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**HOUSE BILL 13-1130**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING EXTENDED OPERATION OF INTERRUPTIBLE WATER**  
102 **SUPPLY AGREEMENTS.**

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**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>.)*

Current law allows the state engineer to approve the operation of an interruptible water supply agreement for 3 years out of a single 10-year period; once the agreement has been operated, the state engineer cannot approve the agreement for operation in any later period. The bill allows the state engineer to reapprove an agreement up to 2 additional times by

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.*

following the same procedures for approval of the original agreement.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-92-309, **amend**  
3 (2) and (3) (c); and **add** (6) as follows:

4 **37-92-309. Interruptible water supply agreements - special**  
5 **review procedures - rules - water adjudication cash fund - legislative**  
6 **declaration.** (2) For purposes of this section:

7 (a) "Interruptible water supply agreement" means an option  
8 agreement between two or more water right owners whereby:

9 (a) (I) The ~~loaning~~ OWNER OF THE LOANED water right ~~owner~~  
10 agrees that, during the term of ~~such~~ THE agreement, it will stop its use of  
11 the loaned water right for a specified length of time if the option is  
12 exercised by the borrowing water right owner in accordance with the  
13 agreement; and

14 (b) (II) The borrowing water right owner may divert the loaned  
15 water right for such owner's purposes, subject to the priority system and  
16 subject to temporary approval by the state engineer in accordance with  
17 this section.

18 (b) "LOANED WATER RIGHT" MEANS ANY IDENTIFIED WATER  
19 RIGHT, OR IDENTIFIED PORTION OF A WATER RIGHT, SPECIFICALLY  
20 DESCRIBED IN THE INTERRUPTIBLE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT.

21 (3) The state engineer is authorized to approve and administer  
22 interruptible water supply agreements that permit a temporary change in  
23 the point of diversion, location of use, and type of use of an absolute  
24 water right without the need for an adjudication pursuant to this article,  
25 subject to the following:

1 (c) An interruptible water supply agreement approved pursuant to  
2 this section ~~shall not~~ CANNOT be exercised for more than three years in a  
3 ten-year period, for which only a single approval is required. The ten-year  
4 period ~~shall begin~~ BEGINS with the granting of ~~such~~ THE approval. A  
5 water right subject to the agreement under this section ~~may not~~ CANNOT  
6 use section 37-92-308 (5). THE STATE ENGINEER SHALL NOT APPROVE an  
7 interruptible water supply agreement ~~approved~~ pursuant to this subsection  
8 (3) ~~shall not be approved~~ for another ten-year period; except:

9 (I) ~~that~~, If ~~such~~ THE agreement has not been exercised during the  
10 term of the agreement, an applicant may reapply one time by repeating the  
11 application process pursuant to this subsection (3); AND

12 (II) AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION.

13 (6) (a) (I) ALL OF THE SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL  
14 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (2) THROUGH (5) OF THIS SECTION APPLY  
15 TO A SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL OF AN INTERRUPTIBLE WATER SUPPLY  
16 AGREEMENT EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE IN THIS  
17 SUBSECTION (6).

18 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (6) APPLIES ONLY TO A SUBSEQUENT  
19 APPROVAL OF AN INTERRUPTIBLE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT.

20 (b) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR NO MORE THAN TWO SUBSEQUENT  
21 APPROVALS OF THE SAME INTERRUPTIBLE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT.

22 (c) AN APPLICANT FOR SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL OF AN  
23 INTERRUPTIBLE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT MUST:

24 (I) SUBMIT TO THE WATER CLERK IN EACH WATER DIVISION IN  
25 WHICH A LOANED WATER RIGHT IS LOCATED A RESUME OF THE  
26 APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERRUPTIBLE WATER SUPPLY  
27 AGREEMENT SUBMITTED TO THE STATE ENGINEER, AND THE WATER CLERK

1 SHALL PUBLISH THE RESUMES IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN SECTION  
2 37-92-302 (3) (a) AND (3) (b), NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THE  
3 APPLICATIONS WERE FILED WITH THE STATE ENGINEER;

4 (II) FILE PROOF OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE RESUME TO THE WATER  
5 CLERK WITH THE STATE ENGINEER NOT LATER THAN TEN DAYS AFTER THE  
6 SUBMISSION; AND

7 (III) FILE PROOF OF THE NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES WHO HAVE  
8 SUBSCRIBED TO THE SUBSTITUTE WATER SUPPLY PLAN NOTIFICATION LIST,  
9 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 37-92-308 (6), WITH THE STATE ENGINEER  
10 WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER PROVIDING THE NOTICE.

11 (d) OWNERS OF WATER RIGHTS HAVE UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF THE  
12 FOURTH MONTH FOLLOWING THE MONTH IN WHICH THE RESUME WAS  
13 SUBMITTED TO THE WATER CLERK TO FILE COMMENTS ON THE OPERATION  
14 OF THE INTERRUPTIBLE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT.

15 (e) THE STATE ENGINEER MAY APPROVE A SUBSEQUENT  
16 APPLICATION FOR INTERRUPTIBLE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT UNDER THIS  
17 SUBSECTION (6) ONLY:

18 (I) AFTER MAKING A DETERMINATION OF THE OPERATION AND  
19 ADMINISTRATION OF THE INTERRUPTIBLE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT TO  
20 ASSURE THAT SUCH OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT PERMIT  
21 A BORROWING WATER RIGHT USER TO RELY ON THE EXERCISE OF MULTIPLE  
22 INTERRUPTIBLE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENTS AS ITS PRIMARY SOURCE OF  
23 SUPPLY;

24 (II) IF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IMPOSED PURSUANT TO  
25 PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION ARE NO LESS  
26 RESTRICTIVE THAN THOSE IMPOSED UPON PREVIOUSLY APPROVED  
27 APPLICATIONS;

1 (III) IF THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE A LOANED WATER  
2 RIGHT THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED AS A LOANED WATER RIGHT IN  
3 A SEPARATE, UNEXPIRED INTERRUPTIBLE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT; AND

4 (IV) IF THE LOANED WATER RIGHT SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT IS  
5 NOT SUBJECT TO MORE THAN TWO SUBSEQUENT APPROVALS REGARDLESS  
6 OF THE APPLICANT, AND ANY SUCH SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL CANNOT TAKE  
7 EFFECT UNTIL AFTER ANY PRIOR TEN-YEAR APPROVAL PERIOD HAS  
8 EXPIRED.

9 (f) THE STATE ENGINEER'S APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF A  
10 SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION FOR INTERRUPTIBLE WATER SUPPLY  
11 AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (6) CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY  
12 ACTION SUBJECT TO APPEAL IN THE WATER COURT IN THE WATER DIVISION  
13 IN WHICH THE LOANED WATER RIGHTS ARE LOCATED.

14 (g) THE WATER JUDGE SHALL EXPEDITE AN APPEAL OF THE STATE  
15 ENGINEER'S DECISION ONLY UPON THE REQUEST OF ANY PARTY TO THE  
16 APPEAL.

17 (h) FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING FILING FEES, THE APPLICANT  
18 OR COMMENTER THAT INITIATES THE APPEAL SHALL PAY FEES  
19 ESTABLISHED FOR WATER COURT CHANGE APPLICANTS, AND ALL OTHERS  
20 SHALL PAY FEES ESTABLISHED FOR PERSONS FILING STATEMENTS OF  
21 OPPOSITION.

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 7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8,  
26 2013); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
27 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,

1 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
2 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
3 to be held in November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
4 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

5 (2) This act applies to applications filed on or after the applicable  
6 effective date of this act.