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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF CASH FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY
102 THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES.

Bill Summary

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

Water Resources Review Committee. The bill consolidates several funds administered by the division of water resources into a newly created water resources cash fund. **Section 1** of the bill creates the water resources cash fund and consolidates into a single section the laws governing the fund's allowable uses. **Section 2** repeals the water data bank cash fund, division of water resources publication cash fund, and division of water resources ground water management cash fund. **Section**

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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3 repeals the ground water publication fund, **section 4** repeals the gravel pit lakes augmentation fund, and **section 5** repeals the well enforcement cash fund. **Sections 6 through 11** make conforming amendments.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 37-80-111.7 as
3 follows:

4 **37-80-111.7. Water resources cash fund - created - uses.**

5 (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE WATER
6 RESOURCES CASH FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND".
7 REVENUES CREDITED TO THE FUND AND UNEXPENDED AT THE END OF
8 EACH FISCAL YEAR REMAIN IN THE FUND AND DO NOT REVERT TO THE
9 GENERAL FUND. ALL INTEREST DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND
10 INVESTMENT OF REVENUES IN THE FUND REMAIN IN THE FUND AND DO NOT
11 REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.

12 (2) THE STATE ENGINEER SHALL COLLECT THE FOLLOWING FEES
13 AND TRANSMIT THEM TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THEM
14 TO THE FUND, EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS
15 SUBSECTION (2):

16 (a) THE STATE ENGINEER SHALL SET FEES BY RULE FOR:

17 (I) THE DISTRIBUTION OF DATA GENERATED, COLLECTED, STUDIED,
18 AND COMPILED ABOUT THE WATER SUPPLIES OF THIS STATE, WHICH FEES
19 SHALL REFLECT THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF SUCH DISTRIBUTION;

20 (II) THE SALE OF PUBLICATIONS OF THE DIVISION OF WATER
21 RESOURCES, WHICH FEES SHALL REFLECT THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS
22 OF SUCH PUBLICATIONS;

23 (b) THE STATE ENGINEER SHALL COLLECT FEES PURSUANT TO
24 SECTIONS 37-90-105 (3) (a) AND (4); 37-90-107 (7) (c) (I) AND (7) (d) (I);

1 37-90-108 (4) AND (6); 37-90-116 (1) (a), (1) (c), (1) (h), AND (1) (i);
2 37-90-137 (2), (3) (a), AND (3) (c); 37-90.5-106; 37-92-305 (17);
3 37-92-308; AND 37-92-602 (1) (g) (III) (C), (3) (a), AND (5). THE
4 TREASURER SHALL CREDIT THE FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS
5 PARAGRAPH (b) TO THE FUND EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION
6 37-80-111.5 (1) (d) AND EXCEPT THAT, OF EACH FEE COLLECTED
7 PURSUANT TO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS, THE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT
8 THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS TO THE GENERAL FUND:

9 (I) SECTION 37-90-107 (7) (c) (I) AND (7) (d) (I) AND SECTION
10 37-90-116 (1) (a), (1) (h), AND (1) (i), THIRTY DOLLARS;

11 (II) SECTION 37-90-137 (2) AND (3) (a) (I) AND SECTION 37-92-602
12 (3) (a) FOR WELLS APPLIED FOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 37-92-602 (3) (b),
13 TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS;

14 (III) SECTION 37-90-116 (1) (c), TEN DOLLARS; AND

15 (IV) SECTION 37-90-105 (3) (a) AND (4) (a) AND SECTION
16 37-92-602 (3) (a) FOR WELLS APPLIED FOR PURSUANT TO SECTION
17 37-92-602 (3) (c) AND (5), FIVE DOLLARS.

18 (3) THE STATE ENGINEER MAY EXPEND MONEYS IN THE FUND,
19 SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR THE
20 PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE SECTIONS LISTED IN THE INTRODUCTORY
21 PORTION TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION AND FOR
22 THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

23 (a) DEVELOPING AN AUTOMATED WELL PERMIT PROCESSING
24 SYSTEM THAT WILL EXPEDITE THE ISSUANCE OF WELL PERMITS, CREATING
25 AND MAINTAINING A GROUND WATER INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
26 SYSTEM, ESTABLISHING A GROUND WATER DATA NETWORK, ESTABLISHING
27 GROUND WATER RECHARGE PROGRAMS, CONDUCTING GROUND WATER

1 INVESTIGATIONS, MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH ROOFTOP PRECIPITATION
2 CAPTURE LAWS AND PERMITS PURSUANT TO SECTION 37-92-602 (1) (g),
3 THE ADMINISTRATION OF ROTATIONAL CROP MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS,
4 AND FOR OTHER GROUNDWATER-RELATED ACTIVITIES THAT ARE DEEMED
5 NECESSARY BY THE STATE ENGINEER IN PERFORMING STATUTORY DUTIES,
6 SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE OFFICE OF
7 THE STATE ENGINEER SHALL MAKE DATA IN THE GROUND WATER DATA
8 NETWORK AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

9 (b) PAYING FOR PUBLICATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION
10 37-90-116 (1) (f) TO PROCESS FINAL PERMITS PURSUANT TO SECTION
11 37-90-108;

12 (c) REVIEWING APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF A PLAN FOR
13 AUGMENTATION OR A PLAN OF SUBSTITUTE SUPPLY PURSUANT TO SECTION
14 37-90-137 (11) (f);

15 (d) INVESTIGATING AND CONDUCTING ENFORCEMENT OF
16 VIOLATIONS OF ORDERS ISSUED BY THE STATE ENGINEER OR THE GROUND
17 WATER COMMISSION FOR THE ILLEGAL WITHDRAWAL OF DESIGNATED
18 GROUND WATER, INCLUDING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
19 IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 37-90-111.5;

20 (e) REVIEWING ENGINEERING REPORTS, FIELD INSPECTIONS, AND
21 ADMINISTERING ROTATIONAL CROP MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS PURSUANT
22 TO SECTION 37-92-305 (17);

23 (f) PUBLISHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED IN
24 PROCESSING APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS AND ADMINISTERING
25 SUBSTITUTE WATER SUPPLY PLANS PURSUANT TO SECTION 37-92-308;

26 (g) PUBLISHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED IN
27 PROCESSING APPLICATIONS, REVIEWING ENGINEERING REPORTS, AND

1 ADMINISTERING INTERRUPTIBLE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENTS PURSUANT
2 TO SECTION 37-92-309; AND

3 (h) FUNDING THE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE
4 DIVISION BASED ON ONGOING PRIORITIES OF THE DIVISION.

5 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-80-111.5, **amend**
6 (1) (d); and **repeal** (1) (a), (1) (b), and (2) as follows:

7 **37-80-111.5. Fees - satellite monitoring system cash fund - well**
8 **inspection cash fund - created.** (1) (a) ~~The state engineer shall set and~~
9 ~~collect fees by rule and regulation for the distribution of data generated,~~
10 ~~collected, studied, and compiled about the water supplies of this state,~~
11 ~~which fees shall reflect the direct and indirect costs of such distribution.~~
12 ~~All such fees collected by the state engineer shall be transmitted to the~~
13 ~~state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the water data bank cash fund,~~
14 ~~which fund is hereby created. Moneys in the water data bank cash fund~~
15 ~~may be expended by the state engineer for the purposes of this paragraph~~
16 ~~(a), subject to appropriation by the general assembly.~~

17 (b) ~~The state engineer shall set and collect fees by rule and~~
18 ~~regulation for the sale of publications of the division of water resources,~~
19 ~~which fees shall reflect the direct and indirect costs of such publications.~~
20 ~~All such fees collected by the state engineer shall be transmitted to the~~
21 ~~state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the division of water~~
22 ~~resources publication cash fund, which fund is hereby created. Moneys~~
23 ~~in the publication cash fund may be expended by the state engineer for the~~
24 ~~purposes of this paragraph (b), subject to appropriation by the general~~
25 ~~assembly.~~

26 (d) ~~The state engineer shall collect fees pursuant to sections~~
27 ~~37-90-105 (3) (a), (3) (e), and (4), 37-90-107 (7) (c) (I) and (7) (d) (I),~~

1 ~~37-90-108 (4) and (6), 37-90-116 (1) (a), (1) (c), (1) (h), and (1) (i),~~
2 ~~37-90-137 (2), (3) (a), and (3) (c), 37-90.5-106, 37-92-305 (17),~~
3 ~~37-92-308, and 37-92-602 (1) (g) (III) (C), (3) (a), (3) (d), and (5). All~~
4 ~~such fees shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the~~
5 ~~same to the division of water resources ground water management cash~~
6 ~~fund, which is hereby created; except that, of each fee collected pursuant~~
7 ~~to section 37-90-107 (7) (c) (I) and (7) (d) (I) and section 37-90-116 (1)~~
8 ~~(a), (1) (h), and (1) (i), thirty dollars shall be credited to the general fund;~~
9 ~~of each fee collected pursuant to section 37-90-137 (2), (3) (a) (I), and (3)~~
10 ~~(a) (II) and section 37-92-602 (3) (a) for wells applied for pursuant to~~
11 ~~section 37-92-602 (3) (b), twenty-five dollars shall be credited to the~~
12 ~~general fund; of each fee collected pursuant to section 37-90-116 (1) (c),~~
13 ~~ten dollars shall be credited to the general fund; of each fee collected~~
14 ~~pursuant to section 37-90-105 (3) (a) and (4) (a) and section 37-92-602~~
15 ~~(3) (a) for wells applied for pursuant to section 37-92-602 (3) (c) and (5);~~
16 ~~five dollars shall be credited to the general fund; and except that, Of each~~
17 ~~fee collected pursuant to sections 37-90-105 (3) (a) (I) and (4) (a),~~
18 ~~37-90-107 (7) (d) (I), 37-90-116 (1) (a), (1) (c), and (1) (h), 37-90-137 (2)~~
19 ~~(a), and 37-92-602 (3) (a) and (5), forty dollars shall be credited to the~~
20 ~~well inspection cash fund, which fund is hereby created. Moneys in the~~
21 ~~well inspection cash fund shall be appropriated to and expended by the~~
22 ~~state engineer for the purposes established in section 37-91-113. Any~~
23 ~~moneys credited to the well inspection cash fund and unexpended at the~~
24 ~~end of any given fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall DO not~~
25 ~~revert to the general fund. All interest derived from the deposit and~~
26 ~~investment of this fund shall remain in the fund and shall DO not revert to~~
27 ~~the general fund. Moneys in the ground water management cash fund~~

1 shall be expended by the state engineer for the purposes of developing an
2 automated well permit processing system that will expedite the issuance
3 of well permits, creating and maintaining a ground water information
4 management system, establishing a ground water data network,
5 establishing ground water recharge programs, conducting ground water
6 investigations, monitoring compliance with rooftop precipitation capture
7 laws and permits pursuant to section 37-92-602(1)(g), the administration
8 of rotational crop management contracts, and for other
9 groundwater-related activities that are deemed necessary by the state
10 engineer in performing statutory duties, subject to appropriation by the
11 general assembly. Data in the ground water data network shall be made
12 available to the public by the office of the state engineer as expeditiously
13 as possible.

14 (2) All moneys deposited in the water data bank cash fund, the
15 division of water resources publication cash fund, the satellite monitoring
16 system cash fund, or the division of water resources ground water
17 management cash fund pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, together
18 with any interest earned thereon, shall be deposited in the cash fund as
19 provided in this section.

20 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-90-116, **amend**
21 (1) (f) as follows:

22 **37-90-116. Fees.** (1) The state engineer or the commission shall
23 collect the following fees:

24 (f) The actual expenses of publication, if any is required, which
25 sums shall be promptly billed to the applicant and paid prior to the
26 approval of any permit or other application, unless the commission
27 requires the applicant to pay these expenses directly to the newspaper, and

1 the applicant provides a proof of such payment to the commission. ~~except~~
2 ~~that, when a publication is made to process final permits pursuant to~~
3 ~~section 37-90-108, such publication expenses shall be paid by the state~~
4 ~~engineer from the division of water resources ground water management~~
5 ~~cash fund created pursuant to section 37-80-111.5 (1) (d). All such FEES~~
6 ~~FOR publication expenses collected by the state engineer or by the~~
7 ~~commission shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the~~
8 ~~same THEM to the ground water publication fund, which fund is hereby~~
9 ~~created. All moneys in the ground water publication fund are hereby~~
10 ~~continuously appropriated to the division of water resources for the actual~~
11 ~~expenses of publications. The moneys in the ground water publication~~
12 ~~fund shall not be credited or transferred to the general fund or to any other~~
13 ~~fund of the state RESOURCES CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 37-80-111.7~~
14 (1).

15 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-90-137, **amend**
16 (11) (f) as follows:

17 **37-90-137. Permits to construct wells outside designated**
18 **basins - fees - permit no ground water right - evidence - time**
19 **limitation - well permits - rules - repeal.** (11) (f) Excluding the well
20 permit filing fee required by subsection (2) of this section, THE STATE
21 TREASURER SHALL CREDIT all fees collected with an application for
22 approval of a plan for augmentation or a plan of substitute supply ~~shall be~~
23 ~~credited to the gravel pit lakes augmentation WATER RESOURCES CASH~~
24 ~~fund which fund is hereby created and shall be used by the state engineer~~
25 ~~for the implementation and enforcement of the water augmentation~~
26 ~~program. The general assembly shall make annual appropriations from the~~
27 ~~gravel pit lakes augmentation fund for such purposes, and no moneys~~

1 ~~from the general fund shall be expended or appropriated for such~~
2 ~~purposes~~ IN SECTION 37-80-111.7 (1).

3 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-90-111.5, **amend**
4 (5) (b) as follows:

5 **37-90-111.5. Well enforcement - injunction - fines.** (5) (b) ~~A~~
6 ~~fine~~ THE STATE ENGINEER SHALL TRANSMIT ALL FINES collected for
7 violations of paragraph (a) of this subsection (5) ~~shall be transmitted to~~
8 the state treasurer, who shall deposit it THEM in the ~~well enforcement~~
9 WATER RESOURCES cash fund ~~which fund is hereby created in the state~~
10 ~~treasury. All moneys credited to the fund and unexpended at the end of~~
11 ~~any given fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not revert to the~~
12 ~~general fund. All interest earned on the investment of moneys in the fund~~
13 ~~shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund shall be appropriated~~
14 ~~solely to the division of water resources for costs associated with the~~
15 ~~investigation and enforcement of violations of orders issued by the state~~
16 ~~engineer or the commission for the illegal withdrawal of designated~~
17 ~~ground water, including costs associated with the implementation of this~~
18 section 37-80-111.7 (1).

19 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-83-105, **amend**
20 (2) (b) (I) introductory portion as follows:

21 **37-83-105. Owner may loan agricultural water right - loans to**
22 **Colorado water conservation board for instream flows.** (2) (b) In
23 determining whether injury will occur, the division engineer shall ensure
24 that the following conditions are met:

25 (I) The proponent has filed a request for approval of the loan with
26 the division engineer, together with a filing fee in the amount of one
27 hundred dollars. Moneys from the fee shall be transmitted to the state

1 treasurer and deposited in the ~~ground water management~~ RESOURCES cash
2 fund created in section ~~37-80-111.5~~ 37-80-111.7 (1). The request for
3 approval shall include:

4 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-90-107, **amend**
5 (6) (e) as follows:

6 **37-90-107. Application for use of ground water - publication**
7 **of notice - conditional permit - hearing on objections - well permits.**

8 (6) (e) Excluding the well permit filing fee required by section 37-90-116
9 (2), THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT all fees collected with a
10 replacement plan ~~shall be credited to the gravel pit lakes augmentation~~
11 WATER RESOURCES CASH fund ~~which fund is created in section 37-90-137~~
12 ~~(H)~~(f) 37-80-111.7 (1).

13 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-92-305, **amend**
14 (17) (b) as follows:

15 **37-92-305. Standards with respect to rulings of the referee and**
16 **decisions of the water judge.** (17) (b) ~~The fees shall be used by the state~~

17 ~~engineer for the review of the engineering reports, field inspections, and~~
18 ~~the administration of the rotational crop management contract. The state~~
19 ~~engineer shall transmit such~~ THE fees to the state treasurer, who shall
20 deposit them in the ~~division of water resources~~ ~~ground water management~~
21 cash fund created in section ~~37-80-111.5~~ 37-80-111.7 (1).

22 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-92-308, **amend**
23 (8) as follows:

24 **37-92-308. Substitute water supply plans - special procedures**
25 **for review - water adjudication cash fund - legislative declaration -**

26 **repeal.** (8) After July 1, 2002, water users requesting approval of a new
27 plan or a substitute water supply plan pursuant to this section shall pay a

1 fee of three hundred dollars. ~~The fees shall be used by the state engineer~~
2 ~~for the publishing and administrative costs for processing applications~~
3 ~~and renewals and administering plans. Such fees shall be deposited~~ THE
4 STATE ENGINEER SHALL COLLECT THE FEES AND TRANSMIT THEM TO THE
5 STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL DEPOSIT THEM in the ~~ground~~ water
6 ~~management~~ RESOURCES cash fund ~~pursuant to~~ CREATED IN section
7 ~~37-80-111.5~~ 37-80-111.7 (1).

8 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-92-309, **amend**
9 (5) as follows:

10 **37-92-309. Interruptible water supply agreements - special**
11 **review procedures - rules - water adjudication cash fund - legislative**
12 **declaration.** (5) Applicants for approval of an interruptible water supply
13 agreement pursuant to this section shall pay a fee established by the state
14 engineer, pursuant to rules promulgated by the state engineer. ~~The fees~~
15 ~~shall be used by the state engineer for the publishing and administrative~~
16 ~~costs for processing the applications, the review of the engineering~~
17 ~~reports, and the administration of the interruptible water supply~~
18 ~~agreements.~~ The state engineer shall COLLECT THE FEES AND transmit such
19 fees THEM to the state treasurer, who shall deposit them in the ~~ground~~
20 water ~~management~~ RESOURCES cash fund created ~~pursuant to~~ IN section
21 ~~37-80-111.5~~ 37-80-111.7 (1).

22 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-92-602, **amend**
23 (1) introductory portion and (1) (g) (V) (C) as follows:

24 **37-92-602. Exemptions - presumptions - legislative**
25 **declaration.** (1) ~~The provisions of~~ This article, except for sections
26 37-92-201 and 37-92-202, shall DOES not be ~~applicable~~ APPLY to:

27 (g) (V) (C) Any person who violates an order issued by the state

1 engineer pursuant to sub-subparagraph (A) of this subparagraph (V) shall
2 forfeit and pay a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars for each
3 violation. Any fine collected for violations of this paragraph (g) shall be
4 transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the ~~division~~
5 ~~of water resources~~ ~~ground water management~~ cash fund created in section
6 ~~37-80-111.5 (1) (d)~~ 37-80-111.7 (1).

7 **SECTION 12. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take
8 effect July 1, 2012, and shall apply to revenues credited on or after said
9 date.

10 **SECTION 13. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.