

CHAPTER 164

GOVERNMENT - STATE

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also SENATORS Lacy, Dennis, Tebedo, Arnold, Chlouber, Hillman, Matsunaka, Dyer, Feeley, Hernandez, and Teck.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE AND ELIMINATING THE COLORADO TOURISM BOARD AND THE COLORADO TRAVEL AND TOURISM AUTHORITY, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE to read:

**ARTICLE 49.7
Colorado Tourism Office**

24-49.7-101. Legislative declaration - policy. (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE TOURISM AND TRAVEL INDUSTRIES ARE VITAL TO THE GENERAL WELFARE, ECONOMIC WELL-BEING, AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OF THE STATE AND ITS COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS AND THAT THE CONTINUED HEALTH AND EXPANSION OF THESE INDUSTRIES REQUIRES A LONG-TERM AND CONTINUING INVESTMENT BY THE STATE IN THE PLANNING, PROMOTION, COORDINATION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF COLORADO AS A QUALITY NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TOURIST AND TRAVEL DESTINATION.

(2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEREFORE DECLARES IT TO BE THE POLICY OF THIS STATE TO GUIDE, STIMULATE, AND PROMOTE THE COORDINATED, EFFICIENT, AND BENEFICIAL DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AND TRAVEL IN COLORADO. IN ADDITION, IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS STATE TO PROVIDE A LONG-TERM AND CONTINUING INVESTMENT IN TOURISM AND TRAVEL PROMOTION AND TO SUPPORT SUCH

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INVESTMENT WITH GENERAL FUND REVENUES.

(3) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AND TRAVEL REQUIRES A UNIFIED, CONSISTENT, AND POSITIVE STATEWIDE EFFORT TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT ALL LEVELS OF STATE GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATE IN ATTAINING THE STATE POLICIES EXPRESSED IN THIS SECTION. TO THIS END, ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE CREATED IN THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, ASSIST THE OFFICE IN ITS EFFORTS BY MAKING PROPERTY AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE OFFICE THAT WILL FACILITATE OR REDUCE THE COSTS OF SUCH PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT. IN ADDITION, THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE AND ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE TOURISM AND TRAVEL INDUSTRIES TO FURTHER THE POLICIES EXPRESSED IN THIS SECTION.

24-49.7-102. Definitions. AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(1) "ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND" MEANS THE COLORADO TRAVEL AND TOURISM ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-49.7-106 (2).

(2) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 24-49.7-103.

(3) "FUND" MEANS THE COLORADO TRAVEL AND TOURISM PROMOTION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-49.7-106 (1).

(4) "MEMBER" MEANS A MEMBER APPOINTED TO THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-49.7-103.

(5) "OFFICE" MEANS THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 24-49.7-103.

24-49.7-103. Colorado tourism office - creation - members - definitions.

(1) IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE POLICIES DECLARED IN THIS ARTICLE, THERE IS HEREBY CREATED WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE. THE OFFICE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

(2) (a) THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF THIRTEEN MEMBERS. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT MEMBERS ON THE BOARD SHALL REPRESENT DIVERSE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, STATEWIDE ASSOCIATIONS, AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WHO CAN SHOW A DIRECT CORRELATION BETWEEN THE SUCCESS OF THE STATEWIDE EFFORTS OF THE OFFICE AND THE ECONOMIC SUPPORT OF THEIR COMMUNITY AND THE INDUSTRY THEY REPRESENT.

(b) ELEVEN MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE. TWO OF SUCH MEMBERS SHALL REPRESENT SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND TWO SHALL BE RESIDENTS OF A SMALL COMMUNITY. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), "SMALL BUSINESS" SHALL BE DEFINED FOR EACH REPRESENTATIVE INDUSTRY BY THE ASSOCIATION THAT REPRESENTS THAT INDUSTRY AND "SMALL COMMUNITY" SHALL MEAN A CITY OR TOWN WITH FEWER THAN FIFTY PERSONS

EMPLOYED FULL-TIME IN TOURISM-BASED INDUSTRIES IN SUCH CITY OR TOWN OR A PERMANENT POPULATION OF LESS THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND PEOPLE. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2000. OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, TWO SHALL BE APPOINTED AT LARGE FROM TOURISM-BASED INDUSTRIES AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES AND GROUPS FROM LISTS SUBMITTED BY SUCH INDUSTRIES AND GROUPS:

- (I) THE HOTEL, MOTEL, AND LODGING INDUSTRY;
- (II) THE FOOD, BEVERAGE, AND RESTAURANT INDUSTRY;
- (III) THE SKI INDUSTRY;
- (IV) PRIVATE TRAVEL ATTRACTIONS AND CASINOS;
- (V) OTHER OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRIES;
- (VI) TOURISM-RELATED TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES;
- (VII) THE TOURISM-RELATED RETAIL INDUSTRY;
- (VIII) THE DESTINATION MARKETING INDUSTRY; AND
- (IX) CULTURAL EVENT AND FACILITY GROUPS.

(c) ONE MEMBER SHALL BE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE FROM THE SENATE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE. THE TWO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED NO LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE CONVENING OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF EACH GENERAL ASSEMBLY; EXCEPT THAT THE INITIAL TWO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED FROM THE SIXTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL BE APPOINTED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2000. TERMS OF MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (c) SHALL EXPIRE UPON THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR AFTER THE CONVENING OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS MAY BE APPOINTED FOR SUCCEEDING TERMS AS LONG AS THEY ARE SERVING AS MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(3) THE TERM OF EACH MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL BE FOUR YEARS; EXCEPT THAT, OF SUCH MEMBERS INITIALLY APPOINTED, TWO SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, AND THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS. A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO FILL A VACANCY ARISING OTHER THAN BY EXPIRATION OF A MEMBER'S TERM SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE MEMBER WHOM HE OR SHE IS TO SUCCEED AND ANY SUCH APPOINTMENT SHALL BE MADE WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS. ANY MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT FOR ONE ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR TERM.

(4) A MEMBER SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF HIS OR HER APPOINTING AUTHORITY. THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED ANNUALLY BY

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AT THEIR FIRST MEETING HELD AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR. A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD. IF A QUORUM IS PRESENT, THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING SHALL BE THE ACT OF THE BOARD.

(5) THE BOARD SHALL MEET QUARTERLY OR AT SUCH OTHER TIMES AS THE CHAIRPERSON MAY DETERMINE.

(6) MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT SUCH RULES GOVERNING ITS PROCEDURE AS IT MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE AND SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF ITS PROCEEDINGS, WHICH RECORD SHALL BE OPEN TO INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC AT ALL REASONABLE TIMES.

24-49.7-104. Powers and duties of the board. (1) THE BOARD SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND DUTIES:

(a) TO ADOPT AN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE;

(b) TO SET AND ADMINISTER POLICIES REGARDING EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND AND THE ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND FOR TRAVEL AND TOURISM PROMOTION, WRITTEN AND GRAPHIC MATERIALS, COOPERATIVE AND MATCHING PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS, AND OTHER TRAVEL AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENTAL AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES BENEFITTING THE STATE;

(c) TO ANNUALLY GATHER AND DISSEMINATE STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM MARKETING EFFORT, THE AMOUNT AND MANNER OF EXPENDING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MONEYS IN PROMOTING TRAVEL AND TOURISM, AND THE ECONOMIC EFFECT OF THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM MARKETING EFFORT UPON THE STATE. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM INDUSTRY AS A BENCHMARK TO MEASURE THE REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE SUCCESS OF THE PRIOR YEAR'S EFFORTS AND TO GUIDE THE EFFORTS OF SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

(d) TO PLAN FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM INDUSTRIES;

(e) TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF COLORADO'S TRAVEL AND TOURISM INDUSTRIES;

(f) TO GATHER AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON COLORADO'S TRAVEL AND TOURISM INDUSTRIES AND TO OPERATE STATE VISITORS' CENTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISSEMINATING SUCH INFORMATION;

(g) TO PURCHASE OR LEASE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY DEEMED NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF VISITORS' CENTERS OR FOR ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD;

(h) TO CONTRACT FOR THOSE SERVICES AND MATERIALS REQUIRED BY THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD. SUCH SERVICES MAY INCLUDE ANY ADMINISTRATIVE, SECRETARIAL, CLERICAL, OR OTHER STAFF OR PERSONNEL SERVICES DEEMED NECESSARY.

(i) TO EXPEND MONEYS IN THE FUND AND THE ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND FOR THE PLANNING, ADVERTISING, PROMOTION, ASSISTANCE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AND TRAVEL INDUSTRIES IN THIS STATE, FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES OF THE BOARD AS AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 24-49.7-103, AND FOR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE BOARD;

(j) TO ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER FEDERAL GRANT-IN-AID MONEYS AND TO ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER DONATIONS AND GIFTS OF OTHER MONEYS, PROPERTY, OR SERVICES DEVOTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF TOURISM AND TRAVEL IN THE STATE;

(k) TO FINANCE AND GOVERN THE OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND AN INTERNET SITE PROMOTING TRAVEL AND TOURISM IN THE STATE AND THE STATE VISITORS' GUIDE AS STATE-OWNED ASSETS;

(l) TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH PRIVATE MONEYS CAN BE SECURED AND USED FOR PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROMOTIONS, PUBLICATION OF PRIVATELY FINANCED ELECTRONIC AND PAPER VISITOR GUIDES, AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES;

(m) TO ENSURE THAT CONTRACTS INVOLVING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FROM THE FUND AND THE ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND ARE GRANTED ON A FAIR AND EQUITABLE BASIS AND THAT THE PURCHASING VALUE OF SUCH MONEYS IS MAXIMIZED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE;

(n) TO SUE AND BE SUED AS A BOARD, WITHOUT INDIVIDUAL LIABILITY, FOR ACTS OF THE BOARD WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON IT BY THIS ARTICLE;

(o) TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE AND TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES FROM THE COLORADO TOURISM BOARD AND THE COLORADO TRAVEL AND TOURISM AUTHORITY TO THE OFFICE;

(p) TO EXERCISE ANY OTHER POWERS OR PERFORM ANY OTHER DUTIES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE OFFICE WAS CREATED AND THAT ARE REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THE BOARD'S ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES.

(2) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT, IN ADDITION TO ITS OTHER DUTIES, THE BOARD ATTEMPT TO INITIATE JOINT EFFORTS BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES, JOINT MARKETING PROGRAMS, AND PRIVATELY FINANCED TOURISM PROMOTIONAL VENTURES WHEN SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD.

24-49.7-105. Administrative costs - transfer of employees. (1) EXCEPT AS

PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, ANY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND ANY STAFFING OR OTHER RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OFFICE OR THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FROM THE FUND AND THE ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND SHALL BE MET WITH EXISTING EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION AND WITH THE EXISTING STAFF, OFFICE SPACE, AND RESOURCES OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AT THE TIME THE OFFICE IS CREATED. MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL NOT BE APPROPRIATED FOR SAID EXPENSES.

(2) THE BOARD MAY EXPEND MONEYS IN THE ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE OFFICE OR THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FROM THE FUND OR THE ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND.

(3) ON AND AFTER AUGUST 1, 2000, EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS PRIOR TO SAID DATE WHOSE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS CONCERNED THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS ASSUMED BY THE OFFICE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND WHOSE EMPLOYMENT IN THE OFFICE IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OFFICE TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE OFFICE AND BECOME EMPLOYEES THEREOF.

(4) ANY EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED TO THE OFFICE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION WHO ARE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE PERSONNEL SYSTEM SHALL RETAIN ALL RIGHTS TO THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THIS STATE, AND THEIR SERVICES SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUS. ALL TRANSFERS AND ANY ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS IN THE STATE PERSONNEL SYSTEM SHALL BE MADE AND PROCESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE PERSONNEL SYSTEM LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

24-49.7-106. Colorado travel and tourism promotion fund - Colorado travel and tourism additional source fund - creation - nature of funds. (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE KNOWN AS THE COLORADO TRAVEL AND TOURISM PROMOTION FUND, WHICH SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD AND WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF:

(a) ALL MONEYS TRANSFERRED THERETO IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-32-1307.5;

(b) ANY MONEYS APPROPRIATED THERETO BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(2) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE KNOWN AS THE COLORADO TRAVEL AND TOURISM ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND, WHICH SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD AND WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF:

(a) ANY GRANTS, DONATIONS, GIFTS, OR OTHER MONEYS PROVIDED TO THE STATE FOR THE PROMOTION OF TRAVEL OR TOURISM IN THE STATE; AND

(b) ALL MONEYS THAT OTHERWISE MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND OR THE OFFICE TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE.

(3) (a) THE MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED BY THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE. ALL MONEYS NOT APPROPRIATED, INCLUDING INTEREST EARNED ON THE INVESTMENT OR DEPOSIT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND, SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR.

(b) THE MONEYS IN THE ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND SHALL BE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE. ALL MONEYS NOT EXPENDED, INCLUDING INTEREST EARNED ON THE INVESTMENT OR DEPOSIT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND, SHALL REMAIN IN THE ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND AND SHALL NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR.

24-49.7-107. Exemption from procurement code. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE OFFICE AND THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FROM THE FUND AND THE ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF THIS TITLE.

24-49.7-108. Audit requirements. ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2002, AND NOT LESS THAN EVERY TWO YEARS THEREAFTER, THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL REVIEW OR CAUSE TO BE REVIEWED THE MANNER IN WHICH MONEYS FROM THE FUND AND THE ADDITIONAL SOURCE FUND ARE EXPENDED, ANY CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD AND THE OFFICE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE. UPON COMPLETING SUCH AUDIT, THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REVIEWING THE FINDINGS OF THE AUDIT AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATUTORY CHANGES, IF ANY.

SECTION 2. Part 13 of article 32 of title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

24-32-1307.5. Wind up business of the Colorado tourism board. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS PART 13 TO THE CONTRARY, THE COLORADO TOURISM BOARD SHALL HAVE UNTIL AUGUST 1, 2000, TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION, INCLUDING THE ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTS AS NEEDED, TO WIND UP AND LIQUIDATE ITS BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS AND TO CEASE TO EXERCISE ANY OF THE POWERS AND DUTIES GRANTED TO THE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS PART 13. ANY MONEYS REMAINING IN THE FUND ON SUCH DATE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COLORADO TRAVEL AND TOURISM PROMOTION FUND IN THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 24-49.7-103. ALL CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY THE BOARD PRIOR TO THE DATE UPON WHICH IT WINDS UP ITS AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE HEREBY VALIDATED AND THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 24-49.7-103 SHALL SUCCEED TO ALL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER SUCH CONTRACTS.

SECTION 3. 24-32-1308, Colorado Revised Statutes, is RECREATED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read:

24-32-1308. Repeal of part. THIS PART 13 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2000.

SECTION 4. Article 24 of title 29, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTIONS to read:

29-24-120. Wind up business of the Colorado travel and tourism authority. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, THE COLORADO TRAVEL AND TOURISM AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE UNTIL AUGUST 1, 2000, TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION TO WIND UP AND LIQUIDATE ITS BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS AND TO CEASE TO EXERCISE ANY OF THE POWERS AND DUTIES GRANTED TO THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. ALL CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY THE AUTHORITY PRIOR TO THE DATE UPON WHICH IT WINDS UP ITS AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE HEREBY VALIDATED WITH THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 24-49.7-103 SUCCEEDING TO ALL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER SUCH CONTRACTS.

29-24-121. Repeal of article. THIS ARTICLE IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2000.

SECTION 5. Transfer of appropriation. Any appropriation made in the annual general appropriation act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, to the tourism promotion fund and to the department of local affairs for Colorado welcome centers, other program costs, and production and distribution of state highway maps, and any corresponding FTE, are hereby transferred to the Colorado travel and tourism promotion fund and to the Colorado tourism office in the office of the governor, for the implementation of this act.

SECTION 6. 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 22, 2000