CHAPTER 283

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE BILL 02-1329

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE TO MONITOR AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS IN GROUNDWATER, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. 25-8-205.5 (3) (g) and the introductory portion to 25-8-205.5 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

25-8-205.5. Pollution from agricultural chemicals. (3) Powers and duties of the commissioner of agriculture. (g) The commissioner shall perform the monitoring specified in subsection (5) of this section. The commissioner shall enter into an agreement with the department of public health and environment to assist in the identification of agricultural management areas and to perform the monitoring specified in subsection (5) of this section analysis, interpretation, and reporting of groundwater monitoring data supplied by the commissioner.

(5) Monitoring. Pursuant to the commissioner's duties as set forth in section 25-8-303 and to any contract authorized in paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of this section, the division shall assist the commissioner in the identification of agricultural management areas as defined in section 25-8-103 (1.1) and shall conduct monitoring programs to determine:

SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments in 2002 long bill. (1) For implementation of this act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, shall be adjusted as follows:

(a) The cash funds exempt appropriation to the department of public health and
environment, water quality control division, for watershed assessment, outreach, and assistance, is decreased by ninety-three thousand eight hundred six dollars ($93,806) and 1.0 FTE.

(b) The number of FTE appropriated to the department of agriculture, agricultural services division, for personal services, is increased by 1.0 FTE.

SECTION 3. 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.

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