

NOTE: The governor signed this measure on 5/14/2014.

An Act

SENATE BILL 14-008

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CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE WILDFIRE INFORMATION AND RESOURCE CENTER IN THE DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING APPROPRIATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1203, **add** (1) (w) as follows:

24-33.5-1203. Duties of division. (1) The division shall perform the following duties:

(w) ESTABLISH AND OPERATE THE WILDFIRE INFORMATION AND RESOURCE CENTER CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1230.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-1230 as follows:

24-33.5-1230. Wildfire information and resource center.

(1) (a) IN ORDER TO IMPROVE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC BY ENHANCING ACCESS TO INFORMATION BY HOMEOWNERS, WILDLAND FIRE PROFESSIONALS, THE MEDIA, AND EDUCATORS, THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE DIVISION THE WILDFIRE INFORMATION AND RESOURCE CENTER, ALSO REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "CENTER".

(b) THE CENTER MUST BE OPERATIONAL WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

(2) (a) THE CENTER IS AN ON-LINE SOURCE OF WILDFIRE INFORMATION FOR HOMEOWNERS, WILDLAND FIRE PROFESSIONALS, THE MEDIA, AND EDUCATORS.

(b) THE CENTER'S WEB SITE MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION, OR HYPERLINKS TO INFORMATION, REGARDING:

(I) CURRENT WILDFIRES IN COLORADO;

(II) HOW TO PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR A WILDFIRE;

(III) STATEWIDE FIRE DANGER AND CURRENT BURNING RESTRICTIONS;

(IV) CURRENT PRESCRIBED BURN ACTIVITY, WITH CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCY;

(V) WILDLAND AND PRESCRIBED FIRE TRAINING;

(VI) SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR WILDFIRE MITIGATION ACTIVITIES;
AND

(VII) OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE DIRECTOR DEEMS PERTINENT, SUCH AS RESULTS OF LOCAL, STATE, OR NATIONAL RESEARCH RELATED TO WILDFIRE.

(3) THE DIRECTOR MAY FULFILL ANY OF THE DUTIES CONTAINED IN

SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION THROUGH THE USE OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WITH ONE OR MORE PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES.

(4) (a) THE DIVISION IS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK AND ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, DONATIONS, OR REIMBURSEMENTS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

(b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT RELY ENTIRELY OR IN ANY PART ON THE RECEIPT OF ADEQUATE FUNDING THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS. THEREFORE, THE DIVISION IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 24-75-1303 (3).

SECTION 3. Appropriation - adjustments to 2014 long bill.

(1) For the implementation of this act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual general appropriation act to the controlled maintenance trust fund created in section 24-75-302.5 (2) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, is decreased by \$27,175.

(2) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the general fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of public safety, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, the sum of \$27,175 and 0.5 FTE, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be allocated to the division of fire prevention and control for the implementation of this act as follows:

- (a) \$21,997 and 0.5 FTE for personal services;
- (b) \$475 for operating expenses; and
- (c) \$4,703 for capital outlay.

SECTION 4. 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.

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