

Wildfire Matters Review Committee

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Wildfire Matters Review Committee

Committee Charge

Pursuant to Section 2-3-1602, C.R.S., the committee is charged with reviewing and proposing legislation or other policy changes related to wildfire prevention, mitigation, and related matters, including public safety and forest health issues. In passing Senate Bill 13-082, which created the Wildfire Matters Review Committee, the General Assembly intended for the committee to be a permanent interim committee through which the General Assembly reviews state policies and resources addressing wildfire prevention and mitigation and the successful implementation and execution of such policies. During the 2018 legislative session, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 18-039, which extended the repeal date of the committee to September 1, 2025.

Committee Activities

The committee met four times during the 2018 interim and heard presentations from representatives of various entities involved in wildfire prevention, mitigation, and response. Entities that presented to the committee included:

- Colorado Counties, Inc.;
- the Colorado Resiliency Office;
- the Colorado State Fire Chiefs;
- the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), including the Forest Health Advisory Council;
- the Colorado Timber Industry Association;
- County Sheriffs of Colorado;
- the Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC), including the Center of Excellence for Advanced Technology Aerial Firefighting (COE);
- the Division of Insurance;
- the Nature Conservancy;
- the Property Casualty Insurance Association of America;
- the Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Coordination Team;
- the Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association;
- Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association and Xcel Energy;
- the U.S. Forest Service (USFS); and
- county commissioners and chamber of commerce representatives from Southwest Colorado.

Aerial firefighting and wildfire response. The committee heard from the DFPC about state efforts to respond to wildfires. The County Sheriffs of Colorado told the committee about county response. The COE, within DFPC, provided information about ongoing research projects, including work to effectively use drones and unmanned aerial systems in firefighting. DFPC also provided recommendations from its working groups and presented its strategic plan for supporting Colorado's fire agencies. Bill A addresses private unmanned aircraft systems that may interfere with aerial firefighting.

Forest management and wildfire mitigation. The committee heard from the CSFS and the USFS about managing the state's forests. The Nature Conservancy, the Colorado Timber Industry Association, and utilities operating in Colorado also testified to the committee about their mitigation efforts. The committee learned about the Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Coordination Team and the Forest Health Advisory Council, within CSFS, about their work in preparing for and preventing wildfire damage.

Local fire districts and the Gallagher Amendment. The Colorado State Fire Chiefs told the committee about their concerns with the Gallagher Amendment, particularly the negative effect that falling residential assessment rates have on property tax revenue in fire districts and for other local governments. The committee also heard updates from staff on the work of the Alternatives to the Gallagher Amendment Interim Study Committee, which met to study this issue.

Homeowners' insurance in the wildland-urban interface. The state Division of Insurance told the committee about its role in aiding homeowners after wildfires. The Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association and the Property and Casualty Insurance Association of America presented about insurance coverage of both fire and post-fire flood damage. The committee also learned about insurance incentives for homeowners to mitigate fire risks on their property.

Economic recovery after wildfires. The committee heard from the Colorado Resiliency Office about its work with local entities to aid in recovery from natural disasters. Commissioners from La Plata and San Juan Counties, as well as business groups from Durango and Silverton, told the committee about the economic impact of the 416 Fire on their communities. Colorado Counties, Inc., provided information about the impact of the Spring Fire in Huerfano and Costilla Counties.

Committee Recommendations

As a result of committee discussion and deliberation, the Wildfire Matters Review committee recommends the following four bills for consideration in the 2019 legislative session.

Bill A – Wildland Fire Airspace Patrol System. Subject to available appropriations, Bill A directs the COE to study and, if feasible, implement a system to patrol the airspace above a wildland fire. The patrol system must be capable of determining whether the airspace above wildland fires is clear of obstacles, including private unmanned aircraft systems, that may interfere with aerial firefighting.

Bill B – Wildfire Mitigation Wildland-urban Interface Areas. This bill creates the Forest Management Fuels Reduction Projects Grant Program, to be overseen by the CSFC. Grants are to be issued by January 1, 2020, for projects that reduce forest fuels, promote forest health, and reduce risk to people and property in the wildland urban interface. Awarded grants cannot exceed \$200,000 per applicant and applicants must demonstrate the availability of matching funds or in-kind contributions. Additionally, preference must be given to applicants in counties that have been identified by the CSFS as being moderate- to high-risk. Grants may be awarded to:

- homeowners associations;
- collective groups of landowners that treat at least 20 acres of contiguous land; or
- new housing developments that are or will be covered by a homeowners association that consists of at least five distinct properties.

The CSFS must report on the grant program annually to the General Assembly by December 1 of the following year, after any year in which one or more grants were awarded.

Bill C – Establish Colorado Fire Commission. Bill C creates the Colorado Fire Commission (commission) in the DFPC.

The commission is required to meet at least once every three months to enhance fire service capacity to conduct fire management and preparedness, prevention, and response activities to safeguard lives, property, and natural resources and to increase the resiliency of local and regional communities. The commission consists of 18 voting members and at least 6 non-voting members from federal, state, and local entities who serve on a volunteer basis, but are entitled to be reimbursed for commission-related expenses. Commission duties are specified in the bill and the commission may establish task forces to study and make recommendations to the full commission.

The commission must report on its activities and recommendations to the General Assembly by August 31, 2020, and each year thereafter until the commission repeals on September 1, 2024. A sunset review must be conducted by the Department of Regulatory Agencies prior to this repeal date.

Bill D – County Fireworks Restrictions July 4th. Under current law, a county may prohibit or restrict by annual ordinance the sale, use, and possession of fireworks in unincorporated areas of the county, except for the period between May 31 and July 5. However, during that period of time, a county may still prohibit or restrict fireworks sale, use, and possession, but must pass an additional ordinance showing a finding of high fire danger. Under Bill D, a county may use a resolution instead of an

ordinance to restrict or prohibit fireworks sales, use, and possession during the period between May 31 and July 5. Because a resolution requires a shorter administrative process to enact than an ordinance, Bill D enables counties to be more responsive to changing weather conditions during the period between May 31 and July 5.

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BILL A

LLS NO. 19-0221.01 Conrad Imel x2313

SENATE BILL

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Coram and Fields, Cooke, Marble

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM TO PATROL THE AIRSPACE**
102 **ABOVE WILDLAND FIRES.**

Bill Summary

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Wildfire Matters Review Committee. The bill requires the center of excellence for advanced technology aerial firefighting, subject to available appropriations, to study and, if feasible, implement a system to patrol the airspace above a wildland fire.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1228, **add**
3 (2.5)(e) as follows:

4 **24-33.5-1228. Colorado firefighting air corps - creation -**
5 **powers - aircraft acquisitions required - center of excellence -**
6 **unmanned aircraft systems study and pilot program - Colorado**
7 **firefighting air corps fund - creation - report - rules.**

8 (2.5) (e) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE CENTER OF
9 EXCELLENCE SHALL STUDY AND, IF FEASIBLE, IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM TO
10 PATROL THE AIRSPACE ABOVE A WILDLAND FIRE. THE PATROL SYSTEM
11 MUST BE CAPABLE OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE AIRSPACE ABOVE
12 WILDLAND FIRES IS CLEAR OF OBSTACLES, INCLUDING PRIVATE UNMANNED
13 AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS, THAT MAY INTERFERE WITH AERIAL FIREFIGHTING.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
17 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
22 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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BILL B

LLS NO. 19-0222.02 Bob Lackner x4350

HOUSE BILL

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

McLachlan and Carver,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Fields,

House Committees

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF WILDFIRES**
102 **WITHIN WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE AREAS, AND, IN**
103 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A STATE GRANT PROGRAM**
104 **TO PROMOTE FOREST MANAGEMENT FUELS REDUCTION**
105 **PROJECTS IN SUCH AREAS.**

Bill Summary

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The bill creates a state grant program to be administered by the Colorado state forest service (forest service) to fund proactive forest

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management fuels reduction projects to reduce the impacts to life, property, and critical infrastructure caused by wildfires.

To be eligible for a grant award, a grant recipient must be any one of a group of individual landowners as specified in the bill whose real property that is the subject of a grant application is located within a land area that is covered by a community wildfire protection plan.

The bill specifies requirements pertaining to the evaluation of grant proposals. The forest service is to select the proposals that will receive funding, administer the grant program, and develop procedures by which applicants are to apply for grants.

The bill imposes a monetary limit on the amount of a grant to be awarded and also requires a grant applicant to demonstrate an available amount of matching funds to be awarded a grant.

The bill creates the forest management fuels reduction projects grant program cash fund in the state treasury.

The bill requires the forest service to report annually to the general assembly on the number, location, and benefits of all projects for which a grant award is made.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-31-310.5 as
3 follows:

4 **23-31-310.5. Forest management fuels reduction projects**
5 **grant program - fund created - eligibility - procedures - legislative**
6 **declaration - definitions.** (1) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY
7 FINDS THAT:

8 (I) OVER SIXTY PERCENT OF COLORADO'S FOREST LANDS ARE AT
9 MODERATE TO HIGH RISK OF WILDFIRE;

10 (II) APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE
11 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE IN COLORADO IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPED;

12 (III) CONTINUED GROWTH IN THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE
13 WILL INCREASE THE DEMAND ON STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCES WHEN
14 WILDFIRES OCCUR; AND

15 (IV) REDUCING WILDFIRE AT THE LARGEST SCALE POSSIBLE

1 PROVIDES SAFER ACCESS FOR FIREFIGHTERS TO PROTECT LIFE AND
2 PROPERTY.

3 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY DETERMINES THAT:

4 (I) REDUCING FOREST FUELS IN THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE
5 IS A COST-EFFECTIVE METHOD TO REDUCE THE IMPACTS TO PEOPLE,
6 PROPERTY, AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CAUSED BY WILDFIRE;

7 (II) COLLABORATIVE TREATMENTS TO REDUCE FUELS THAT
8 ADDRESS LARGER AREAS HAVE THE MOST IMPACT ON REDUCING THE
9 IMPACTS CAUSED BY WILDFIRES; AND

10 (III) ASSESSING THE RISK OF WILDFIRE IN THE WILDLAND-URBAN
11 INTERFACE THROUGH PROACTIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT FUELS
12 REDUCTION PROJECTS ASSISTS IN THE PROTECTION OF LIFE, PROPERTY,
13 AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPROVES THE ABILITY OF
14 FIREFIGHTERS TO FIGHT WILDFIRES.

15 (c) THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN THIS
16 SECTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTENDS TO GIVE ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS
17 SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AS WILL ENABLE THEM TO UNDERTAKE
18 PROACTIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS TO
19 REDUCE THE IMPACTS TO LIFE, PROPERTY, AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
20 CAUSED BY WILDFIRE.

21 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
22 REQUIRES:

23 (a) "APPLICANT" MEANS A PERSON WHO APPLIES FOR A GRANT
24 AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

25 (b) "COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN" HAS THE SAME
26 MEANING AS IS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 23-31-312 (2)(a).

27 (c) "FOREST SERVICE" MEANS THE COLORADO STATE FOREST

1 SERVICE IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 23-31-302 AND THE DIVISION OF
2 FORESTRY CREATED IN SECTION 24-33-104 (1)(k).

3 (d) "FUEL" MEANS LIVING AND DEAD COMBUSTIBLE VEGETATION
4 THAT CAN FEED A FIRE, INCLUDING GRASS, LEAVES, PINE BOUGHS, SHRUBS,
5 AND TREES.

6 (e) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE FOREST MANAGEMENT FUELS
7 REDUCTION PROJECTS GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN THIS SECTION.

8 (f) "PROJECT" MEANS A PROJECT TO BE FUNDED BY A GRANT
9 AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING FOREST
10 MANAGEMENT FUELS REDUCTION IN WUI AREAS.

11 (g) "TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL" MEANS THE PANEL THAT IS
12 CONVENED UNDER SECTION 23-31-310 (5).

13 (h) "WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE" OR "WUI" MEANS AN AREA
14 WHERE:

15 (I) HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IS CLOSE TO WILDLAND VEGETATION;
16 AND

17 (II) THERE EXISTS A HIGH POTENTIAL FOR WILDLAND FIRE.

18 (3) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2020, THE FOREST SERVICE
19 SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE ON ITS WEBSITE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE GRANT
20 PROGRAM TO FUND PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS
21 OF THIS SECTION. THE NOTICE MUST ADVISE INTERESTED PARTIES OF THE
22 MANNER IN WHICH GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED.

23 (4) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THIS SECTION, A
24 PROJECT MUST:

25 (a) REDUCE FOREST FUELS IN WUI AREAS WHERE THE IMPACTS TO
26 LIFE AND PROPERTY ARE MOST SEVERE, PARTICULARLY THROUGH
27 COLLABORATIVE TREATMENT METHODS THAT ADDRESS LARGER LAND

1 AREAS; AND

2 (b) REDUCE THE RISK TO PEOPLE AND PROPERTY IN THE WUI AREA
3 AND PROMOTE FOREST HEALTH.

4 (5) (a) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS
5 SECTION, A GRANT RECIPIENT MUST BE ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
6 GROUPS OF INDIVIDUAL LANDOWNERS WHOSE REAL PROPERTY THAT IS THE
7 SUBJECT OF A GRANT APPLICATION IS LOCATED WITHIN A LAND AREA THAT
8 IS COVERED BY A COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN:

9 (I) AN ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS, WHETHER ORGANIZED AS
10 A COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 38-33.3-103
11 (8), OR OTHERWISE;

12 (II) ANY COLLECTIVE GROUPS OF LANDOWNERS THAT FULLY
13 TREAT AT LEAST TWENTY ACRES OF CONTIGUOUS LAND; OR

14 (III) NEW PLANNED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE OR WILL
15 BE COVERED BY A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION AND THAT CONSIST OF AT
16 LEAST FIVE DISTINCT PROPERTIES THAT WILL BE HELD IN INDIVIDUAL
17 OWNERSHIPS.

18 (b) THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL DEVELOP ADDITIONAL CRITERIA
19 TO ENSURE THE PROJECTS ARE CONDUCTED IN AREAS WHERE THE RISK OF
20 WILDFIRE IS THE GREATEST AND WHERE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
21 HOMEOWNERS ARE PROACTIVELY ENGAGED IN REDUCING THE THREAT OF
22 WILDFIRES AND ENCOURAGING PROACTIVE FUELS REDUCTION
23 TREATMENTS AND COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS.

24 (6) THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL SHALL EVALUATE
25 PROPOSALS FOR GRANT FUNDING SUBMITTED BY APPLICANTS UNDER THIS
26 SECTION AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FOREST SERVICE
27 REGARDING WHICH PROPOSALS WOULD BEST MEET THE OBJECTIVES OF

1 THIS SECTION. THE PANEL SHALL CONSIDER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
2 ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTIONS (4) AND (5) OF THIS SECTION, A PROJECT'S
3 EFFECT ON LONG-TERM FOREST MANAGEMENT, AND THE NUMBER OF
4 ACRES TREATED FOR STATE DOLLARS SPENT, AND SEEK TO USE A
5 CONSENSUS-BASED DECISION-MAKING PROCESS TO DEVELOP SUCH
6 RECOMMENDATIONS. A PANEL MEMBER SHALL RECUSE HIMSELF OR
7 HERSELF IF HE OR SHE HAS AN ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF
8 INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO A GRANT APPLICANT.

9 (7) AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL,
10 THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL SELECT THE PROPOSALS THAT WILL RECEIVE
11 FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. IN REVIEWING GRANT
12 PROPOSALS, THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER THE
13 COMMUNITY IN WHICH A PARTICULAR GRANT APPLICANT IS BASED HAS
14 ADOPTED AN ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR FIRE MITIGATION.

15 (8) THE FOREST SERVICE MAY UTILIZE NO MORE THAN THREE
16 PERCENT OF ANY AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED IN ANY FISCAL YEAR FOR ITS
17 DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS IN ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM.

18 (9)(a) THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER THE
19 GRANT PROGRAM IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY
20 PANEL. IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH POWERS AND DUTIES, THE FOREST
21 SERVICE SHALL DEVELOP PROCEDURES BY WHICH APPLICANTS ARE TO
22 APPLY FOR GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION AND OTHER
23 PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION AND
24 ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.

25 (b) ANY GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT
26 EXCEED TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ANY ONE APPLICATION.

27 (c) IN ORDER FOR AN APPLICANT TO BE AWARDED A GRANT UNDER

1 THIS SECTION, THE APPLICANT MUST BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE BEFORE
2 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT THAT THE APPLICANT HAS MATCHING
3 FUNDS IN THE FORM OF A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR MATCH OR COMPARABLE
4 VALUE IN THE FORM OF AN IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION FOR THE PROJECT.

5 (d) A NEW PLANNED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT THAT IS DESCRIBED
6 IN SUBSECTION (5)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT
7 PRIOR TO THE SALE AND CONSTRUCTION OF HOMES ON THE PROPERTY.

8 (10) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE
9 FOREST MANAGEMENT FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS GRANT PROGRAM
10 CASH FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND". THE FOREST
11 SERVICE SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND, WHICH CONSISTS OF ALL MONEY
12 APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND FROM ANY
13 FEES OR INTEREST EARNED ON SUCH MONEY.

14 (11) THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE
15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE NUMBER, LOCATION, AND BENEFITS OF ALL
16 PROJECTS FOR WHICH A GRANT AWARD HAS BEEN MADE UNDER THIS
17 SECTION. THE REPORT IS DUE NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1 OF EACH
18 CALENDAR YEAR FOLLOWING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FUNDING
19 FOR ONE OR MORE GRANTS HAS BEEN PROVIDED.

20 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
21 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
22 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly
23 (August 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that,
24 if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of
25 the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
26 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
27 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

1 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

First Regular Session
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STATE OF COLORADO

BILL C

LLS NO. 19-0220.01 Megan Waples x4348

HOUSE BILL

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLORADO FIRE
102 COMMISSION.

Bill Summary

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Wildfire Matters Review Committee. The bill establishes the Colorado fire commission (commission) in the division of fire prevention and control in the department of public safety. The commission's purpose is to enhance public safety in Colorado through an integrated statewide process focused on the fire service's capacity to conduct fire management and use, preparedness, prevention, and response activities to safeguard

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lives, property, natural resources, and increase the resiliency of local and regional communities. The commission may establish task forces to study and make recommendations on specific subjects within its areas of study. The commission is repealed effective September 1, 2024, and is subject to a sunset review prior to its repeal.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-1233 as
3 follows:

4 **24-33.5-1233. Colorado fire commission - creation - powers**
5 **and duties - definitions - repeal. (1) Legislative declaration. (a) THE**

6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS THAT:

7 (I) THE DIVISION HAS ENGAGED IN A TWO-YEAR,
8 STAKEHOLDER-DRIVEN STRATEGIC PLANNING EFFORT TO EVALUATE FIRE
9 PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND IDENTIFY AREAS IN WHICH THE
10 STATE CAN BETTER SUPPORT ITS PARTNERS;

11 (II) A COMMISSION STRUCTURE WILL ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY
12 AND CREATE AN EFFICIENT AND STREAMLINED STATEWIDE PROCESS FOR
13 ISSUING RECOMMENDATIONS, DRIVING IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC
14 ACTIONS AND POLICIES, AND REPORTING ON PROGRESS AND LESSONS
15 LEARNED;

16 (III) A COMMISSION WILL ALSO HELP THE STATE TO BE PROACTIVE
17 ON WILDFIRE ISSUES, AND TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH THAT
18 EMBRACES MITIGATION, PREVENTION, AND PREPAREDNESS; AND

19 (IV) ESTABLISHING A FIRE COMMISSION WILL ALLOW THE STATE TO
20 CONTINUE TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS
21 ON COMPLEX FIRE ISSUES.

22 (b) NOW, THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT
23 ESTABLISHING A COLORADO FIRE COMMISSION SERVES THE INTERESTS OF

1 THE STATE AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE
2 STRATEGIES FOR FIRE PREVENTION, MITIGATION, PREPAREDNESS, AND
3 SUPPRESSION.

4 (2) **Commission created.** THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE
5 DIVISION THE COLORADO FIRE COMMISSION, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION
6 AS THE "COMMISSION".

7 (3) **Membership.** (a) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF EIGHTEEN
8 VOTING MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

9 (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
10 DESIGNEE;

11 (II) THE DIRECTOR, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

12 (III) THE CHIEF OF THE WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT SECTION IN
13 THE DIVISION, OR THE CHIEF'S DESIGNEE;

14 (IV) THE STATE FORESTER, OR THE STATE FORESTER'S DESIGNEE,
15 TO INCLUDE RELEVANT INFORMATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-31-316;
16 AND

17 (V) FOURTEEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
18 AS FOLLOWS:

19 (A) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED FROM NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY A
20 STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING FIRE CHIEFS, WITH ONE SUCH
21 MEMBER REPRESENTING THE WESTERN SLOPE AND ONE SUCH MEMBER
22 REPRESENTING THE EASTERN PART OF THE STATE;

23 (B) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED FROM NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY A
24 STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS;

25 (C) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED FROM NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY A
26 STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS;

27 (D) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED FROM NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY A

1 STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING COUNTY SHERIFFS, WITH ONE
2 SUCH MEMBER REPRESENTING THE WESTERN SLOPE AND ONE SUCH
3 MEMBER REPRESENTING THE EASTERN PART OF THE STATE;

4 (E) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED FROM NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY A
5 STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING COUNTIES, WITH ONE SUCH
6 MEMBER REPRESENTING THE WESTERN SLOPE AND ONE SUCH MEMBER
7 REPRESENTING THE EASTERN PART OF THE STATE;

8 (F) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED FROM NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY A
9 STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING MUNICIPALITIES;

10 (G) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED FROM NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY A
11 STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING SPECIAL DISTRICTS;

12 (H) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED FROM NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY A
13 STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING EMERGENCY MANAGERS; AND

14 (I) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED FROM NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY A
15 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH EXPERTISE IN WILDFIRE MITIGATION.

16 (b) (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT ONE NONVOTING
17 EX OFFICIO MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
18 REPRESENTING PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS.

19 (II) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT TWO NONVOTING
20 EX OFFICIO MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT WATER PROVIDERS, WITH ONE SUCH
21 MEMBER REPRESENTING THE WESTERN SLOPE AND ONE SUCH MEMBER
22 REPRESENTING THE EASTERN PART OF THE STATE.

23 (III) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY, IN THE EXECUTIVE
24 DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION, APPOINT ADDITIONAL NONVOTING EX OFFICIO
25 MEMBERS WITH EXPERTISE IN THE COMMISSION'S AREAS OF STUDY TO AID
26 THE COMMISSION IN FULFILLING ITS DUTIES.

27 (c) THE COMMISSION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING NONVOTING EX

1 OFFICIO MEMBERS:

2 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE UNITED STATES FOREST
3 SERVICE;

4 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BUREAU OF LAND
5 MANAGEMENT; AND

6 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

7 (d) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL MAKE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS
8 NO LATER THAN AUGUST 5, 2019. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL
9 CONSIDER GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION IN APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE
10 COMMISSION. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ENSURE, TO THE EXTENT
11 PRACTICABLE, THAT THE APPOINTED MEMBERS REPRESENT A BALANCE OF
12 EXPERTISE IN THE AREAS OF FIRE MITIGATION, PREVENTION,
13 PREPAREDNESS, LOCAL COMMUNITY RESILIENCY, AND SUPPRESSION.

14 (e) THE TERM OF APPOINTMENTS IS FOUR YEARS; EXCEPT THAT THE
15 TERM OF EACH MEMBER INITIALLY APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS
16 (3)(a)(V)(C) TO (3)(a)(V)(F) OF THIS SECTION IS TWO YEARS. A MEMBER
17 MAY BE REAPPOINTED FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
18 SHALL FILL ANY VACANCY BY APPOINTMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE
19 UNEXPIRED TERM. AN APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY IS SUBJECT TO
20 THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH FOR THE VACANT POSITION IN SUBSECTION
21 (3)(a)(V) OR (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION, AS APPLICABLE.

22 (f) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SERVES WITHOUT
23 COMPENSATION, BUT EACH VOTING MEMBER AND EACH EX OFFICIO
24 MEMBER APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION IS
25 ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY TRAVEL
26 EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES AS A
27 MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION.

1 (g) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE IS THE
2 CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.

3 (h) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE
4 MONTHS. THE CHAIR MAY CALL SUCH ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS ARE
5 NECESSARY FOR THE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE ITS DUTIES.

6 (4) **Powers and duties.** (a) THE MISSION OF THE COMMISSION IS
7 TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY IN COLORADO THROUGH AN INTEGRATED
8 STATEWIDE PROCESS FOCUSED ON THE FIRE SERVICE'S CAPACITY TO
9 CONDUCT FIRE MANAGEMENT AND USE, PREPAREDNESS, PREVENTION, AND
10 RESPONSE ACTIVITIES TO SAFEGUARD LIVES, PROPERTY, NATURAL
11 RESOURCES, AND INCREASE THE RESILIENCY OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL
12 COMMUNITIES.

13 (b) IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS MISSION, THE COMMISSION SHALL
14 CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

15 (I) DEVELOPING AN ACCURATE UNDERSTANDING OF COLORADO'S
16 FIRE PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF INJURIES AND FATALITIES,
17 OVERALL FIRE LOSSES, AND THE CAUSES AND ORIGINS OF STRUCTURAL
18 AND WILDLAND FIRES;

19 (II) REVIEWING THE CURRENT EMERGENCY FIRE FUND PROGRAM
20 AND PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAKE IT MORE INCLUSIVE OF
21 COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

22 (III) EVALUATING FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR EFFECTIVE
23 RESPONSE TO LARGE FIRES, WITH CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO APPROPRIATE
24 COST-SHARE AGREEMENTS, FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, MITIGATION AND
25 PREPAREDNESS, MUTUAL AID PARTICIPATION, AND LOCAL ACTIONS AND
26 PLANS;

27 (IV) ASSESSING THE CAPACITY OF THE STATE TO PROVIDE

1 EMERGENCY FIRE SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO LOCAL
2 COMMUNITIES;

3 (V) DEVELOPING PERFORMANCE MEASURES OF OVERALL RESPONSE
4 EFFECTIVENESS AND IDENTIFYING RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENT AREAS;

5 (VI) STRENGTHENING REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE COORDINATION
6 OF MUTUAL AID RESOURCES AND INITIAL ATTACK CAPABILITIES FOR FIRES
7 AND OTHER HAZARDS;

8 (VII) DEVELOPING BEST PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED
9 TO HIGH-RISK OCCUPANCIES FOR CONSIDERATION BY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS
10 AND COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO
11 MINIMUM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MUTUAL AID RESOURCES;

12 (VIII) DEVELOPING AND PUBLISHING AN ASSESSMENT OF FIRE
13 TREATMENT COSTS AND COST DISTRIBUTION, INCLUDING THE COSTS OF
14 MITIGATION UNDER EMERGENT AND NONEMERGENT CIRCUMSTANCES,
15 RETREATMENT COSTS, AND POST-RECOVERY COSTS;

16 (IX) DEVELOPING METHODOICAL APPROACHES TO AND
17 RECOMMENDATIONS ON COLORADO'S FIRE SERVICE CONCERNS AND
18 ISSUES; AND

19 (X) FORECASTING UPCOMING FUNDING AND RESOURCE
20 CHALLENGES AND TRENDS THAT AFFECT FIRE SERVICES AND THE ABILITY
21 OF THE STATE AND OF LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO RESPOND TO FIRE AND
22 MITIGATE HAZARDS IN THE SHORT AND LONG TERM.

23 (c) (I) THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH TASK FORCES TO STUDY
24 AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION ON SPECIFIC SUBJECT
25 MATTER AREAS WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S AREA OF STUDY.

26 (II) WHEN ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE, THE COMMISSION SHALL
27 SET FORTH THE PURPOSE OF THE TASK FORCE AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, AREA

1 OF STUDY, DUTIES, AND DURATION.

2 (III) THE CHAIR SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF A TASK FORCE,
3 WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE COMMISSION. THE CHAIR MAY
4 APPOINT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO
5 SERVE ON A TASK FORCE. MEMBERS OF A TASK FORCE SERVE FOR THE
6 DURATION OF THE TASK FORCE. MEMBERS OF A TASK FORCE WHO ARE NOT
7 VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION OR EX OFFICIO MEMBERS
8 APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION SERVE
9 WITHOUT COMPENSATION AND WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.

10 (5) **Staff support.** THE DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE,
11 EQUIPMENT, AND STAFF SERVICES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT
12 THIS SECTION.

13 (6) **Reports.** (a) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2020, AND ON OR
14 BEFORE AUGUST 31 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL
15 SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, AND
16 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
17 AND THE AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ENERGY COMMITTEE
18 OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. NOTWITHSTANDING
19 THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO
20 SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (6)(a) CONTINUES
21 UNTIL THE COMMISSION IS REPEALED.

22 (b) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2020, AND ON OR BEFORE AUGUST
23 31 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE
24 WILDFIRE MATTERS REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ITS ACTIVITIES AND
25 RECOMMENDATIONS.

26 (7) **Repeal.** THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,
27 2024. BEFORE ITS REPEAL, THIS SECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN

1 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-3-1203.

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **add**
3 (15)(a)(VI) as follows:

4 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative**
5 **declaration - definition - repeal.** (15) (a) The following statutory
6 authorizations for the designated advisory committees are scheduled for
7 repeal on September 1, 2024:

8 (VI) THE COLORADO FIRE COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION
9 24-33.5-1233.

10 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
11 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
12 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
13 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a
14 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
15 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
16 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
17 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
18 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
19 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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Senate Committees

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE POWER OF A COUNTY TO RESTRICT THE USE OF**
102 **FIREWORKS DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN **MAY 31** AND **JULY 5****
103 **OF ANY YEAR.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Wildfire Matters Review Committee. Under current law, a county may prohibit or restrict by ordinance the sale, use, and possession of fireworks, including permissible fireworks (fireworks restrictions), for a period that does not exceed one year in length within all or any part of the unincorporated areas of the county; except that such an ordinance

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

shall not be in effect between May 31 and July 5 of any year unless the ordinance includes an express finding of high fire danger, based on competent evidence. The bill specifies that such an ordinance is in effect for the period between May 31 and July 5 of any year only if the county adopts by resolution such fireworks restrictions for such period, which resolution includes an express finding of high fire danger, based on competent evidence.

The bill also adds as a source of "competent evidence" justifying a finding of high fire danger predictions of future fire danger such as those issued by the national interagency coordination center or any successor entity.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-15-401, **amend**
3 (1)(n.5)(V) introductory portion, (1)(n.5)(V)(A), and (1)(n.7) as follows:

4 **30-15-401. General regulations - definitions.** (1) In addition to
5 those powers granted by sections 30-11-101 and 30-11-107 and by parts
6 1, 2, and 3 of this article 15, the board of county commissioners has the
7 power to adopt ordinances for control or licensing of those matters of
8 purely local concern that are described in the following enumerated
9 powers:

10 (n.5) (V) For purposes of this ~~paragraph (n.5)~~ SUBSECTION
11 (1)(n.5):

12 (A) "Competent evidence" includes the use of the national fire
13 danger rating system, PREDICTIONS OF FUTURE FIRE DANGER SUCH AS
14 THOSE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL INTERRAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER
15 OR ANY SUCCESSOR ENTITY, and any other similar indices or information.

16 (n.7) To prohibit or restrict the sale, use, and possession of
17 fireworks, including permissible fireworks, as defined in section
18 24-33.5-2001 (5) and (11), for a period no longer than one year within all
19 or any part of the unincorporated areas of the county. ~~except that~~ Such an

1 ordinance shall ~~not~~ be in effect FOR THE PERIOD between May 31 and July
2 5 of any year ~~unless the ordinance~~ ONLY IF THE COUNTY ADOPTS A
3 RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR
4 SUCH PERIOD, WHICH RESOLUTION includes an express finding of high fire
5 danger, based on competent evidence, as defined in subsection (1)(n.5)
6 of this section;

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

Section 2-3-1602, C.R.S.

2-3-1602. Wildfire matters review committee - creation - repeal of part.

- (1) To address wildfire prevention and mitigation and to review and propose legislation relating to such matters, the wildfire matters review committee is hereby created, and is referred to in this part 16 as the "committee". The committee shall meet at the call of the chair at least once during the interim of each year to review and to propose legislation or other policy changes relating to wildfire prevention and mitigation and all related matters, including, without limitation, public safety, forest health, and cooperation with appropriate federal agencies and local governments. The committee may take up to two field trips during the interim and consult with experts in all fields relating to wildfire prevention and mitigation as may be necessary to achieve the objectives of this part 16. All personnel of any state agency or political subdivision of Colorado involved in wildfire prevention and mitigation, including the Colorado department of public safety and the Colorado state forest service, shall cooperate with the committee and with any persons assisting the committee in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section.
- (1.5) Repealed.
- (2) The committee consists of ten members of the general assembly selected as follows:
 - (a) Five members from the senate, three appointed by the president of the senate and two appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
 - (b) Five members from the house of representatives, three appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and two appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
- (3) Appointing authorities shall make their original appointments to the committee not later than July 1, 2013. Terms of service on the committee are for two years. The terms of original appointees to the committee terminate on the convening date of the first regular session of the seventieth general assembly. Thereafter, the terms of members of the committee terminate on the convening date of the first regular session of the general assembly next following their appointment or reappointment, and all subsequent appointments or reappointments are made as soon as practicable after such convening date. Incumbent members may be reappointed to the committee. The person making the original appointment or reappointment shall fill any vacancy by appointment for the remainder of an unexpired term. Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and continue in office until a successor is appointed, as applicable.
- (4)
 - (a) The president of the senate shall appoint the chair of the committee in even-numbered years and the vice-chair in odd-numbered years. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the chair of the committee in odd-numbered years and the vice-chair in even-numbered years.
 - (b) The committee shall prescribe its own rules of procedure.
- (4.5) The committee may recommend up to a total of five bills during each interim. Legislation recommended by the committee must be treated as legislation recommended by an interim committee for purposes of applicable deadlines, bill introduction limits, and any other requirements imposed by the joint rules of the general assembly.
- (5) Members of the committee serve without compensation; except that each member is entitled to be reimbursed for necessary expenses in connection with the performance of his or her

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duties and receives the same per diem as other members of interim committees in attendance at meetings.

- (6) Existing employees of the legislative service agencies shall provide any staff assistance required by the committee within existing appropriations.
- (7) This part 16 is repealed, effective September 1, 2025.

History

Source: L. 2013: Entire part added, (SB 13-082), ch. 386, p. 2254, § 1, effective June 5. L. 2014: (1.5) added, (SB 14-164), ch. 176, p. 648, § 3, effective May 12. L. 2016: (1) and (4) amended and (1.5)(c) added, (SB 16-003), ch. 213, p. 823, § 3, effective June 6. L. 2018: (1.5) repealed, (4.5) added, and (7) amended, (SB 18-039), ch. 219, p. 1397, § 1, effective May 18.