A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION PROCESS FOR THE RELEASE OF DESTRUCTIVE RODENT PESTS INTO A COUNTY.

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:

1. Requires a person who plans to release destructive rodent pests into a county to notify any conservation district that includes a release location of the planned release; and

2. With respect to the existing requirement that the parks and wildlife commission and the board of county
commissioners approve the release of destructive rodent pests into a county, repeals the existing exception for a release that occurs in the same county in which the pests were originally captured.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-7-203, amend (1) introductory portion; and repeal (1) (d) as follows:

35-7-203. Release of destructive rodent pests - definitions.
(1) No person shall release destructive rodent pests into a county unless
the person complies with all requirements for such THE release imposed
by the parks and wildlife commission, and obtains both the prior approval
of the commission and the prior approval, by resolution duly adopted, of
the board of county commissioners of such THE county, AND NOTIFIES
ANY CONSERVATION DISTRICT THAT INCLUDES A RELEASE LOCATION OF
THE RELEASE BEFORE IT OCCURS. A person need not obtain such prior
approval before:

(d) Releasing destructive rodent pests into the county in which
such destructive rodent pests were originally taken into captivity.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a
referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
state constitution against this act or an item, section, 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 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.