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HOUSE BILL 16-1010

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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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:

- ! 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
- ! With respect to the existing requirement that the parks and wildlife commission and the board of 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.*

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.

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

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

4 **35-7-203. Release of destructive rodent pests - definitions.**

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

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

15 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
16 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
18 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a  
19 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
20 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
21 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
22 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.