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SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

SB24-197 be amended as follows:

Amend printed bill, page 4, line 4, strike "2023-24" and substitute "2024-25".

Page 7, line 8, strike "(3)(c)(I) and (3)(c)(II)(D);" and substitute "(3)(c)(I), (3)(c)(II)(D), (19)(a)(I), and (19)(c) introductory portion;".

Page 8, after line 1 insert:

"(19) **Agricultural water protection - definitions.** (a) (I) After the state engineer's proposed rules promulgated under section 37-80-123 are reviewed and finalized pursuant to section 37-80-123 (1)(c) and after the Colorado water conservation board has finalized the criteria and guidelines developed pursuant to section 37-60-133, the owner of an absolute decreed irrigation water right ~~in water division 1 or 2~~ used for agricultural purposes may apply in water court to change the use of the water right to an agricultural water protection water right. ~~A water right decreed in water division 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 is not eligible for a change in water right to an agricultural water protection water right.~~ As used in this section, an "agricultural water protection water right" means a water right decreed to allow the lease, loan, or trade of up to fifty percent of the water subject to the water right.

(c) As used in this subsection (19), an "eligible entity" means an entity ~~in water division 1 or 2~~ that:

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-92-308, **amend** (12)(a) as follows:

37-92-308. Substitute water supply plans - special procedures for review - water adjudication cash fund - legislative declaration. (12) **Agricultural water protection.** (a) After a person has obtained a decreed agricultural water protection water right pursuant to section 37-92-305 (19), ~~which water right is available only in water division 1 or 2,~~ the person may apply for a substitute water supply plan pursuant to this subsection (12).".

Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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