laws regulating new development projects and redevelopment projects on applicable property in accordance with the new requirements.

For the purposes of Senate Bill 24-005, the bill expands the definition of "applicable property" to include residential real property that is used for apartment or condominium housing (applicable residential real property).

The bill also requires each local entity to enact or amend, on or before January 1, 2028, ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or other laws regulating new development projects and redevelopment projects within the local entity's jurisdiction to limit the installation of turf for all residential real property that is not applicable residential real property. Local entities must also impose limits on the installation of turf when enacting or amending ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or other laws on and after January 1, 2028.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-99-102, **amend**
3 (1)(a)(II) and (1)(a)(III); **repeal** (1)(b); and **add** (1)(a)(IV), (1.5), and
4 (14.5) as follows:

5 **37-99-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 99, unless the
6 context otherwise requires:

7 (1) (a) "Applicable property" means:

8 (II) Common interest community property; **or**

9 (III) A street right-of-way, parking lot, median, or transportation
10 corridor; **OR**

11 (IV) APPLICABLE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY.

12 (b) ~~"Applicable property" does not include residential property.~~

13 (1.5) "APPLICABLE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY" MEANS
14 RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY THAT IS USED FOR APARTMENT OR

1 CONDOMINIUM HOUSING.

2 (14.5) "RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY" HAS THE MEANING SET
3 FORTH IN SECTION 39-1-102 (14.5).

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-99-103, **add** (5)
5 as follows:

6 **37-99-103. Prohibition of nonfunctional turf, artificial turf,**
7 **and invasive plant species - local entities - construction or renovation**
8 **of state facilities.** (5) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2028, A LOCAL ENTITY
9 SHALL ENACT OR AMEND ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, REGULATIONS, OR
10 OTHER LAWS REGULATING NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND
11 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON APPLICABLE PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE
12 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION TO INCLUDE CONSIDERATION
13 OF APPLICABLE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY.

14 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 37-99-104 as
15 follows:

16 **37-99-104. Limitations on turf in new residential real property**
17 **- local entities.** (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2028, EACH LOCAL ENTITY
18 SHALL ENACT OR AMEND ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, REGULATIONS, OR
19 OTHER LAWS REGULATING NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND
20 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITHIN THE LOCAL ENTITY'S JURISDICTION TO
21 LIMIT THE INSTALLATION OF TURF FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY
22 THAT IS NOT APPLICABLE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY.

23 (2) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2028, WHEN ENACTING OR
24 AMENDING ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, REGULATIONS, OR OTHER LAWS
25 REGULATING NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND REDEVELOPMENT
26 PROJECTS, A LOCAL ENTITY SHALL LIMIT THE INSTALLATION OF TURF FOR
27 ALL RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY THAT IS NOT APPLICABLE RESIDENTIAL

1 REAL PROPERTY.

2 (3) EACH LOCAL ENTITY MAY CHOOSE THE STANDARD OR
3 MECHANISM BY WHICH THE LOCAL ENTITY LIMITS TURF IN NEW
4 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OF RESIDENTIAL
5 REAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

6 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
7 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
8 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
9 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
10 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
11 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
12 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
13 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
14 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.