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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING LIMITED EXEMPTIONS FOR WATER COLLECTED FROM**
102 **CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOPS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Authorizes the collection of precipitation from up to 3,000 square feet of a roof of a building that is primarily used as a residence and is not connected to a domestic water system serving more than 3 single-family dwellings, if the water thus collected is used for:

- ! Fire protection;
- ! The watering of poultry, domestic animals, and livestock on farms and ranches;

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

- ! The irrigation of not over one acre of gardens and lawns; or
- ! Ordinary household purposes.

Requires a person who wishes to collect precipitation from a rooftop to file an application in the form and manner specified by the state engineer and pay a fee in an amount to be determined by the state engineer.

For a person using an exempt well, limits rooftop precipitation collection to the same dwellings served by the well and subject to any limitations on use contained in the well permit.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 37-92-602 (1) (e) and (1) (f), Colorado Revised
3 Statutes, are amended, and the said 37-92-602 (1) is further amended BY
4 THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

5 **37-92-602. Exemptions - presumptions - legislative**
6 **declaration.** (1) The provisions of this article, except for sections
7 37-92-201 and 37-92-202, shall not be applicable to:

8 (e) Wells not exceeding fifty gallons per minute ~~which~~ THAT are
9 in production as of May 22, 1971, and were and are used for ordinary
10 household purposes for not more than three single-family dwellings, fire
11 protection, the watering of poultry, domestic animals, and livestock on
12 farms and ranches, and for the irrigation of not over one acre of gardens
13 and lawns; ~~and~~

14 (f) Wells to be used exclusively for monitoring and observation
15 purposes if said wells are capped and locked and used only to monitor
16 water levels or for water quality sampling; AND

17 (g) (I) ANY SYSTEM OR METHOD OF COLLECTING PRECIPITATION
18 FROM UP TO THREE THOUSAND SQUARE FEET OF A ROOF OF A BUILDING
19 THAT IS USED PRIMARILY AS A RESIDENCE AND IS NOT CONNECTED TO A
20 DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEM THAT SERVES MORE THAN THREE

1 SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS, BUT ONLY IF THE WATER THUS COLLECTED IS
2 USED FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 (A) ORDINARY HOUSEHOLD PURPOSES;

4 (B) FIRE PROTECTION;

5 (C) THE WATERING OF POULTRY, DOMESTIC ANIMALS, AND
6 LIVESTOCK ON FARMS AND RANCHES; OR

7 (D) THE IRRIGATION OF NOT MORE THAN ONE ACRE OF GARDENS
8 AND LAWNS.

9 (II) AS USED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (g), "A
10 BUILDING THAT IS USED PRIMARILY AS A RESIDENCE" MAY INCLUDE, BUT
11 IS NOT LIMITED TO, ANY STRUCTURE USED FOR HABITATION, REGARDLESS
12 OF WHETHER THE STRUCTURE IS OPERATED COMMERCIALY OR INHABITED
13 INTERMITTENTLY.

14 (III) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2009, ANY PERSON WISHING TO USE A
15 SYSTEM OR METHOD OF ROOFTOP PRECIPITATION CAPTURE THAT QUALIFIES
16 AS EXEMPT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (g) SHALL
17 SUBMIT AN APPLICATION IN THE FORM AND MANNER DESIGNATED BY THE
18 STATE ENGINEER AND PAY A FEE IN AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY
19 THE STATE ENGINEER.

20 (IV) A PERSON USING A WELL PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPHS (b) OR
21 (e) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) SHALL BE ALLOWED TO COLLECT ROOFTOP
22 PRECIPITATION PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (g) ONLY FOR USE BY THE
23 SAME DWELLINGS SERVED BY THE WELL AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME
24 LIMITATIONS ON USE CONTAINED IN THE WELL PERMIT.

25 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1,
26 2009.

27 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.