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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO THE "COLORADO JOB CREATION**

102 AND MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION ACT".

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.)

The bill makes the following modifications to the existing "Colorado Job Creation and Main Street Revitalization Act":

- Adds a definition of a key term and streamlines and I. clarifies existing definitions;
- Adds subheadings to subsections to promote greater clarity; İ
- Į. Extends the last income tax year for which the tax credit is

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available from 2019 to 2029;

- ! Separates subsections dealing solely with residential structures from subsections dealing solely with commercial structures to promote greater clarity;
- ! Under the existing tax credit, the amount of the tax credit, measured by a percentage of the actual qualified rehabilitation expenditures, is increased when the historic structure, whether commercial or residential, is located in a disaster area. The bill also increases the amount of the tax credit when the structure is located in a rural community. The bill prohibits a taxpayer from claiming the benefits offered for a structure in a disaster area or in a rural community.
- ! Authorizes the state historical society to promulgate rules as necessary to facilitate the certification of qualified residential structures;
- ! In connection with the reservation of tax credits for qualified commercial structures, changes the existing requirements under which the Colorado office of economic opportunity (office) uses a lottery process to determine the order in which it will review applications and plans received on the same day to a process under which the office must date and timestamp each application and review a plan and application on the basis of the order in which such documents were submitted;
- ! Streamlines procedures the owner of a qualified commercial structure is to follow upon the completion of rehabilitation of the structure to obtain a tax credit certificate;
- For income tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2020 but prior to January 1, 2030, maintains the aggregate limit on the amount of a tax credit certificate issued for any one qualified commercial structure at \$1 million as for the 2016 through 2019 tax years;
- ! For qualified commercial structures, regardless of the amount of estimated qualified rehabilitation expenditures, the bill maintains the aggregate amount of all tax credits that may be reserved for each of the 2020 through 2029 calendar years in the same amount as for the 2017 through 2019 tax years, at \$10 million, but specifies that the aggregate reservation amount must be equally split between large and small projects;
- ! Deletes existing provisions specifying the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be issued for particular income tax years;

- ! Deletes a reporting requirement that is part of existing law; and
- ! Clarifies that certain requirements found in existing law are intended to apply only to tax credits issued for qualified commercial structures.

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

2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 39-22-514.5
3 as follows:

39-22-514.5. Tax credit for qualified costs incurred in
preservation of historic structures - short title - definitions. (1) Short
title. This section is known and may be cited as THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS
SECTION IS the "Colorado Job Creation and Main Street Revitalization
Act".

9 (2) Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context
10 otherwise requires:

(a) (I) "Certified historic structure" means a property located in
Colorado that has been certified by the historical society or other
reviewing entity because it has been:

(f) (A) Listed individually ON, or as a contributing property in a
 district included within, the national register of historic places;

(II) (B) Listed individually ON, or as a contributing property in a
district that is included within, the state register of historic properties
pursuant to the provisions of article 80.1 of title 24; C.R.S.; OR

(III) Designated as a landmark by a certified local government; or
 (IV) (C) Listed INDIVIDUALLY BY, OR as a contributing property
 within a designated historic district of, a certified local government.

22 (II) "CERTIFIED HISTORIC STRUCTURE" MAY BE EITHER A
23 RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE.

(b) "Certified local government" means any local government that
 has been certified by the historical society pursuant to 16 U.S.C. sec. 470a
 (c)(1), as amended IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW.

4 (c) "Certified rehabilitation" means repairs or alterations to a
5 certified historic structure that have been certified by the historical society
6 or other reviewing entity as meeting the standards for rehabilitation of the
7 United States secretary of the interior.

8 (d) "Contributing property" means property that adds to the sense 9 of time, place, and historical development of a historic district as 10 determined by the historical society or other reviewing entity.

11 (d.3) "DENVER METROPOLITAN AREA" MEANS ALL OF THE LAND 12 AREA WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNTIES OF ADAMS, ARAPAHOE, 13 BOULDER, AND JEFFERSON, ALL OF THE AREA WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF 14 THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF 15 DENVER, AND ALL OF THE AREA WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNTY 16 OF DOUGLAS; EXCEPT THAT THE AREA WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE 17 TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK AND THE AREA WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE 18 TOWN OF LARKSPUR IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS SHALL NOT BE 19 INCLUDED IN SUCH AREA.

20 (e) "Department" means the Colorado department of revenue or21 any successor entity.

(f) "Designated" means established by local preservationordinance.

(g) "Historical society" means the state historical society of
Colorado, also known as history Colorado, or any successor entity.

26 (g.5) "MUNICIPALITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SPECIFIED IN
 27 SECTION 31-1-101 (6) AND ALSO INCLUDES ANY UNINCORPORATED AREA

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- 1 OF A COUNTY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION AN UNINCORPORATED 2 COMMUNITY OR A CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE. 3 (h) "Office" means the Colorado office of economic development 4 or any successor entity. (i) "Owner" means any taxpayer filing a state tax return or any 5 6 entity that is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to section 501 7 (c) of the internal revenue code, as amended, that owns: 8 (I) Title to a qualified structure; 9 (II) Prospective title to a qualified structure in the form of a 10 purchase agreement or an option to purchase; 11 (III) A leasehold interest in a qualified commercial structure for 12 a term of not less than thirty-nine years; or
- (III.5) A LEASEHOLD INTEREST IN A QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL
 STRUCTURE THAT IS LOCATED IN A RURAL COMMUNITY FOR A TERM OF NOT
- 15 LESS THAN FIVE YEARS; OR
- 16 (IV) A leasehold interest in a qualified residential structure for a
 17 term of not less than five years.
- (j) "Qualified commercial structure" means an income producingor commercial property located in Colorado that is:
- 20 (I) At least fifty years old; and
- (II) (A) Listed individually ON, or as a contributing property in a
 district included within, the state register of historic properties pursuant
 to article 80.1 of title 24; C.R.S.; OR
- (B) Designated as a landmark by a certified local government; or
 (C) Listed INDIVIDUALLY BY, OR as a contributing property that is
 included within a designated historic district of, a certified local
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(k) "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" means:

2 (I) With respect to a qualified commercial structure, any 3 expenditure as defined under section 47 (c)(2)(A) of the internal revenue 4 code, as amended, and the related regulations thereunder; and

5 (II) With respect to a qualified residential structure, exterior 6 improvements and interior improvements undertaken to restore, 7 rehabilitate, or preserve the historic character of a qualified property that 8 meet the standards for rehabilitation of the United States secretary of the 9 interior as adopted by the historical society or the certified local 10 government pursuant to federal law. As used in this subparagraph (II) 11 SUBSECTION (2)(k)(II), "exterior improvements" is limited to any one or 12 more of the following: roof replacement or repair; exterior siding 13 replacement or repair; masonry repair, re-pointing, or replacement; 14 window repair or replacement; door repair or replacement; woodwork and 15 trim repair or replacement; foundation repair or replacement; and 16 excavation costs associated with foundation work. As used in this 17 subparagraph (II) SUBSECTION (2)(k)(II), "interior improvements" is 18 limited to one or more of the following: electrical repairs and upgrades; 19 plumbing repairs and upgrades; heating, venting, and air conditioning 20 repairs and upgrades; repair of existing interior walls, CEILINGS, and 21 finishes; repair or replacement of existing woodwork and trim; insulation; 22 refinishing or replacing historic floor materials in-kind, excluding 23 carpeting; and reconstructing missing historic elements when there is 24 sufficient historical documentation to guide the reconstruction.

(1) "Qualified residential structure" means a nonincome producing
and owner-occupied residential property located in Colorado that is:

(I) At least fifty years old; and

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(II) (A) Listed individually ON, or as a contributing property in a
 district included within, the state register of historic properties pursuant
 to article 80.1 of title 24; C.R.S.; OR

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(B) Designated as a landmark by a certified local government; or
 (C) Listed INDIVIDUALLY BY, OR as a contributing property that is included within a designated historic district of, a certified local government.

8 (m) "Qualified structure" means a structure that satisfies the 9 definition of either a qualified residential structure or a qualified 10 commercial structure.

(n) "Rehabilitation plan" means construction plans and
specifications for the proposed rehabilitation of a qualified structure that
is in sufficient detail to enable the office or the reviewing entity, as
applicable, to evaluate whether the structure is in compliance with the
standards developed under subsection (4) of this section.

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(o) "Reviewing entity" means:

(I) A certified local government that has decided pursuant to
subsection (10) SUBSECTION (5.5)(c) of this section to perform the duties
specified under this section; or

(II) The historical society if the qualified residential structure
either is not located within the territorial boundaries of any certified local
government or is located within the territorial boundaries of a certified
local government that has decided pursuant to subsection (10)
SUBSECTION (5.5)(c) of this section not to perform the duties specified
under this section.

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(0.5) "RURAL COMMUNITY" MEANS:

27 (I) A MUNICIPALITY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN FIFTY

THOUSAND PEOPLE THAT IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN THE DENVER
 METROPOLITAN AREA; OR

3 (II) AN UNINCORPORATED AREA OF ANY COUNTY THE TOTAL
4 POPULATION OF WHICH COUNTY IS LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PEOPLE
5 THAT IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN THE DENVER METROPOLITAN AREA.

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(p) "Substantial rehabilitation" means:

(I) With respect to a qualified commercial structure:

8 (A) FOR TAX YEARS COMMENCING PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2020, 9 rehabilitation for which the qualified rehabilitation expenditures exceed 10 twenty-five percent of the owner's original purchase price of the qualified 11 commercial structure less the value attributed to the land; and

12 (B) FOR TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2020,
13 REHABILITATION FOR WHICH THE QUALIFIED REHABILITATION
14 EXPENDITURES ARE IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF AT LEAST TWENTY
15 THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND

(II) With respect to a qualified residential structure, rehabilitation
for which the qualified rehabilitation expenditures exceed five thousand
dollars.

(3) General provisions. For income tax years commencing on or
after January 1, 2016, but prior to January 1, 2020 JANUARY 1, 2030, there
shall be allowed a credit with respect to the income taxes imposed
pursuant to this article ARTICLE 22 to each owner of a qualified structure
that complies with the requirements of this section.

(4) Development of standards for approval of commercial or
 residential rehabilitation projects. (a) The office, in consultation with
 the historical society, shall develop standards for the approval of the
 substantial rehabilitation of qualified COMMERCIAL structures for which

1 a tax credit under this section is being claimed. The standards must 2 consider whether the substantial rehabilitation of a qualified COMMERCIAL 3 structure is consistent with the standards for rehabilitation adopted by the 4 United States department of the interior.

5 (b) THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHALL DEVELOP STANDARDS FOR THE 6 APPROVAL OF THE SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION OF QUALIFIED 7 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES FOR WHICH A TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION 8 IS BEING CLAIMED. THE STANDARDS MUST CONSIDER WHETHER THE 9 SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION OF A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE 10 IS CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION ADOPTED BY 11 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

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(5) Submission by owner of application and rehabilitation 13 **plan.** (a) The owner shall submit an application and rehabilitation plan 14 to EITHER the office for a qualified commercial structure or to the 15 reviewing entity for a qualified residential structure, along with an 16 estimate of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures under the 17 rehabilitation plan. The owner, at the owner's own risk, may incur 18 qualified rehabilitation expenditures no earlier than twenty-four months 19 prior to the submission of the application and rehabilitation plan but only 20 if satisfactory documentation is submitted to the office or the reviewing 21 entity, as applicable, indicating the condition of the qualified structure 22 prior to commencement of the rehabilitation, including but not limited to 23 photographs of the qualified structure and written declarations from 24 persons knowledgeable about the qualified structure. In connection with 25 any application submitted on or after July 1, 2015, any expenses the 26 owner incurs before July 1, 2015, shall not be counted towards the 27 owner's qualified rehabilitation expenditures. An owner may submit an

application and rehabilitation plan and may commence rehabilitation
 before the property:

3 (I) Is listed individually ON, or as a contributing property in a
district included within, the national register of historic places;

5 (II) Is listed individually ON, or as a contributing property in a
district included within, the state register of historic properties pursuant
to article 80.1 of title 24; C.R.S.; OR

8 (III) Has been designated as a landmark by a certified local
9 government; or

(IV) Is listed INDIVIDUALLY BY, OR as a contributing property
within a designated historic district of, a certified local government.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this
 subsection (5) SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, an owner may incur
 qualified rehabilitation expenditures at the owner's own risk.

15 (c) Within ninety days after receipt of the application and 16 rehabilitation plan, the office and the historical society, in the case of a 17 qualified commercial structure, and the reviewing entity, in the case of a 18 qualified residential structure, shall notify the owner in writing if the 19 rehabilitation plan is preliminarily determined to be a certified 20 rehabilitation.

(5.5) Issuance of tax credit certificate for qualified residential
structures - rules. (a) (I) FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF A
REHABILITATION OF A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE, THE OWNER
SHALL NOTIFY THE REVIEWING ENTITY THAT THE REHABILITATION HAS
BEEN COMPLETED AND SHALL CERTIFY THAT THE QUALIFIED
REHABILITATION EXPENDITURES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE
REHABILITATION PLAN. THE OWNER SHALL ALSO PROVIDE THE REVIEWING

1 ENTITY WITH A COST AND EXPENSE CERTIFICATION FOR THE TOTAL 2 QUALIFIED REHABILITATION EXPENDITURES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF 3 TAX CREDITS FOR WHICH THE OWNER IS ELIGIBLE. THE REVIEWING ENTITY 4 SHALL REVIEW THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE REHABILITATION AND VERIFY 5 ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THE REHABILITATION PLAN. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE 6 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5.5)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION, WITHIN NINETY 7 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE FOREGOING DOCUMENTATION FROM THE 8 OWNER THE REVIEWING ENTITY SHALL ISSUE A TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE 9 IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO TWENTY PERCENT OF THE ACTUAL QUALIFIED 10 REHABILITATION EXPENDITURES; EXCEPT THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX 11 CREDIT CERTIFICATE SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR 12 EACH QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE, WHICH AMOUNT IS TO BE 13 CALCULATED OVER A TEN-YEAR ROLLING PERIOD THAT COMMENCES WITH 14 EACH CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF THE QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE. 15 (II) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 16 2030, WITH RESPECT TO A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE LOCATED 17 IN AN AREA THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS 18 DETERMINED TO BE A MAJOR DISASTER AREA UNDER SECTION 102 (2) OF 19 THE FEDERAL "ROBERT T. STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 5121 ET SEQ., OR THAT IS LOCATED IN 20 21 AN AREA THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS DETERMINED TO BE A DISASTER AREA UNDER THE "COLORADO DISASTER EMERGENCY ACT", PART 7 OF ARTICLE 22 23 33.5 OF TITLE 24, THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT SPECIFIED IN 24 SUBSECTION (5.5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION IS INCREASED TO TWENTY-FIVE 25 PERCENT FOR AN APPLICATION THAT IS FILED WITHIN SIX YEARS AFTER THE

26 DISASTER DETERMINATION.

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(III) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON AND AFTER

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JANUARY 1, 2020, WITH RESPECT TO A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL
 STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A RURAL COMMUNITY, THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX
 CREDIT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (5.5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION IS
 INCREASED TO THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT FOR AN APPLICATION THAT IS
 PROPERLY FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

6 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A
7 TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM THE BENEFITS OFFERED BY EITHER SUBSECTION
8 (5.5)(a)(II) OR (5.5)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION BUT SHALL NOT CLAIM THE
9 BENEFITS OFFERED BY BOTH SUBSECTIONS (5.5)(a)(II) AND (5.5)(a)(III) OF
10 THIS SECTION.

11 (c) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A CERTIFIED LOCAL 12 GOVERNMENT MAY ACT AS A REVIEWING ENTITY ONLY FOR A QUALIFIED 13 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE. EACH CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL 14 ADOPT A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE STATING WHETHER THE 15 GOVERNMENT WILL ACT AS A REVIEWING ENTITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF 16 THIS SECTION. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL SEND A COPY OF THE 17 RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. ANY CERTIFIED 18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT DECIDES TO ACT AS A REVIEWING ENTITY FOR 19 THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION SHALL PERFORM ALL DUTIES AND 20 RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH A CERTIFIED REHABILITATION 21 THAT RECEIVES PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FROM SUCH ENTITY. THE 22 HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHALL PROMULGATE RULES ON STANDARDS AND 23 REPORTING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, AS IT DEEMS 24 NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS 25 SUBSECTION (5.5)(c).

26 (d) IN THE CASE OF A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE, THE
27 REVIEWING ENTITY MAY IMPOSE A REASONABLE APPLICATION FEE.

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(e) THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHALL PROMULGATE ANY AND ALL
 RULES NECESSARY TO FURTHER IMPLEMENT THE TAX CREDITS TO BE
 CLAIMED FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION OF QUALIFIED
 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES UNDER THIS SECTION. ANY RULES MUST BE
 PROMULGATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24.

6 (f)BY MARCH 15, 2019, AND ON A QUARTERLY BASIS 7 THEREAFTER, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE 8 DEPARTMENT SPECIFYING THE OWNERSHIP OF TAX CREDITS TO BE CLAIMED 9 FOR THE REHABILITATION OF QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES UNDER 10 THIS SECTION COVERING THE PERIOD SINCE THE LAST REPORT. THE 11 HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHALL SHARE WITH THE DEPARTMENT ALL 12 NECESSARY INFORMATION ABOUT THE TAX CREDIT CREATED BY THIS 13 SECTION TO ENABLE THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE DEPARTMENT TO 14 PROPERLY ADMINISTER THE TAX CREDIT.

15 (6) Application and issuance fees for qualified commercial structures. (a) For a qualified commercial structure FOR WHICH THE 16 17 AMOUNT OF TAX CREDIT REQUESTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS TWO 18 HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE, the office may impose a 19 reasonable application fee that does not exceed five hundred dollars. FOR 20 A QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FOR WHICH THE AMOUNT OF TAX 21 CREDIT REQUESTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED 22 FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, THE OFFICE MAY IMPOSE A REASONABLE 23 APPLICATION FEE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the office
shall not impose an application fee under paragraph (a) of this subsection
(6) for a project for which the amount of tax credit requested under this
section is two hundred fifty thousand dollars or less.

1 (c) The office may impose on the owner a reasonable issuance fee 2 of up to three percent of the amount of the tax credit issued, which must 3 be paid before the tax credit is issued to the owner. With respect to both 4 an application fee and an issuance fee, the office shall share on an equal 5 basis any such fees collected with the historical society and the 6 department. Moneys collected from such fees must be applied to the 7 administration of the tax credit created by this section.

8 (d) In the case of a qualified residential structure, the reviewing 9 entity may impose a reasonable application fee. However, the reviewing 10 entity may reduce or eliminate the application fee if the qualified 11 rehabilitation expenditures for the project are less than fifteen thousand 12 dollars.

13 Reservation of tax credits for qualified commercial (7)14 structures. (a) In the case of a qualified commercial structure, a 15 reservation of tax credits is permitted in accordance with the provisions 16 of this subsection (7). The office and the historical society shall review 17 the application and rehabilitation plan for a qualified commercial 18 structure to determine that the information contained in the application 19 and plan is complete. If the office and the historical society determine that 20 the application and rehabilitation plan are complete, the office shall 21 reserve for the benefit of the owner an allocation of a tax credit as 22 provided in paragraph (a) of subsection (12) SUBSECTION (12)(a) of this 23 section and the office shall notify the owner in writing of the amount of 24 the reservation. The reservation of tax credits does not entitle the owner 25 to an issuance of any tax credits until the owner complies with all of the 26 other requirements specified in this section for the issuance of the tax 27 credit. The office must reserve tax credits in the order in which it receives

1 completed applications and rehabilitation plans. The office shall issue any 2 such reservation of tax credits authorized by this subsection (7) within a 3 reasonable time, not to exceed ninety days after the filing of a completed 4 application and rehabilitation plan. The office shall use a lottery process 5 to determine the order in which it will review applications and plans 6 received by the office on the same day STAMP EACH COMPLETED 7 APPLICATION AND PLAN WITH THE DATE AND TIME IT RECEIVES THE 8 APPLICATION AND PLAN AND SHALL REVIEW A PLAN AND APPLICATION ON 9 THE BASIS OF THE ORDER IN WHICH SUCH DOCUMENTS WERE SUBMITTED 10 BY DATE AND TIME. The office shall only review an application and plan 11 submitted in connection with a property for which a property address, 12 legal description, or other specific location is provided in the application 13 and plan. The owner shall not request the review of another property for 14 approval in the place of the property that is the subject of the application 15 and plan. Any application and plan disapproved by the office will be 16 removed from the review process, and the office shall notify the owner 17 in writing of the decision to remove the property from the review process. 18 Disapproved applications and plans lose their priority in the review 19 process. An owner may resubmit a disapproved application and plan, but 20 such resubmitted application and plan is deemed to be a new submission 21 for purposes of the priority procedures described in this paragraph (a). 22 The office may charge THIS SUBSECTION (7)(a). IF a resubmitted 23 application and plan ARE SUBMITTED, THE OFFICE MAY CHARGE a new 24 application fee in an amount specified in accordance with subsection (6) of this section. 25

26 (a.5) IN THE CASE OF ANY PROJECT FOR A QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL
 27 STRUCTURE THE QUALIFIED REHABILITATION EXPENDITURES FOR WHICH

1 AMOUNT TO LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, IF THE TOTAL NUMBER 2 OF APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH PROJECTS THAT ARE RECEIVED BUT NOT 3 RESERVED REACH FIFTEEN IN NUMBER, THE OFFICE MAY SUSPEND THE 4 SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH PROJECTS UNTIL 5 SUCH TIME AS THESE FIFTEEN PROJECTS HAVE BEEN DULY RESERVED OR 6 DISAPPROVED. THE NOTIFICATION PERIOD THAT IS SPECIFIED IN 7 SUBSECTION (5)(a)(IV)(C) OF THIS SECTION IS EXTENDED TO 8 ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION AND 9 REHABILITATION PLAN FOR THESE FIFTEEN PROJECTS. ANY APPLICATION 10 FOR A QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE THE QUALIFIED 11 REHABILITATION EXPENDITURES FOR WHICH AMOUNT TO FIFTY THOUSAND 12 OR MORE DOLLARS IS NOT SUBJECT TO THIS SUBSECTION (a.5).

13 (b) If, for any calendar year, the aggregate amount of reservations 14 for tax credits the office has approved is equal to the total amount of tax 15 credits available for reservation during that calendar year, the office shall 16 notify all owners who have submitted applications and rehabilitation 17 plans then awaiting approval or submitted for approval after the 18 calculation is made that no additional approvals of applications and plans 19 for reservations of tax credits will be granted during that calendar year 20 and the office shall additionally notify the owner of the priority number 21 given to the owner's application and plan then awaiting approval. The 22 applications and plans will remain in priority status for two years from the 23 date of the original application and plan and will be considered for reservations of tax credits in the priority order established in this 24 25 subsection (7) in the event that additional credits become available 26 resulting from the rescission of approvals under paragraph (a) of 27 subsection (8) SUBSECTION (8)(a) of this section or because a new

1 allocation of tax credits for a calendar year becomes available.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, this
subsection (7) does not apply to a qualified residential structure because
no reservation of tax credits is necessary in the case of a qualified
residential structure.

6 (8) Deadline for incurring specified amount of estimated costs 7 of rehabilitation - proof of compliance - audit of cost and expense 8 certification - issuance of tax credit certificate - commercial 9 structures. (a) Any owner receiving a reservation of tax credits under 10 paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of this section shall commence 11 rehabilitation of the qualified commercial structure, if rehabilitation has 12 not previously begun, within one year after the date of issuance of the 13 written notice from the office to the owner granting the reservation of tax 14 credits. Any owner receiving such A reservation of tax credits UNDER 15 SUBSECTION (7)(a) of this section shall incur not less than twenty percent 16 of the estimated costs of rehabilitation contained in the application and 17 rehabilitation plan not later than eighteen months after the date of 18 issuance of the written notice from the office to the owner granting the 19 reservation of tax credits. Any owner receiving a reservation of tax credits 20 shall submit evidence of compliance with the provisions of this paragraph 21 (a) SUBSECTION (8)(a). If the office determines that an owner has failed 22 to comply with the requirements of this paragraph (a) SUBSECTION (8)(a), 23 the office may rescind the issuance it previously gave the owner 24 approving the reservation of tax credits and, if so, the total amount of tax 25 credits made available for the calendar year for which reservations may 26 be granted must be increased by the amount of the tax credits rescinded. 27 The office shall promptly notify any owner whose reservation of tax

credits has been rescinded and, upon receipt of the notice, the owner may
 submit a new application and plan for which the office may charge a new
 application fee in accordance with subsection (6) of this section.

4 (b) Following the completion of a rehabilitation of a qualified 5 commercial structure, the owner shall notify the office that the 6 rehabilitation has been completed and shall certify the qualified 7 rehabilitation expenditures incurred by the owner under the rehabilitation 8 plan. In addition, the owner shall provide the office with a cost and 9 expense certification, prepared by a licensed certified public accountant 10 that is not affiliated with the owner, certifying the total qualified 11 rehabilitation expenditures and the total amount of tax credits for which 12 the owner is eligible. If the total amount of the anticipated tax credits to 13 be issued the owner exceeds two hundred fifty thousand dollars COSTS 14 AND EXPENSES. The cost and expense certification must be audited by a 15 licensed certified public accountant THAT IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE 16 OWNER. The office and the historical society shall review the 17 documentation of the rehabilitation and the historical society shall verify 18 that the documentation satisfies the rehabilitation plan. Within ninety days 19 after receipt of such documentation from the owner, the office shall issue 20 a tax credit certificate in an amount equal to the following subject to 21 paragraph (c) of this subsection (8) SUBSECTION (8)(c) OF THIS SECTION:

(I) Twenty-five percent of the actual qualified rehabilitation
expenditures that are less than two million dollars; plus

24 (II) Twenty percent of the actual qualified rehabilitation25 expenditures in excess of two million dollars.

26 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection (8)
27 SUBSECTION (8)(b) OF THIS SECTION:

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1 (I) The total amount of the tax credit certificate issued for any 2 particular project must SHALL not exceed the amount of the tax credit 3 reservation issued for the project under paragraph (a) of subsection (7) 4 SUBSECTION (7)(a) of this section;

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(II) The amount of a tax credit certificate to be issued for any one qualified commercial structure must SHALL not exceed one million dollars in any one calendar year; and

8 (III) With respect to a certified historic structure that IS A 9 QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE THAT is located in an area that the 10 president of the United States has determined to be a major disaster area 11 under section 102 (2) of the federal "Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief 12 and Emergency Assistance Act", 42 U.S.C. sec. 5121 et seq., or that is 13 located in an area that the governor has determined to be a disaster area 14 under the "Colorado Disaster Emergency Act", part 7 of article 33.5 of 15 title 24, C.R.S., the tax credit amounts specified in subparagraphs (I) to 16 (III) of paragraph (b) of this subsection (8) SUBSECTIONS (8)(b)(I) AND 17 (8)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION must be increased as follows for an application 18 that is filed within six years after the disaster determination:

19 The twenty-five percent credit amount specified in (A) 20 subparagraph (I) of paragraph (b) of this subsection (8) SUBSECTION 21 (8)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION is increased to thirty percent; and

22 (B) The twenty percent credit amount specified in subparagraph 23 (II) of paragraph (b) of this subsection (8) SUBSECTION (8)(b)(II) OF THIS 24 SECTION is increased to twenty-five percent.

25 (IV)FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER 26 JANUARY 1, 2020, WITH RESPECT TO A CERTIFIED HISTORIC STRUCTURE 27 THAT IS A QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE THAT IS LOCATED IN A

RURAL COMMUNITY, THE TAX CREDIT AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTIONS
 (8)(b)(I) TO (8)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE INCREASED AS FOLLOWS
 FOR AN APPLICATION THAT IS PROPERLY FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
 SECTION:

5 (A) THE TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT CREDIT AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN
6 SUBSECTION (8)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION IS INCREASED TO THIRTY-FIVE
7 PERCENT; AND

8 THE TWENTY PERCENT CREDIT AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN **(B)** 9 SUBSECTION (8)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION IS INCREASED TO THIRTY PERCENT. 10 (d) If the amount of qualified rehabilitation expenditures incurred 11 by the owner would result in an owner being issued an amount of tax 12 credits that exceeds the amount of tax credits reserved for the owner 13 under paragraph(a) of subsection (7) SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION, 14 the owner may apply to the office for the issuance of an amount of tax 15 credits that equals the excess. The owner must submit its application for 16 issuance of such excess tax credits on a form prescribed by the office. The 17 office shall automatically approve the application, which it shall issue by 18 means of a separate certificate, subject only to the availability of tax 19 credits and the provisions concerning priority provided in paragraph (a) 20 of subsection (7) SUBSECTION (7)(a) of this section.

(e) (I) Following the completion of a rehabilitation of a qualified
 residential structure, the owner shall notify the reviewing entity that the
 rehabilitation has been completed and shall certify that the qualified
 rehabilitation expenditures incurred in connection with the rehabilitation
 plan. The owner shall also provide the reviewing entity with a cost and
 expense certification certifying the total qualified rehabilitation
 expenditures and the total amount of tax credits for which the owner is

1 eligible. The reviewing entity shall review the documentation of the 2 rehabilitation and verify its compliance with the rehabilitation plan. 3 Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (e), 4 within ninety days after receipt of the foregoing documentation from the 5 owner, the reviewing entity shall issue a tax credit certificate in an 6 amount equal to twenty percent of the actual qualified rehabilitation 7 expenditures; except that the amount of the tax credit certificate shall not 8 exceed fifty thousand dollars for each qualified residential structure, 9 which amount is to be calculated over a ten-year rolling period that 10 commences with each change in ownership of the qualified residential 11 structure

12 (II) With respect to a qualified residential structure located in an 13 area that the president of the United States has determined to be a major 14 disaster area under section 102 (2) of the federal "Robert T. Stafford 15 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act", 42 U.S.C. sec. 5121 et 16 seq., or that is located in an area that the governor has determined to be 17 a disaster area under the "Colorado Disaster Emergency Act", part 7 of 18 article 33.5 of title 24, C.R.S., the amount of the tax credit specified in 19 subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (e) of this section is increased to 20 twenty-five percent for an application that is filed within six years after 21 the disaster determination.

(f) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A
TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM THE BENEFITS OFFERED BY EITHER SUBSECTION
(8)(c)(III) OR (8)(c)(IV) OF THIS SECTION BUT SHALL NOT CLAIM THE
BENEFITS OFFERED BY BOTH SUBSECTIONS (8)(c)(III) AND (8)(c)(IV) OF
THIS SECTION.

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(9) Filing tax credit certificate with income tax return. In order

to claim the credit authorized by this section, the owner shall file the tax
credit certificate with the owner's state income tax return. The amount of
the credit claimed that the owner may claim under this section is the
amount stated on the tax credit certificate.

5 (10) For the purposes of this section, a certified local government 6 may act as a reviewing entity only for a qualified residential structure. 7 Each certified local government shall adopt a resolution or ordinance 8 stating whether the government will act as a reviewing entity for the 9 purposes of this section. The local government shall send a copy of the 10 resolution or ordinance to the historical society. Any certified local 11 government that decides to act as a reviewing entity for any given year for 12 the purposes of this section shall perform all duties and responsibilities 13 in connection with a certified rehabilitation that receives preliminary 14 approval from such entity during the year.

15 (11) Residential and commercial - carryforward - no refund 16 to owner. The entire tax credit to be issued under this section FOR EITHER 17 A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE OR A QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL 18 STRUCTURE may be claimed by the owner in the taxable year in which the 19 certified rehabilitation is placed in service. If the amount of the credit 20 allowed under this section exceeds the amount of income taxes otherwise 21 due on the income of the owner in the income tax year for which the 22 credit is being claimed, the amount of the credit not used as an offset 23 against income taxes in said income tax year may be carried forward as 24 a credit against subsequent years' income tax liability for a period not to 25 exceed ten years and will be applied to the earliest income tax years 26 possible. Any amount of the credit that is not used after such period shall 27 not be refunded to the owner.

1 (12) Limit on aggregate amount of all tax credits that may be 2 reserved for qualified commercial structures - assignability and 3 transferability of tax credits for qualified commercial structures. 4 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section SUBSECTION (12), the 5 aggregate amount of all tax credits in any tax year that may be reserved 6 FOR QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES by the office upon the 7 certification of all rehabilitation plans under paragraph (a) of subsection 8 (7) SUBSECTION (7)(a) of this section FOR SUCH STRUCTURES must not 9 exceed:

(I) For qualified commercial structures estimating qualified
rehabilitation expenditures in the amount of two million dollars or less,
two and one-half million dollars in the aggregate for the 2016 calendar
year, and five million dollars in the aggregate for each of the 2017, 2018,
and 2019 calendar years, in addition to the amount of any previously
reserved tax credits that were rescinded under paragraph (a) of subsection
(8) SUBSECTION (8)(a) of this section during the applicable calendar year;

(II) For qualified commercial structures estimating qualified
rehabilitation expenditures in excess of two million dollars, two and
one-half million dollars in the aggregate for the 2016 calendar year, and
five million dollars in the aggregate for each of the 2017, 2018, and 2019
calendar years, in addition to the amount of any previously reserved tax
credits that were rescinded under paragraph (a) of subsection (8)
SUBSECTION (8)(a) of this section during the applicable calendar year;

(III) FOR QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES ESTIMATING
QUALIFIED REHABILITATION EXPENDITURES IN ANY AMOUNT, TEN MILLION
DOLLARS IN THE AGGREGATE FOR EACH OF THE 2020 THROUGH 2029
CALENDAR YEARS, IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT OF ANY PREVIOUSLY

1 RESERVED TAX CREDITS THAT WERE RESCINDED UNDER SUBSECTION (8)(a)2 OF THIS SECTION DURING THE APPLICABLE CALENDAR YEAR; EXCEPT THAT 3 THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE TEN MILLION DOLLARS IN TAX CREDITS 4 IN ANY TAX YEAR THAT MAY BE RESERVED BY THE OFFICE MUST BE 5 EQUALLY SPLIT BETWEEN QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES FOR 6 WHICH THE ESTIMATED QUALIFIED REHABILITATION EXPENDITURES ARE 7 EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN TWO MILLION DOLLARS AND QUALIFIED 8 COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES FOR WHICH THE ESTIMATED QUALIFIED 9 REHABILITATION EXPENDITURES ARE IN EXCESS OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection (12), 11 if the entirety of the allowable tax credit amount for any tax year is not 12 requested and reserved under subparagraphs (I) and (II) of paragraph (a) 13 SUBSECTION (12)(a) of this subsection (12) SECTION, the office may use 14 any such unreserved tax credits in issuing tax credits in another category 15 for that same income tax year, and the office may also use any remaining 16 unreserved tax credits for that tax year in issuing tax credits in subsequent 17 income tax years.

18 (c) Any tax credits issued under this section to a partnership, a 19 limited liability company taxed as a partnership, or multiple owners of a 20 property must be passed through to the partners, members, or owners, 21 including any nonprofit entity that is a partner, member, or owner, 22 respectively, on a pro rata basis or pursuant to an executed agreement 23 among the partners, members, or owners documenting an alternate 24 distribution method.

(d) Any tax credits issued under this section for a qualified
commercial structure are freely transferable and assignable, subject to any
notice and verification requirements to be determined by the office;

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1 except that the owner or a subsequent transferee may only transfer the 2 portion of the tax credit that has neither been applied against the income 3 tax imposed by this article ARTICLE 22 nor used to obtain a refund. Any 4 transferee of a tax credit FOR A QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE 5 issued under this section may use the amount of tax credits transferred to 6 offset against any other tax due under this article ARTICLE 22 or the 7 transferee may freely transfer and assign all or any portion of the tax 8 credits that have neither been applied against the income taxes imposed 9 by this article ARTICLE 22 nor used to obtain a refund to any other person 10 or entity, including an entity that is exempt from federal income taxation 11 pursuant to section 501 (c) of the internal revenue code, as amended, and 12 the other person or entity may freely transfer and assign all or any portion 13 of the tax credits that have neither been applied against the income taxes 14 imposed by this article ARTICLE 22 nor used to obtain a refund to any 15 other person or entity. The tax credits may be transferred or assigned on 16 multiple occasions until such time as the credit is claimed on a state tax 17 return. The transferor and the transferee of the tax credits shall jointly file 18 a copy of the written transfer agreement with the office within thirty days 19 after the transfer. Any filing of the written transfer agreement with the 20 office perfects the transfer. The office shall develop a system to track the 21 transfers of tax credits and to certify the ownership of tax credits. A 22 certification by the office of the ownership and the amount of tax credits 23 may be relied on by the department and the transferee as being accurate, 24 and the office shall not adjust the amount of tax credits as to the 25 transferee; except that the office retains any remedies it may have against 26 the owner. The office shall MAY promulgate rules to permit verification 27 of the ownership and amount of the tax credits; except that, any rules

1 promulgated shall not unduly restrict or hinder the transfer of the tax 2 credits. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, ONLY 3 TAX CREDITS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL 4 STRUCTURE, AND NOT TAX CREDITS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A 5 QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE, ARE FREELY TRANSFERABLE AND 6 ASSIGNABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (12)(d). 7 (e) (I) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the 8 aggregate amount of tax credits issued under this section must not exceed: 9 (A) For the tax year beginning January 1, 2016, five million 10 dollars: 11 (B) For the tax year beginning January 1, 2017, ten million 12 dollars; 13 (C) For the tax year beginning January 1, 2018, ten million 14 dollars; and 15 (D) For the tax year beginning January 1, 2019, ten million 16 dollars: 17 (II) A tax credit authorized under this section may be earned 18 before July 1, 2016, but the office shall not issue a tax credit under this 19 section prior to July 1, 2016. 20 (13) **Appeal.** Any owner or any duly authorized representative of 21 an owner may appeal any final determination made by the office, THE 22 HISTORICAL SOCIETY, or the department, including, without limitation, any 23 preliminary or final reservation, or any approval or denial, in accordance 24 with the "State Administrative Procedure Act", article 4 of title 24. C.R.S. 25 The owner or the owner's representative shall submit any such appeal 26 within thirty days after receipt by the owner or the owner's representative 27 of the final determination that is the subject of the appeal.

1 (14) **Deadline for submitting application and rehabilitation** 2 **plan.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the tax credits 3 authorized by this section for the substantial rehabilitation of a qualified 4 structure are not available to an owner of a qualified structure that 5 submits an application and rehabilitation plan after December 31, 2019 6 DECEMBER 31, 2029. No action or inaction on the part of the general 7 assembly has the effect of limiting or suspending the issuing of tax credits 8 authorized by this section in any past or future income tax year with 9 respect to a qualified structure if the owner of the structure submits an 10 application and rehabilitation plan with the office on or prior to December 11 31, 2019 DECEMBER 31, 2029, even if the qualified structure is placed 12 into service after December 31, 2019 DECEMBER 31, 2029. ANY TAX 13 CREDITS THAT HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR A QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL 14 STRUCTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION 15 AND ANY APPLICABLE RULES PROMULGATED UNDER THIS SECTION PRIOR 16 TO DECEMBER 31, 2029, MAY STILL BE ISSUED BY THE OFFICE THROUGH 17 AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2032.

18 (15) Report to the department - rules - qualified commercial 19 structures. (a) The office shall, in consultation with the department, 20 report to the general assembly by March 1, 2017, and by March 1, 2019, 21 on the overall economic activity, usage, and impact to the state from the 22 substantial rehabilitation of qualified structures for which tax credits have 23 been allowed under this section. On or before March 15, 2016, and on a 24 quarterly basis thereafter, the office shall provide a report to the 25 department specifying the ownership and transfers of tax credits FOR THE 26 REHABILITATION OF QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES under this 27 section COVERING THE PERIOD SINCE THE LAST REPORT.

(b) The office, in consultation with the historical society, shall
 MAY promulgate any and all rules necessary to further implement THE
 TAX CREDITS TO BE CLAIMED FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION OF
 QUALIFIED COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES UNDER this section and shall solicit
 advice from the department in promulgating rules for transfers OF SUCH
 TAX CREDITS. Any such rules must be promulgated in accordance with
 article 4 of title 24. C.R.S.

8 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a taxpayer shall 9 not claim a credit under this section in connection with the rehabilitation 10 of a historic structure for which the taxpayer is also claiming a credit 11 under section 39-22-514.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act takes effect upon passage;
 except that section 39-22-514.5 (5.5)(a)(III) and (8)(c)(IV)(A), Colorado
 Revised Statutes, as enacted in section 1 of this act, takes effect January
 1, 2020.

SECTION 3. 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.