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LLS NO. 01-0209.01 Jery Payne

HOUSE BILL 01-1054

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Webster

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None)

House Committees

Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE RELEASE OF DESTRUCTIVE**
102 **RODENTS WITHIN A COUNTY BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY**
103 **THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Narrows the exception to the approval requirements needed to release destructive rodent pests into a county by requiring that the release of such pests be in the same area of the county in which such pests were originally taken into captivity. Requires Colorado public entities to obtain the approval of the appropriate board of county commissioners before releasing destructive rodent pests within a county.

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.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 35-7-203 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended, and the said 35-7-203 is further amended BY THE ADDITION
4 OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

5 **35-7-203. Release of destructive rodent pests - definitions.**

6 (1) No person shall release destructive rodent pests into a county unless
7 such person has complied with all requirements for such release imposed
8 by the wildlife commission and obtained both the prior approval of the
9 commission and the prior approval, by resolution duly adopted, of the
10 board of county commissioners of such county. A person need not obtain
11 such prior approval before:

12 (a) Transporting destructive rodent pests through a county without
13 releasing such destructive rodent pests; or

14 (b) Confining destructive rodent pests indoors or in cages or
15 similar enclosures and using such destructive rodent pests for scientific
16 purposes or as food for human or animal consumption; or

17 (c) Keeping destructive rodent pests indoors or in cages or similar
18 enclosures as pets; or

19 (d) Releasing destructive rodent pests into SUBSTANTIALLY THE
20 SAME AREA OF the county in which such destructive rodent pests were
21 originally taken into captivity.

22 (4) THE STATE OF COLORADO, ANY AGENCY OR POLITICAL
23 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR ANY MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE STATE
24 SHALL NOT RELEASE DESTRUCTIVE RODENT PESTS INTO A COUNTY WITHOUT
25 OBTAINING THE PRIOR APPROVAL, BY RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED, OF THE
26 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUCH COUNTY.

1 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.