A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE COMMISSION, INCREASING THE PROPORTION OF INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION, AND SPECIFYING THE TYPE OF EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN INDUSTRY MEMBERS.

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)
House Bill 07-1341 altered the composition of the Colorado oil and gas conservation commission (commission) by:

- Increasing the size of the commission from 7 to 9 members (adding the executive directors of the departments of public health and environment and natural resources as ex officio voting members);
- Reducing from 5 to 3 the number of members with substantial experience in the oil and gas industry; and
- Including a representative of local government.

The bill restores the commission to its pre-House Bill 07-1341 composition, and specifies the type of experience required for certain industry members.

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

SECTION 1. 34-60-104 (2) (a) (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

34-60-104. Oil and gas conservation commission - report - publication.  (2) (a) (1) Effective July 1, 2007 2011, the commission shall consist of nine seven members, seven of whom shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, and two of whom, the executive director of the department of natural resources and the executive director of the department of public health and environment, shall be ex officio voting members.  The governor shall appoint at least two members from west of the continental divide, and, to the extent possible, consistent with this paragraph (a), the other members shall be appointed taking into account the need for geographical representation of other areas of the state with high levels of oil and gas activity or employment.  Three five members shall be individuals with MUST HAVE substantial experience in the oil and gas industry.  At least two three of said three those five members shall MUST have a college degree AND DEMONSTRATED TECHNICAL EXPERTISE
The other two of those five members must have recent practical or field experience in the oil and gas industry. The remaining two commission members must have formal training or substantial experience in environmental or wildlife protection. One member shall have formal training or substantial experience in soil conservation or reclamation and one member shall or be actively engaged in agricultural production, and if a member is actually engaged in agricultural production, that member must also be a royalty owner. Excluding the executive directors from consideration; no more than four members of the commission shall be members of the same political party.

**SECTION 2. 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.