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HOUSE BILL 14-1004

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION**
102 **THEREWITH, ELIMINATING AND REORGANIZING TWO ENTITIES**
103 **WITHIN THE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND**
104 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC**
105 **SAFETY AND AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO PROVIDE**
106 **INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE DURING A DISASTER ABSENT A**
107 **PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION OF THE SAME.**

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

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The bill makes various changes to the manner in which emergency management functions are administered.

Sections 1 and 15 of the bill eliminate the Colorado emergency planning commission and transfer the commission's functions and duties as follows:

- ! Current rules, the authority to promulgate new rules, and duties relating to the implementation of the federal "Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986", are transferred to the department of public safety for allocation to the director of the division of fire prevention and control (division). **Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10** effect the transfer of specific related duties.
- ! The commission's duty to assist in training personnel to react to emergency response situations is transferred to the emergency planning subcommittee (subcommittee), a new permanent body under the homeland security and all-hazards senior advisory committee in the division.

Section 11 creates the subcommittee and describes its composition and functions. **Section 12** subjects the subcommittee to the sunset review required for new advisory entities.

Section 2 eliminates the governor's disaster emergency council. As a result of this elimination, **sections 13 and 14** make necessary conforming amendments.

Current law authorizes the governor to provide financial assistance to individuals and families affected by a major disaster only if the president of the United States has declared that such a disaster exists. **Section 3** instead allows the governor to render such assistance upon a gubernatorial declaration.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-1-128.6, **amend**
3 (4) as follows:

4 **24-1-128.6. Department of public safety - creation.** (4) (a) The
5 Colorado emergency planning commission, created by ~~part 15 of article~~
6 ~~33.5 of this title, shall exercise its powers and perform its duties and~~
7 ~~functions as if the same were transferred by a type 2 transfer to the~~
8 ~~department of public safety~~ SECTION 24-33.5-1503, PRIOR TO THE REPEAL

1 OF THAT SECTION BY HOUSE BILL 14-1004, IS ABOLISHED, AND ITS
2 POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS ARE TRANSFERRED BY A **TYPE 3**
3 TRANSFER AS FOLLOWS:

4 (I) THE DUTY TO PROMULGATE ANY RULES NECESSARY FOR
5 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL "EMERGENCY PLANNING AND
6 COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT OF 1986", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 11001 ET
7 SEQ., TITLE III OF THE FEDERAL "SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND
8 REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1986", PUB.L. 99-499, THE OTHER POWERS
9 AND DUTIES DESCRIBED UNDER SECTION 24-33.5-1503.5 (2), AND THE
10 DUTY TO ADMINISTER THE SARA TITLE III FUND CREATED IN SECTION
11 24-33.5-1506, ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
12 SAFETY AND ALLOCATED TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF
13 HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; AND

14 (II) ALL OTHER FUNCTIONS RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
15 FEDERAL "EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW
16 ACT OF 1986", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 11001 ET SEQ., TITLE III OF THE FEDERAL
17 "SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1986",
18 PUB.L. 99-499, THAT WERE ENJOYED BY THE COLORADO EMERGENCY
19 PLANNING COMMISSION PRIOR TO ITS REPEAL BY HOUSE BILL 14-1004, ARE
20 TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND ALLOCATED
21 TO THE EMERGENCY PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOMELAND
22 SECURITY AND ALL-HAZARDS SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH
23 SUBCOMMITTEE IS CREATED UNDER SECTION 24-33.5-1614 (3.5).

24 (b) ~~Effective July 1, 2012, the Colorado emergency planning~~
25 ~~commission in the department of local affairs, created by part 26 of article~~
26 ~~32 of this title, prior to its repeal in 2012, and its powers, duties, and~~
27 ~~functions are transferred by a **type 2** transfer to the department of public~~

1 safety, pursuant to this article:

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-704, **amend**
3 (8) (a) (I), (8) (a) (II), and (8) (b) (IV); and **repeal** (3) and (8) (a) (III) as
4 follows:

5 **24-33.5-704. The governor and disaster emergencies - expert**
6 **emergency epidemic response committee - creation.** (3) (a) ~~There is~~
7 ~~hereby created a governor's disaster emergency council, referred to in this~~
8 ~~part 7 as the "council", consisting of not less than six nor more than nine~~
9 ~~members. The attorney general, the adjutant general, and the executive~~
10 ~~directors of the following departments shall be members: Personnel,~~
11 ~~transportation, public safety, and natural resources. The additional~~
12 ~~members, if any, shall be appointed by the governor from among the~~
13 ~~executive directors of the other departments. The governor shall serve as~~
14 ~~chairperson of the council, and a majority shall constitute a quorum. The~~
15 ~~council shall meet at the call of the governor and shall advise the~~
16 ~~governor and the director of the division of homeland security and~~
17 ~~emergency management on all matters pertaining to the declaration of~~
18 ~~disasters and the disaster response and recovery activities of the state~~
19 ~~government; except that nothing in the duties of the council shall be~~
20 ~~construed to limit the authority of the governor to act without the advice~~
21 ~~of the council when the situation calls for prompt and timely action when~~
22 ~~disaster threatens or exists.~~

23 (b) ~~The members of the governor's disaster emergency council, as~~
24 ~~such existed prior to June 30, 2012, are the initial members of the council~~
25 ~~on July 1, 2012.~~

26 (8) (a) There is hereby created a governor's expert emergency
27 epidemic response committee. The committee shall:

1 (I) Meet at least annually to review and amend, as necessary, the
2 supplement to the state disaster plan that is concerned with the public
3 health response to acts of bioterrorism, pandemic influenza, and
4 epidemics caused by novel and highly fatal infectious agents; AND

5 (II) Provide expert public health advice to the governor in the
6 event of an emergency epidemic. ~~and~~

7 (III) ~~Provide information to, and fully cooperate with, the council.~~

8 (b) (IV) The executive director of the department of public safety
9 or the executive director's designee shall serve as an ex officio member
10 of the committee and ~~shall~~ IS not be able to vote on decisions of the
11 committee. He or she shall serve as a liaison between the committee ~~the~~
12 ~~council~~, and the Colorado emergency planning commission in the event
13 of an emergency epidemic.

14 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-33.5-1106
15 as follows:

16 **24-33.5-1106. Grants to individuals.** (1) Whenever the ~~president~~
17 ~~of the United States, at the request of the~~ governor has declared a major
18 disaster to exist in this state, ~~the governor~~ HE OR SHE is authorized, upon
19 ~~the governor's~~ MAKING A determination that financial assistance is
20 essential to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of
21 individuals or families adversely affected by a major disaster which
22 cannot be otherwise adequately met from other means of assistance, to
23 accept a grant from the federal government to fund such financial
24 assistance, subject to such terms and conditions as may be imposed upon
25 the grant.

26 (2) Notwithstanding any other law or rule, the governor is
27 authorized to make financial grants to meet disaster-related necessary

1 expenses or serious needs of individuals or families adversely affected by
2 a major disaster which cannot otherwise adequately be met from other
3 means of assistance, which grants shall not exceed five thousand dollars
4 in the aggregate to an individual or family in any single major disaster
5 declared by the ~~president~~ GOVERNOR.

6 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-33.5-1502
7 as follows:

8 **24-33.5-1502. Definitions.** (1) All terms used in this part 15 have
9 the same meaning as defined under the federal "Emergency Planning and
10 Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986", 42 U.S.C. sec. 11001 et seq.,
11 Pub.L. 99-499, and regulations thereunder, referred to in this part 15 as
12 the "federal act".

13 (2) AS USED IN THIS PART 15:

14 (a) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF
15 HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CREATED IN
16 SECTION 24-33.5-1603.

17 (b) "SUBCOMMITTEE" MEANS THE EMERGENCY PLANNING
18 SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY AND ALL-HAZARDS SENIOR
19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1614 (3.5).

20 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1503.5,
21 **amend** (1) introductory portion, (1) (a), (2) introductory portion, and (2)
22 (d) as follows:

23 **24-33.5-1503.5. Powers and duties of the director - legislative**
24 **intent - rules.** (1) It is the intent of the general assembly that the
25 ~~commission~~ DIRECTOR, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE,
26 promulgate rules pursuant to this part 15 that encourage:

27 (a) Consistency between information requested by the ~~commission~~

1 DIRECTOR and the purposes of implementation of the federal act; and

2 (2) Consistent with the powers and duties imposed upon it HIM OR
3 HER by the federal act, or granted to it in this part 15, the ~~commission~~
4 DIRECTOR has the following powers and duties:

5 (d) To coordinate ~~its~~ HIS OR HER activities with those of the
6 Colorado state patrol relating to the transportation of hazardous materials.

7 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1504,
8 **amend** (1) and (2); and **add** (4) as follows:

9 **24-33.5-1504. Local emergency planning committees - creation**
10 **and duties.** (1) The ~~commission~~ SUBCOMMITTEE shall designate local
11 emergency planning districts to develop emergency response and
12 preparedness capabilities in accordance with the federal act. The
13 boundaries of such districts shall be the same as the boundaries of either
14 a county, municipality, or a combination thereof.

15 (2) Upon the request of the ~~commission~~ SUBCOMMITTEE, the
16 primary governing body having jurisdiction over the local emergency
17 planning district, the county commissioners, or the city council, as the
18 case may be, shall provide nominations for membership on the local
19 emergency planning committee. The ~~commission~~ SUBCOMMITTEE shall
20 appoint members of a local emergency planning committee for each
21 emergency planning district in accordance with the federal act. For local
22 emergency planning districts for which no nominations have been
23 submitted by the governing body, the ~~commission~~ SUBCOMMITTEE may
24 designate either the county commissioners or city council, as the case may
25 be, to serve as the local emergency planning committee.

26 (4) UNLESS ANOTHER ENTITY IS SO DESIGNATED BY THE
27 GOVERNOR, THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS THE STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

1 COMMISSION REQUIRED UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT.

2 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1505,
3 **amend** (3) as follows:

4 **24-33.5-1505. Immunity.** (3) ~~NE~~ NEITHER THE DIRECTOR NOR
5 ANY member of the ~~commission~~ SUBCOMMITTEE, or any local emergency
6 planning committee shall be liable for the death of or any injury to
7 persons or loss or damage to property or the environment or any civil
8 damages resulting from any act or omission arising out of the
9 performance of the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the
10 ~~commission~~ DIRECTOR OR SUBCOMMITTEE or local emergency planning
11 committee, except for acts or omissions which constitute willful
12 misconduct.

13 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1506,
14 **amend** (1) and (2) as follows:

15 **24-33.5-1506. SARA Title III fund - creation - acceptance of**
16 **gifts, grants, and donations.** (1) There is hereby created in the state
17 treasury ~~a fund to be known as~~ the SARA Title III fund, also referred to
18 in this part 15 as the "fund", which shall be administered by the
19 ~~commission~~ DIRECTOR. The moneys in the fund are subject to annual
20 appropriation by the general assembly for the purposes of this part 15,
21 including the disbursement of grants pursuant to section 24-33.5-1507.

22 (2) The ~~commission~~ DIRECTOR is hereby authorized to accept all
23 moneys received from the federal government and from public or private
24 grants, gifts, bequests, donations, and other contributions for any purpose
25 consistent with ~~the provisions of~~ this part 15. ~~Such~~ THE moneys shall be
26 credited to the ~~SARA Title III fund. created by subsection (1) of this~~
27 ~~section.~~

1 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-33.5-1507
2 as follows:

3 **24-33.5-1507. Application for grants - disbursements from**
4 **SARA Title III fund - regulations.** (1) The ~~department of public safety~~
5 OFFICE OF PREPAREDNESS IN THE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND
6 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1606.5 AND
7 REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) AS THE "OFFICE", shall administer
8 all grants from the fund. The ~~department~~ OFFICE shall accept applications
9 from local emergency planning committees and from first responder
10 organizations who have coordinated their request with their local
11 emergency planning committee and shall direct those applications to the
12 ~~commission. The commission~~ SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH shall evaluate the
13 applications and shall recommend to the ~~department of public safety~~
14 OFFICE which grants should be made for the purposes of emergency
15 planning and emergency response, including training and planning
16 programs and training and planning equipment as needed to carry out the
17 purposes of this part 15.

18 (2) WITH THE ADVICE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, the ~~commission~~
19 DIRECTOR shall promulgate rules prescribing the procedures to be
20 followed in the making, filing, and evaluation of grant applications, and
21 any other regulations necessary for administering the SARA Title III
22 fund.

23 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1605,
24 **amend** (2) as follows:

25 **24-33.5-1605. Director - duties and powers - rules.** (2) The
26 director may promulgate, in accordance with article 4 of this title, any
27 rules necessary to implement PART 15 OF THIS ARTICLE AND sections

1 24-33.5-1604 (2) (a), 24-33.5-1608, and 24-33.5-1609.

2 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1614, **add**
3 (3.5) as follows:

4 **24-33.5-1614. Homeland security and all-hazards senior**
5 **advisory committee - creation - composition - duties - creation of the**
6 **emergency planning subcommittee - repeal.** (3.5) (a) IN ADDITION TO
7 ANY SUBCOMMITTEES CREATED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (f) OF
8 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, THERE IS HEREBY CREATED THE
9 EMERGENCY PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE, ALSO REFERRED TO IN THIS
10 SUBSECTION (3.5) AS THE "SUBCOMMITTEE", TO THE ADVISORY
11 COMMITTEE.

12 (b) (I) THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONSISTS OF TWELVE MEMBERS.

13 (II) FIVE OF THE TWELVE MEMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING EX
14 OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE GOVERNMENT OR THEIR DESIGNEES:

15 (A) THE DIRECTOR;

16 (B) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND
17 CONTROL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY;

18 (C) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS;

20 (D) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR HAZARDOUS
22 MATERIALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT; AND

23 (E) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COLORADO STATE PATROL IN THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

25 (III) THE REMAINING SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE
26 APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS, AND MAY
27 BE REAPPOINTED FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS. OF THOSE SEVEN MEMBERS,

1 TWO SHALL REPRESENT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, TWO SHALL BE FROM
2 EITHER PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS OR COMMUNITY GROUPS, ONE SHALL
3 REPRESENT A LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE, AND TWO SHALL
4 REPRESENT INDUSTRIES AFFECTED BY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL
5 "EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT OF
6 1986", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 11001 ET SEQ., TITLE III OF THE FEDERAL
7 "SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1986",
8 PUB.L. 99-499.

9 (c) (I) THE MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO EMERGENCY PLANNING
10 COMMISSION, AS SUCH EXISTED PRIOR TO ITS REPEAL PURSUANT TO HOUSE
11 BILL 14-1004, ARE THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE. THE
12 TERMS OF SUCH INITIAL MEMBERS CONTINUE AND EXPIRE ACCORDING TO
13 THE DATES FOR WHICH SUCH MEMBERS WERE ORIGINALLY APPOINTED.

14 (II) (A) UPON EXPIRATION OF THE TERMS OF THE INITIAL MEMBERS
15 SERVING PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (c), AND
16 UPON THE CREATION OF ANY OTHER VACANCY OR TERM EXPIRATION, THE
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT A MEMBER REPRESENTING THE SAME
18 INTEREST, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF PARAGRAPH (b) OF
19 THIS SUBSECTION (3.5), AS THE VACATING MEMBER.

20 (B) A VACANCY APPOINTMENT IS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE
21 UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE VACATING MEMBER.

22 (d) MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE DO NOT RECEIVE
23 COMPENSATION OR PER DIEM FOR THEIR SERVICES ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE;
24 EXCEPT THAT MEMBERS MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES
25 INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN ATTENDING
26 MEETINGS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

27 (e) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED

1 IN PART 15 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL ADVISE THE
2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF
3 THE FEDERAL "EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
4 RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT OF 1986", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 11001 ET SEQ., TITLE III
5 OF THE FEDERAL "SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT
6 OF 1986", PUB.L. 99-499. THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL ALSO KEEP THE
7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE INFORMED OF ACTIONS IT TAKES UNDER SECTION
8 24-33.5-1504 REGARDING LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES OR
9 DISTRICTS.

10 (f) THIS SUBSECTION (3.5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,
11 2019. PRIOR TO SUCH REPEAL, THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL BE REVIEWED
12 PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-1203, C.R.S.

13 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **add** (3)
14 (ff.5) (III) as follows:

15 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees.** (3) The
16 following dates are the dates for which the statutory authorization for the
17 designated advisory committees is scheduled for repeal:

18 (ff.5) September 1, 2019:

19 (III) THE EMERGENCY PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE TO THE
20 HOMELAND SECURITY AND ALL-HAZARDS SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
21 CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1614 (3.5), C.R.S.

22 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1502, **repeal** (2)
23 as follows:

24 **2-3-1502. Definitions.** As used in this part 15, unless the context
25 otherwise requires:

26 (2) "~~Council~~" means the governor's disaster emergency council
27 ~~created in section 24-33.5-704 (3), C.R.S.~~

1 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1503, **amend**
2 (1) (a) and (2) as follows:

3 **2-3-1503. Legislative emergency preparedness, response, and**
4 **recovery committee - creation - membership - duties.** (1) (a) There is
5 hereby created a legislative emergency preparedness, response, and
6 recovery committee. The legislative committee shall develop a plan for
7 the response by, and continuation of operations of, the general assembly
8 and the legislative service agencies in the event of an emergency
9 epidemic or disaster. The legislative committee shall cooperate and
10 coordinate with ~~the council~~, the division, the department, and the
11 GEEERC in developing the plan. The legislative committee shall develop
12 and submit the plan to the speaker of the house of representatives, the
13 president of the senate, the governor, the executive director of the
14 department, ~~the council~~, the director of the division, and the GEEERC no
15 later than July 1, 2011. The legislative committee shall meet at least
16 annually to review and amend the plan as necessary and shall provide any
17 updated plan to the persons or entities specified in this paragraph (a).
18 ~~except that the legislative committee shall not meet during the 2010~~
19 ~~interim.~~ The legislative committee may recommend legislation pertaining
20 to the preparedness, response, and recovery by, and continuation of
21 operations of, the general assembly and the legislative service agencies
22 in the event of an emergency epidemic or disaster. The legislative
23 committee shall provide information to and fully cooperate with ~~the~~
24 ~~council~~, the division, the department, and the GEEERC in fulfilling its
25 duties under this section.

26 (2) In the event of an emergency epidemic or disaster that the
27 governor declares to be a disaster emergency pursuant to section

1 24-33.5-704, C.R.S., the legislative committee shall convene as rapidly
2 and as often as necessary to advise the speaker of the house of
3 representatives, the president of the senate, and the legislative service
4 agencies regarding reasonable and appropriate measures to be taken by
5 the general assembly and the legislative service agencies to respond to the
6 emergency epidemic or disaster and protect the public health, safety, and
7 welfare. The legislative committee shall communicate, cooperate, and
8 seek advice and assistance from ~~the council~~, the division, the department,
9 and the GEEERC in responding to the emergency epidemic or disaster.

10 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal**
11 24-33.5-1503.

12 **SECTION 16. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.