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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A HEARING PROCESS TO END A SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGES TO ATTEMPT TO TAKE WILDLIFE.

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.)

The bill authorizes a person under a hunting or fishing license suspension to petition the commission of wildlife once each year to end the suspension after half the suspension or after 15 years for a lifetime suspension. The commission may end the suspension if the person is unlikely to offend again, has not violated the wildlife statutes again, and

the suspension is the person's first. Before ending the suspension, the commission may order a person to pay a fee of up to \$300, perform up to 40 hours of service on wildlife or park projects, or attend educational courses.

1	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
2	SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-6-106, add (9) as
3	follows:
4	33-6-106. Suspension of license privileges - repeal. (9) (a) A
5	PERSON MAY PETITION THE COMMISSION TO END A SUSPENSION ONCE
6	EVERY FIVE YEARS EITHER:
7	(I) AFTER HALF OF A SUSPENSION OF AT LEAST TEN YEARS BUT
8	LESS THAN A LIFETIME HAS ELAPSED; OR
9	(II) AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS OF A LIFETIME SUSPENSION HAS
10	ELAPSED.
11	(b) IF A PERSON PETITIONS THE COMMISSION TO END A SUSPENSION,
12	THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD A HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO
13	END THE SUSPENSION WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS AFTER
14	RECEIVING THE PETITION; EXCEPT THAT A PERSON MAY PETITION THE
15	COMMISSION NO MORE THAN THREE TIMES. UPON RECEIVING A FOURTH OR
16	SUBSEQUENT PETITION, THE COMMISSION MAY DENY THE PETITION
17	WITHOUT A HEARING.
18	(c) (I) THE COMMISSION MAY END A SUSPENSION IF:
19	(A) THE PERSON IS UNLIKELY TO VIOLATE THIS ARTICLE AGAIN;
20	(B) THE PERSON HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF OR PLED GUILTY OR
21	NOLO CONTENDERE TO ANY VIOLATION OF ARTICLES 1 TO 6 OF THIS TITLE
22	AFTER THE SUSPENSION WAS IMPOSED; AND
23	(C) THE SUSPENSION IS THE PERSON'S FIRST IN COLORADO.

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1	(II) IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO END A SUSPENSION UNDER THIS
2	SUBSECTION (9), THE COMMISSION MAY CONSIDER WHETHER THE PERSON
3	HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF OR PLED GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO ANY
4	MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY.
5	(d) IF A SUSPENSION IS ENDED, THE COMMISSION MAY REQUIRE THE
6	PETITIONER TO:
7	(I) PAY A REINSTATEMENT FEE, NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED
8	DOLLARS;
9	(II) PERFORM SERVICE, NOT TO EXCEED FORTY HOURS, UNDER THE
10	DIVISION'S DIRECTION ON WILDLIFE OR STATE PARK PROJECTS; OR
11	(III) ATTEND A HUNTER'S SAFETY OR HUNTER OUTREACH COURSE.
12	(e) THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD A HEARING REQUIRED BY THIS
13	SUBSECTION (9) AT ONE OF ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS BUT
14	NOT MORE THAN QUARTERLY.
15	(f) This subsection (9) is repealed, effective July 1, 2017.
16	PRIOR TO THE REPEAL, THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE PETITION
17	PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (9) TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE
18	NUMBER OF PETITIONS GRANTED JUSTIFIES THE CONTINUANCE OF THE
19	PROGRAM. BASED UPON THIS REVIEW, THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE
20	RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHETHER TO CONTINUE
21	THIS SUBSECTION (9) BY OCTOBER 1, 2016.
22	SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -
23	applicability. (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
24	the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
25	general assembly (August 8, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9,
26	2012); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
77	(3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item section

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- or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.
 - (2) The provisions of this act apply to suspensions existing on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

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