

CHAPTER 26

PUBLIC UTILITIES

HOUSE BILL 98-1078

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AN ACT

CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.

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

SECTION 1. 40-6.5-108 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

40-6.5-108. Office of consumer counsel subject to termination. (1) (a) Unless continued by the general assembly, ~~the office of consumer counsel and the utility consumers' board shall terminate on July 1, 1998.~~

(b) UNLESS CONTINUED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL SHALL TERMINATE ON JULY 1, 2008.

SECTION 2. 24-34-104 (27.5) (f), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment. (27.5) (f) The following ~~division and board in the department of regulatory agencies shall terminate July 1, 1998: The utility consumers' board, and the office of consumer counsel,~~ created in article 6.5 of title 40, C.R.S.

SECTION 3. 24-34-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for

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termination, continuation, or reestablishment. (39) THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES, FUNCTIONS, OR BOTH, SHALL TERMINATE ON JULY 1, 2008: THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL, CREATED IN ARTICLE 6.5 OF TITLE 40, C.R.S.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

SECTION 5. 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: March 23, 1998