

DIGEST
OF
SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS ENACTED
BY THE
THIRTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE OF COLORADO
(1954 Second Regular Session)
and
APPROVED OR VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR
(Together with a Subject Index)

Compiled by the

Legislative Reference Office
251 State Capitol
Denver

* * * * *

Note: The first date appearing after the act is the date on which it was approved by the Governor; the second date is the effective date of the act.

15 Senate Bills Passed and Approved	15
50 House Bills " (3 vetoes)	47
1 Reported House Bill Passed both Houses	1
	<hr/>
	63
	3 vetoes
	<hr/>
	66

Please return

STATE OF COLORADO
Legislative Reference Office
251 State Capitol
DENVER, COLORADO

FILE COPY

*Vetoes HB 37
46
63*

SENATE BILLS ENACTED AND APPROVED

NO.	SUBJECT	SENATE BILLS	
1	<u>Use of Coal in Institutions</u> - repeals present law requiring the use of coal in heating state institutions.	February 12	February 12
3	<u>Sale and Conveyance of Land</u> - authorizes the state highway commission to convey certain property located in Denver, the funds derived therefrom to be placed in the state highway fund.	January 29	January 29
4	<u>Colorado Revised Statutes 1953</u> - approves, adopts and enacts the supplement to the official report of the committee on statute revision.	January 21	January 21
6	<u>Workmen's Compensation</u> - amends present law to conform with increase in benefits as passed by the 1953 session of the general assembly, in the case of permanent total disability. Increases benefit from fifty to sixty-six and two-thirds per cent of average weekly wage, subject to a maximum amount.	February 11	February 11
7	<u>Appropriation - Colorado Water Conservation Board</u> - \$5,000.00 for underground water study.	February 9	February 9
9	<u>Anticipation Warrants for Financing State Homes for the Aged</u> - authorizes issuance of anticipation warrants not in excess of one million dollars to be used for the financing of the cost of construction, maintenance and operation of state homes for the aged citizens of the state. Provides warrants to be paid from sinking fund consisting of fees and revenues received from residents of any such home, plus grants-in-aid, gifts, or other assets given to such home. Permits state department funds to be invested up to twenty per cent of any specific fund.	March 9	March 9
12	<u>Appropriation - Relief of George W. Jones</u> - \$125.00.	February 12	February 12
13	<u>Roads and Highways</u> - amends present law by requiring expenditures for road and street purposes to be broken down into more detailed categories concerning administration, construction and maintenance, and other expenditures in reports submitted by county commissioners.	February 9	February 9

NO.	SUBJECT	SENATE BILLS
16	<u>Motor Vehicles - Identification Number</u> - requires use of the identification number placed upon a motor vehicle or an identification number assigned by the department of revenue when making application for a certificate of title or registration of any motor vehicle.	February 25 February 25
18	<u>Motor Vehicles - Public Inspection of Records</u> - amends present law by adding that for a twenty-five cent fee, the department of revenue will furnish facts shown by the record with reference to the registration and license of a motor vehicle, and for one dollar a certified copy of the registration will be furnished by the department.	February 25 February 25
22	<u>Fort Lewis School</u> - authorizes part of Fort Lewis to be transferred to Durango, and eliminates the training of teachers for rural schools at said Fort Lewis.	March 9 March 9
24	<u>Unemployment Compensation</u> - amends that part of the law concerning administrative features; authorizes cooperative arrangements with other employment security agencies. Provides for state control over certain departmental income.	February 23 February 23
26	<u>Motor Vehicles</u> - amends present law by requiring three convictions for reckless driving within a two year period, two convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol, or of any drug other than a narcotic drug, before mandatory revocation of a license by the court. Adds a proviso regarding notice to licensee. Deletes that part of the law authorizing suspension of license of a driver involved in an accident resulting in death or injury to another person, or serious property damage. Amends present law pertaining to driving of vehicles by minors, and provides for driving schools, upon satisfactory completion of which a license shall issue.	March 11 March 11
31	<u>Appropriation - Colorado A & M - Experiment Station</u> - \$7,500.00.	February 24 February 24
36	<u>Roads and Highways - Construction and Operation of Turnpikes</u> - amends present law to allow the Department of Highways to formulate plans for the construction of turnpikes within the state; permits agreements and contracts with other states to effect the purposes of the law. Changes wording to conform to correct nomenclature of said department.	February 24 February 24

HOUSE BILLS ENACTED AND APPROVED

NO.	SUBJECT	HOUSE BILLS	
2	<u>Appropriation - Ordinary Expenses of Second Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly - \$115,000.00.</u>	January 18	January 18
3	<u>Appropriation - Colorado State Patrol - \$802,630.00.</u>	January 15	January 15
4	<u>Appropriation - Supreme Court - \$4,126.14.</u>	January 21	January 21
5	<u>Appropriation - State Department of Agriculture - \$29,000.00.</u>	January 18	January 18
6	<u>Appropriation - Relief of Children's Hospital Association - \$5,580.05.</u>	January 21	January 21
7	<u>Appropriation - Legislative Council - \$9,000.00.</u>	January 21	January 21
9	<u>Motor Vehicles - Truck Tax - provides new registration fees for trucks, based on empty weight instead of manufacturer's rated capacity. In addition to registration fees and motor fuel tax, a gross ton-mile tax of one and one-half mills is levied on intercity trucks weighing in excess of eight thousand five hundred pounds. A credit not to exceed sixty per cent of the registration fee is allowed against the ton-mile tax. Provides that the department of revenue shall administer the tax. Repeals many sections of the present law that conflicts with the provision hereof.</u>	February 25	January 1, 1955
14	<u>Appropriation - State Board of Veterinary Examiners - \$855.00.</u>	February 1	February 1
15	<u>Appropriation - State Board of Examiners for Engineers and Land Surveyors - \$800.00.</u>	January 29	January 29
16	<u>Appropriation - State Board of Nurse Examiners - \$4,387.00.</u>	January 29	January 29

NO.	SUBJECT	HOUSE BILLS	
17	<u>Revenue and Taxation</u> - adds a new subsection to the present income tax law providing that a distribution made by an investment company shall be treated as a long term capital gain. Investment company is defined.	February 25	July 1, 1954
18	<u>Crimes - Penalties for Committing Certain Acts While Escaping or Attempting to Escape</u> - makes the commission of certain acts of violence a felony, upon conviction of which severe penalties are to be imposed. Includes inmates of state penitentiary and state reformatory at Buena Vista. General Assembly to appropriate money for expenses incurred in prosecuting under this act.	February 24	February 24
20	<u>Tax Levies - County and Union High School</u> - amends present law to provide a maximum of eight mill tax to be levied for 1954-1958, inclusive; thereafter, the maximum tax shall be five mills.	February 12	February 12
21	<u>Appropriation - Department of Game and Fish - Trout Culture Development</u> - \$425,000.00.	February 4	February 4
22	<u>Roads and Highways - Anticipation Warrants</u> - refers the measure to authorize not to exceed thirty-five million dollars in anticipation warrants to be issued by the State Highway Commission, for highway construction and improvement, to the people on referendum. No more than eight million dollars shall be issued in any one year.		
24	<u>Motor Vehicles - Fees</u> - increases to thirty cents the amount to be retained by county clerk and recorders for each paid motor vehicle registration and registration requiring a metallic plate or plates; increases to thirty cents the amount so retained on each specific ownership tax.	February 11	April 1, 1954
25	<u>Appropriation - State Board of Agriculture - Bull Testing</u> - \$26,000.00. Fees to be charged to reimburse state treasury.	February 24	February 24
28	<u>Retirement Coverage of Certain Employees</u> - amends present law to extend period of coverage, insofar as there is no conflict with the Social Security Act.	February 3	February 3
29	<u>Public Health - Fees</u> - amends present law by setting restaurant license fee at ten dollars.	February 1	February 1

NO.	SUBJECT	HOUSE BILLS	
30	<u>Public Health - Fees</u> - increases from one dollar to ten dollars the license fee for private hospitals.	January 29	January 29
32	<u>Vital Statistics - Fees</u> - increases from one dollar to two dollars the fee charged for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.	February 1	February 1
33	<u>State Institutions of Higher Learning Emeritus Retirement Fund - Appropriation</u> - \$13,700.00 to be used until June 30, 1954; \$32,900.00 for fiscal year 1954-1955. Establishes fund and applies to all presidents, deans, professors, instructors and research workers retired from service of state institutions of higher learning in Colorado, provided certain requirements are met. Provides for \$100 monthly maximum.	February 11	February 11
34	<u>Inspection of Boilers - Fees</u> - amends present law by providing a new fee schedule, and provides that boiler inspections may be made by the state industrial commission, or its representatives, or by special inspectors employed by boiler insurance companies.	March 3	March 3
35	<u>Appropriation - Department of Game and Fish</u> - \$3,616,357.00.	February 4	February 4
37	<u>Revenue and Taxation</u> - twenty per cent of net tax credit against tax computed in accordance with present income tax rates, for one taxable year, that being the calendar year 1954 or a fiscal year beginning during 1954.	Vetoed March 13	
39	<u>Motor Vehicles - House Trailers</u> - amends present law by raising the specific ownership tax on house trailers, and establishes a new class C and D for the purpose of such tax. Transfers the administration of class A specific ownership tax from the Colorado Tax Commission to the Department of Revenue, and provides for the administration of classes B, C and D.	March 3	March 3
40	<u>Conveyance of Land</u> - authorizes conveyance and transfer of certain property located in San Luis, Colorado, from Adams State College of Colorado at Alamosa, to the Centennial Union High School District No. 25 in Costilla county.	February 24	February 24
41	<u>Conveyance of Land</u> - authorizes sale of land in Costilla county by Adams State College of Colorado at Alamosa, such sale to be for not less than fifteen thousand dollars.	February 24	February 24

NO.	SUBJECT	HOUSE BILLS
42	<u>Establishment of Superior Court</u> - creates a superior court in counties, or cities and counties, having a population of 300,000 or more. Jurisdiction set forth, with no probate powers; procedure set forth for organization and operation. Appointed first by the governor, then elected as other judges; salary to be \$8,500.00 per year. To alleviate congested docket of county judge.	February 24 February 24
43	<u>Vibrio Research</u> - amends present law by increasing from two mills to three mills the tax on the assessed valuation of sheep and goats; provides tax to be perpetual instead of for one year only.	February 24 February 24
44	<u>Commercial Feeding Stuffs - Fees</u> - amends law to provide for registration fee of one dollar for each brand of commercial feeding stuffs certified to the commissioner.	February 24 February 24
46	<u>Income Tax</u> - adds a new subsection to the present law excluding from gross income amounts received as pensions by coal miners from welfare funds established by labor unions.	
52	<u>Appropriation - Department of Revenue</u> - \$30,331.00.	VETOED March 9
		February 9 February 9
54	<u>Transfer of Funds</u> - authorizes state controller to transfer funds in the Colorado Geological Survey Fund to the general fund.	
		February 9 February 9
57	<u>Appropriation - Relief of William R. Thurston</u> - \$1,000.00.	
		March 9 March 9
59	<u>Appropriation - Department of Highways</u> - \$315,000.00.	
		February 24 February 24
61	<u>Appropriation - Department of Revenue</u> - \$276,776.60 to be used to remodel and repair certain state property.	
		February 24 February 24
63	<u>Revenue and Taxation</u> - amends present law by providing that where fractional interests in oil and gas leases having royalties or fractional ownership assessed, the lessee making payments thereof shall be required to pay all taxes due, and then deduct the pro rata share of the fractional interests from any royalties paid.	

~~January 1955~~
VETOED March 11

NO.	SUBJECT	HOUSE BILLS
65	<u>Motor Vehicles</u> - amends present law by establishing fees and procedure for temporary registration of motor vehicles. Increases drivers' license fee from one dollar to two dollars, and chauffeurs' license fee from three dollars to five dollars.	March 9 March 9
68	<u>Motor Vehicles</u> - amends present law by providing that dealers of new motor vehicles must deliver the manufacturer's certificate of origin when any such vehicle is sold or transferred; identification numbers placed on the vehicle by the manufacturer, instead of the motor or serial number as heretofore required, shall be on the bill of sale.	February 24 February 24
69	<u>Appropriation - State Department of Agriculture - Grasshopper Control</u> - \$200,000.00.	February 24 February 24
71	<u>Motor Vehicles</u> - amends present law by requiring motor vehicle dealers, as well as other residents, of the state to obtain Colorado title for vehicles brought in from another state, whether owned or possessed by said dealer.	March 12 March 12
72	<u>Appropriation - State Department of Agriculture - Vesicular Exanthema</u> - \$10,000.00.	February 24 February 24
73	<u>Appropriation - State Public School Fund</u> - \$11,500,000.00.	February 24 February 24
74	<u>Revenue and Taxation</u> - adds a new subsection to the present income tax law allowing an individual to carry over net capital loss or operating loss for four years, to be applied against any capital gains during that period.	March 9 March 9
76	<u>Long Appropriation Bill - Expenses of Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments - Extra Expenses of Thirty-ninth General Assembly</u> - \$21,786,122.93 from the General Fund and \$6,816,106.40 from cash funds.	February 25 February 25
77	<u>Appropriation - Committee on Statute Revision</u> - \$30,000.00.	February 24 February 24
79	<u>Appropriation - Mineral Resources Board</u> - \$7,500.00.	February 24 February 24
80	<u>Appropriation - Relief of James D. Lamont, Agnes Lamont and George J. Lamont</u> - \$1,100.00.	March 3 March 3

NO.	SUBJECT	HOUSE BILLS
83	<u>Toll Tunnel Under Continental Divide</u> - authorizes state highway commission to construct a toll tunnel under the continental divide to serve both U.S. highway No. 6 and U. S. highway No. 40. Authorizes bonds to be issued not in excess of sixteen million dollars to defray cost of said tunnel.	February 25 February 25
84	<u>Appropriation - Building Fund of State Home and Training School at Ridge</u> - \$200,000.00 from Colorado State Penitentiary Building Fund and \$300,000.00 from the general fund.	February 24 February 24

SUBJECT INDEX

	Bill <u>No.</u>
ASSESSMENT of fractional interests in producing oil and gas property.....	H. 63 Vetoed
ADAMS STATE COLLEGE (See Conveyances)	
AGED, STATE HOMES FOR - \$1,000,000 anticipation warrants authorized for construction.....	S. 9
BOILERS - inspection of and fees therefor.....	H. 34
COAL -	
Compulsory use of by state institutions and agencies - repealed.....	S. 1
Miners' pensions - excluded from gross income.....	H. 46 Vetoed
COLORADO REVISED STATUTES 1953 - Supplement approved.....	S. 4
COMMERCIAL FEEDING STUFFS- registration and inspection fees.....	H. 44
CONVEYANCES -	
Adams State College convey and transfer certain property to Centennial Union High School.....	H. 40
Adams State College convey and sell certain property in Costilla County.....	H. 41
Highway Commission sell and convey certain lands in Denver.....	S. 3
CONVICTS AND PRISONERS - penalties for attempted escapes..	H. 18
COUNTY OFFICERS -	
County commissioners, statements by on expenditures for roads and highways.....	S. 13
County clerks and recorders - fees for registration of and collection of specific ownership tax on motor vehicles.....	H. 24
COURTS - creation of Superior Court.....	H. 42
ESCAPES BY CONVICTS AND PRISONERS - penalties.....	H. 18
FORT LEWIS SCHOOL - construction of buildings at Durango.....	S. 22
HIGHWAYS -	
Highway Commission sell certain lands in Denver.....	S. 3
Statements by county commissioners on expenditures for highways.....	S. 13
\$35,000,000 anticipation warrants for construction...	H. 22
Toll tunnel under Continental Divide.....	H. 83
Turnpikes - Highway Commission construct and finance.	S. 36

	Bill <u>No.</u>
HOSPITALS - increase in fees.....	H. 30
INCOME TAXES -	
Coal miners' pensions - excluded from gross income.....	H. 46 Vetoed
Distributions made by investment company.....	H. 17
Net capital or operating loss - spread over four years.....	H. 74
20% reduction.....	H. 37 <i>Vetoed</i>
LIVESTOCK - vibrio research - tax levy on sheep and goats.....	H. 43
MOTOR VEHICLES -	
Bill of sale on sale or transfer of new vehicle - manufacturer's certificate of origin.....	H. 68
Certificate of title - resident or dealer obtain state certificate on out-of-state vehicles.....	H. 71
County clerks and recorders - fees for registration of and collection of specific ownership tax..	H. 24
Identification numbers on.....	S. 16
Operators' and chauffeurs' licenses - revocation and suspension - minors' licenses.....	S. 26
Operators' and chauffeurs' licenses - temporary registration - restricted licenses - duplicate certificates, etc.....	H. 65
Registration fees of all motor vehicles - gross ton-mile tax on trucks, truck tractors, etc..	H. 9
Registration records - fees for information and certified copies.....	S. 18
OIL AND GAS LEASES - assessment of fractional interests..	H. 63 Vetoed
OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (See Motor Vehicles)	
PENSIONS -	
Coal miners' - excluded from gross income.....	H. 46 Vetoed
Retired presidents, deans, etc. at state institu- tions of higher learning.....	H. 33
PUBLIC HEALTH -	
Hospital fees increase.....	H. 30
Restaurant fees increase.....	H. 29
Vital statistics fees increase.....	H. 32
RESTAURANTS - increase in fees.....	H. 29
REVISED STATUTES 1953, COLORADO- Supplement approved.....	S. 4
ROADS - (See Highways)	
SCHOOLS - tax levies for county and union high schools...	H. 20
SOCIAL SECURITY - extension of date for coverage of Public employees.....	H. 28

	<u>Bill No.</u>
STATE FINANCES - transfer of Geological Survey Fund to general fund.....	H. 54
SUPERIOR COURT - creation of.....	H. 42
TOLL TUNNEL under Continental Divide - \$16,000,000 bonds.....	H. 83
TRAILER COACHES or mobile homes - registration and taxation thereof.....	H. 39
TRUCKS, TRUCK TRACTORS, ETC. - gross ton-mile tax.....	H. 9
TURNPIKES - Highway Commission construct and issue bonds to finance.....	S. 36
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION - administrative amendments...	S. 24
VIBRIO RESEARCH - tax levy on sheep and goats.....	H. 43
VITAL STATISTICS - increase in fees for birth and death certificates.....	H. 32
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION - permanent total disability payments.....	S. 6