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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF ENERGY-RELATED ASSISTANCE**
102 **TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.**

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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law provides that the department of human services low-income energy assistance fund, the energy outreach Colorado low-income energy assistance fund, and the Colorado energy office low-income energy assistance fund receive conditional funding from the severance tax operational fund through the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018. The bill removes the automatic repeal which means that

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these funds will be eligible for this conditional funding indefinitely.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-29-109.3, **amend**
3 (2)(f) introductory portion and (2)(f)(V) as follows:

4 **39-29-109.3. Severance tax operational fund - repeal.**

5 (2) Subject to the requirements of subsections (3) and (4) of this section,
6 if the general assembly chooses not to spend up to one hundred percent
7 of the moneys in the operational fund as specified in subsection (1) of this
8 section, the state treasurer shall transfer the following:

9 (f) For providing energy-related assistance to low-income
10 households as specified in section 40-8.7-112: ~~C.R.S.:~~

11 (V) ~~(A)~~ For the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012, and
12 each state fiscal year thereafter, ~~through the state fiscal year commencing~~
13 ~~July 1, 2018~~, thirteen million dollars as follows: Twenty-five percent to
14 the department of human services low-income energy assistance fund
15 created in section 40-8.7-112 (1); ~~C.R.S.;~~ twenty-five percent to the
16 energy outreach Colorado low-income energy assistance fund created in
17 section 40-8.7-112 (2)(a); ~~C.R.S.;~~ and fifty percent to the Colorado
18 energy office low-income energy assistance fund created in section
19 40-8.7-112 (3)(a). ~~C.R.S.~~

20 ~~(B) This subparagraph (V) is repealed, effective July 1, 2020.~~

21 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
24 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
25 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the

1 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
2 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
3 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
4 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
5 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.