

CHAPTER 182

**HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

HOUSE BILL 96-1372

BY REPRESENTATIVES Owen, Grampas, Romero, and Salaz;  
also SENATORS Lacy, Blickensderfer, and Rizzuto.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE CREDITING OF MONEYS AWARDED TO REIMBURSE STATE GENERAL FUND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LITIGATING CASES UNDER THE FEDERAL "COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT" TO THE NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE RECOVERY FUND.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 25-16-104.6 (2.7), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1989 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

**25-16-104.6. Fund established - administration - revenue sources - use.** (2.7) UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY JUDICIAL ORDER AND DECREE, MONEYS AWARDED TO REIMBURSE STATE GENERAL FUND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LITIGATING ANY CASE UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE RECOVERY FUND CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-16-104.7, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS, PLUS INTEREST ACCRUED SINCE JULY 1, 1990, HAS BEEN CREDITED TO THE FUND. AFTER MONEYS HAVE BEEN CREDITED TO THE NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE RECOVERY FUND AS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBSECTION (2.7), ANY ADDITIONAL OR FUTURE moneys awarded to reimburse state general fund costs associated with litigating any case under the federal act shall be returned to the general fund.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 23, 1996

*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*