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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION, AND,**  
102             **IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING STATEWIDE**  
103             **GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION REDUCTION GOALS AND MAKING**  
104             **AN APPROPRIATION.**

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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://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

**Section 1** of the bill states that Colorado shall have statewide goals to reduce 2025 greenhouse gas emissions by at least 26%, 2030 greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50%, and 2050 greenhouse gas

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emissions by at least 90% of the levels of greenhouse gas emissions that existed in 2005.

**Section 3** specifies considerations that the air quality control commission is to take into account in implementing policies and promulgating rules to reduce greenhouse gas pollution, including the benefits of compliance and the equitable distribution of those benefits, the costs of compliance, opportunities to incentivize clean energy in transitioning communities, and the potential to enhance the resilience of Colorado's communities and natural resources to climate impacts. The commission will consult with the public utilities commission with regard to rules that affect the providers of retail electricity in Colorado.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25-7-102 as  
3 follows:

4 **25-7-102. Legislative declaration.** (1) In order to foster the  
5 health, welfare, convenience, and comfort of the inhabitants of the state  
6 of Colorado and to facilitate the enjoyment and use of the scenic and  
7 natural resources of the state, it is declared to be the policy of this state to  
8 achieve the maximum practical degree of air purity in every portion of the  
9 state, to attain and maintain the national ambient air quality standards, and  
10 to prevent the significant deterioration of air quality in those portions of  
11 the state where the air quality is better than the national ambient air  
12 quality standards. To that end, it is the purpose of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 7  
13 to require the use of all available practical methods which are  
14 technologically feasible and economically reasonable so as to reduce,  
15 prevent, and control air pollution throughout the state of Colorado; to  
16 require the development of an air quality control program in which the  
17 benefits of the air pollution control measures utilized bear a reasonable  
18 relationship to the economic, environmental, and energy impacts and  
19 other costs of such measures; and to maintain a cooperative program

1 between the state and local units of government. It is further declared that  
2 the prevention, abatement, and control of air pollution in each portion of  
3 the state are matters of statewide concern and are affected with a public  
4 interest and that the provisions of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 7 are enacted in the  
5 exercise of the police powers of this state for the purpose of protecting  
6 the health, peace, safety, and general welfare of the people of this state.  
7 The general assembly further recognizes that a current and accurate  
8 inventory of actual emissions of air pollutants from all sources is essential  
9 for the proper identification and designation of attainment and  
10 nonattainment areas, the determination of the most cost-effective  
11 regulatory strategy to reduce pollution, the targeting of regulatory efforts  
12 to achieve the greatest health and environmental benefits, and the  
13 achievement of a federally approved clean air program. In order to  
14 achieve the most accurate inventory of air pollution sources possible, this  
15 ~~article~~ ARTICLE 7 specifically provides incentives to achieve the most  
16 accurate and complete inventory possible and to provide for the most  
17 accurate enforcement program achievable based upon that inventory.

18 (2) IT IS FURTHER DECLARED THAT:

19 (a) CLIMATE CHANGE ADVERSELY AFFECTS COLORADO'S  
20 ECONOMY, AIR QUALITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH, ECOSYSTEMS, NATURAL  
21 RESOURCES, AND QUALITY OF LIFE;

22 (b) COLORADO IS ALREADY EXPERIENCING HARMFUL CLIMATE  
23 IMPACTS, INCLUDING DECLINING SNOWPACK, PROLONGED DROUGHT, MORE  
24 EXTREME HEAT, ELEVATED WILDFIRE RISK AND RISK TO FIRST  
25 RESPONDERS, WIDESPREAD BEETLE INFESTATION DECIMATING FORESTS,  
26 INCREASED RISK OF VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES, MORE FREQUENT AND  
27 SEVERE FLOODING, MORE SEVERE GROUND-LEVEL OZONE POLLUTION

1 CAUSING RESPIRATORY DAMAGE AND LOSS OF LIFE, DECREASED ECONOMIC  
2 ACTIVITY FROM OUTDOOR RECREATION AND AGRICULTURE, AND  
3 DIMINISHED QUALITY OF LIFE. MANY OF THESE IMPACTS  
4 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT RURAL COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES OF  
5 COLOR, YOUTH AND THE ELDERLY, AND WORKING FAMILIES. REDUCING  
6 STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION AS OUTLINED IN THIS  
7 SUBSECTION (2) WILL PROTECT THESE FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES, FIRST  
8 RESPONDERS, AND ALL COLORADO RESIDENTS FROM THESE AND OTHER  
9 CLIMATE IMPACTS.

10 (c) WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE STATEWIDE  
11 GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION IN ORDER TO LIMIT THE INCREASE IN THE  
12 GLOBAL AVERAGE TEMPERATURE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF DEGREES  
13 CELSIUS, WHICH SCIENTISTS AGREE WOULD PROVIDE A MORE STABLE AND  
14 HOSPITABLE CLIMATE FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS AND  
15 MITIGATE THE RISK OF CATASTROPHIC CLIMATE IMPACTS IN COLORADO;

16 (d) BY REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION, COLORADO WILL  
17 ALSO REDUCE OTHER HARMFUL AIR POLLUTANTS WHICH WILL, IN TURN,  
18 IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH, REDUCE HEALTH CARE COSTS, IMPROVE AIR  
19 QUALITY, AND HELP SUSTAIN THE ENVIRONMENT;

20 (e) REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION WILL CREATE NEW  
21 MARKETS, SPUR INNOVATION, DRIVE INVESTMENTS IN LOW-CARBON  
22 TECHNOLOGIES, AND PUT COLORADO SQUARELY ON THE PATH TO A  
23 MODERN, RESILIENT, ONE-HUNDRED-PERCENT CLEAN ECONOMY. DELAY  
24 IN PURSUING AND SECURING GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS AS OUTLINED  
25 IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) WILL PREVENT COLORADO COMMUNITIES FROM  
26 CAPTURING THE BENEFITS OF THESE NEW JOBS AND MARKETS, IN ADDITION  
27 TO EXACERBATING THE CLIMATE IMPACTS THAT HARM COLORADANS. THE

1 CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY IS ALREADY BRINGING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF  
2 JOBS AND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DIRECT INVESTMENT TO COUNTIES  
3 ACROSS THE STATE, BENEFITTING WORKERS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES.  
4 COLORADO CAN CONTINUE TO FACILITATE SUCH A TRANSITION TO A CLEAN  
5 ENERGY ECONOMY. FOOD AND FIBER PRODUCTION HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT  
6 ACHIEVEMENTS IN AREAS OF PRODUCTIVITY AND SUSTAINABILITY.  
7 MODERN TECHNOLOGY IN THIS SECTOR CONTRIBUTES TO REDUCTIONS IN  
8 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY SEQUESTERING CARBON IN THE SOIL AND  
9 ENHANCING SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH TECHNOLOGIES THAT REDUCE  
10 METHANE EMISSIONS AND PRODUCE RENEWABLE ENERGY. CONTINUING TO  
11 ENCOURAGE THESE TYPES OF ACHIEVEMENTS IS BENEFICIAL.

12 (f) BY EXERCISING A LEADERSHIP ROLE, COLORADO WILL ALSO  
13 POSITION ITS ECONOMY, TECHNOLOGY CENTERS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS,  
14 AND BUSINESSES TO BENEFIT FROM NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL  
15 EFFORTS TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES;

16 (g) ACCORDINGLY, COLORADO SHALL STRIVE TO INCREASE  
17 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION AND ELIMINATE STATEWIDE  
18 GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION BY THE MIDDLE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST  
19 CENTURY AND HAVE GOALS OF ACHIEVING, AT A MINIMUM, A  
20 TWENTY-SIX-PERCENT REDUCTION IN STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS  
21 POLLUTION BY 2025, A FIFTY-PERCENT REDUCTION IN STATEWIDE  
22 GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION BY 2030, AND A NINETY-PERCENT  
23 REDUCTION IN STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION BY 2050. THE  
24 REDUCTIONS IDENTIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(g) ARE MEASURED  
25 RELATIVE TO 2005 STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION LEVELS.

26 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-7-103, **amend** the  
27 introductory portion; and **add** (22.5) as follows:

1           **25-7-103. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 7, unless  
2 the context otherwise requires:

3           (22.5) "STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION" MEANS THE  
4 TOTAL NET STATEWIDE ANTHROPOGENIC EMISSIONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE,  
5 METHANE, NITROUS OXIDE, HYDROFLUOROCARBONS,  
6 PERFLUOROCARBONS, NITROGEN TRIFLUORIDE, AND SULFUR  
7 HEXAFLUORIDE, EXPRESSED AS CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT  
8 CALCULATED USING A METHODOLOGY AND DATA ON RADIATIVE FORCING  
9 AND ATMOSPHERIC PERSISTENCE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE  
10 COMMISSION.

11           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-7-105, **amend** (1)  
12 introductory portion; and **add** (1)(e) as follows:

13           **25-7-105. Duties of commission - rules - legislative declaration**  
14 **- definitions.** (1) Except as provided in sections 25-7-130 and 25-7-131,  
15 the commission shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are  
16 consistent with the legislative declaration set forth in section 25-7-102  
17 and necessary for the proper implementation and administration of this  
18 ~~article~~ ARTICLE 7, including, but not limited to:

- 19           (e) (I) STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION ABATEMENT.
- 20           (II) CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 25-7-102 (2)(g), THE COMMISSION  
21 SHALL TIMELY PROMULGATE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.  
22 THE IMPLEMENTING RULES MAY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OTHER RELEVANT  
23 LAWS AND RULES, AS WELL AS VOLUNTARY ACTIONS TAKEN BY LOCAL  
24 COMMUNITIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TO ENHANCE EFFICIENCY AND  
25 COST-EFFECTIVENESS, AND SHALL BE REVISED AS NECESSARY OVER TIME  
26 TO ENSURE TIMELY PROGRESS TOWARD THE 2025, 2030, AND 2050 GOALS.  
27 THE IMPLEMENTING RULES SHALL PROVIDE FOR ONGOING TRACKING OF

1 EMISSION SOURCES THAT ADVERSELY AFFECT DISPROPORTIONATELY  
2 IMPACTED COMMUNITIES AND ARE SUBJECT TO RULES IMPLEMENTED  
3 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(e) AND MUST INCLUDE STRATEGIES  
4 DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE REDUCTIONS IN HARMFUL AIR POLLUTION  
5 AFFECTING THOSE COMMUNITIES.

6 (III) THE DIVISION, AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, SHALL  
7 SOLICIT INPUT FROM OTHER STATE AGENCIES, STAKEHOLDERS, AND THE  
8 PUBLIC ON THE ADVANTAGES OF DIFFERENT STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS  
9 POLLUTION MITIGATION MEASURES, SPECIFICALLY SOLICITING INPUT FROM  
10 THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE, INCLUDING  
11 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, AND FROM WORKERS IN  
12 RELEVANT INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING ADVANCED ENERGY AND FUEL  
13 DELIVERY, AND COMMUNITIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY ECONOMICALLY  
14 DEPENDENT ON INDUSTRIES WITH HIGH LEVELS OF GREENHOUSE GAS  
15 EMISSIONS.

16 (IV) THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND POLICIES MAY INCLUDE, IN  
17 ADDITION TO RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES,  
18 REGULATORY STRATEGIES THAT HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED BY ANOTHER  
19 JURISDICTION TO REDUCE MULTI-SECTOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS,  
20 THAT FACILITATE ADOPTION OF TECHNOLOGIES THAT HAVE ZERO  
21 EMISSIONS, AND THAT ENHANCE COST-EFFECTIVENESS, COMPLIANCE  
22 FLEXIBILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY AROUND COMPLIANCE COSTS, AMONG  
23 OTHER REGULATORY STRATEGIES. THE COMMISSION MAY COORDINATE  
24 WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN SECURING EMISSION REDUCTIONS,  
25 INCLUDING IN SATISFYING FUTURE FEDERAL REGULATIONS. THE  
26 COMMISSION MAY ACCOUNT FOR REDUCTIONS IN NET GREENHOUSE GAS  
27 EMISSIONS THAT OCCUR UNDER COORDINATED JURISDICTIONS' PROGRAMS

1 IF THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT THE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS OF  
2 EACH COORDINATED JURISDICTION ARE OF SUFFICIENT RIGOR TO ENSURE  
3 THE INTEGRITY OF THE REDUCTIONS IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS TO  
4 THE ATMOSPHERE AND MAY ACCOUNT FOR CARBON DIOXIDE THAT  
5 ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION IN THIS STATE CAUSES TO BE EMITTED  
6 ELSEWHERE.

7 (V) IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS  
8 SUBSECTION (1)(e), THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER: THE BENEFITS OF  
9 COMPLIANCE, INCLUDING HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND AIR QUALITY;  
10 THE COSTS OF COMPLIANCE; ECONOMIC AND JOB IMPACTS AND  
11 OPPORTUNITIES; THE TIME NECESSARY FOR COMPLIANCE; THE RELATIVE  
12 CONTRIBUTION OF EACH SOURCE OR SOURCE CATEGORY TO STATEWIDE  
13 GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION BASED ON CURRENT DATA UPDATED AT  
14 REASONABLE INTERVALS AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION;  
15 HARMONIZING EMISSION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS WITH EXISTING  
16 FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS, WHERE THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE;  
17 THE IMPORTANCE OF STRIVING TO EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTE THE BENEFITS  
18 OF COMPLIANCE, OPPORTUNITIES TO INCENTIVIZE RENEWABLE ENERGY  
19 RESOURCES AND POLLUTION ABATEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN  
20 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, OPPORTUNITIES TO  
21 ENCOURAGE CLEAN ENERGY IN TRANSITIONING COMMUNITIES; ISSUES  
22 RELATED TO THE BENEFICIAL USE OF ELECTRICITY TO REDUCE  
23 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS; THE POTENTIAL TO ENHANCE THE  
24 RESILIENCE OF COLORADO'S COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
25 CLIMATE IMPACTS; AND WHETHER GREATER OR MORE COST-EFFECTIVE  
26 EMISSION REDUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH PROGRAM DESIGN.

27 (VI) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE



1 DIVISION, AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, SHALL REPORT TO THE  
2 GENERAL ASSEMBLY EVERY ODD-NUMBERED YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE  
3 DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(e) REGARDING: PROGRESS TOWARD THE  
4 GOALS SET FORTH IN SECTION 25-7-102 (2)(g); ANY NEWLY AVAILABLE,  
5 FINAL COST-BENEFIT OR REGULATORY ANALYSIS, DEVELOPED UNDER  
6 SECTION 24-4-103 (2.5) OR (4.5), FOR RULES ADOPTED TO ATTAIN THE  
7 GOALS; AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO  
8 ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE, SUCH AS IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE  
9 ADAPTATION POLICIES OR ACCELERATING DEPLOYMENT OF CLEANER  
10 TECHNOLOGIES.

11 (VII) (A) IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS  
12 SUBSECTION (1)(e), THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE PUBLIC  
13 UTILITIES COMMISSION.

14 (B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND  
15 DECLARES THAT IT IS BENEFICIAL TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
16 CLEAN ENERGY PLANS THAT WILL REQUIRE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS  
17 CAUSED BY COLORADO RETAIL ELECTRICITY SALES TO DECREASE EIGHTY  
18 PERCENT BY 2030 RELATIVE TO 2005 LEVELS TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
19 COST-EFFECTIVE AND PROACTIVE DEPLOYMENT OF CLEAN ENERGY  
20 RESOURCES.

21 (C) IN DESIGNING, IMPLEMENTING, AND ENFORCING PROGRAMS  
22 AND REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (1)(e), THE COMMISSION  
23 AND THE DIVISION SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ANY CLEAN ENERGY  
24 PLAN AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION THAT, AS FILED, WILL ACHIEVE  
25 AT LEAST AN EIGHTY-PERCENT REDUCTION IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS  
26 CAUSED BY THE UTILITY'S COLORADO RETAIL ELECTRICITY SALES BY 2030  
27 RELATIVE TO 2005 LEVELS, AS VERIFIED BY THE DIVISION. WHEN

1 INCLUDING PUBLIC UTILITIES IN ITS PROGRAMS OR REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
2 THIS SUBSECTION (1)(e), THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT MANDATE THAT A  
3 PUBLIC UTILITY REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS CAUSED BY THE  
4 UTILITY'S COLORADO RETAIL ELECTRICITY SALES BY 2030 MORE THAN IS  
5 REQUIRED UNDER SUCH AN APPROVED CLEAN ENERGY PLAN OR IMPOSE  
6 ANY DIRECT, NONADMINISTRATIVE COST ON THE PUBLIC UTILITY DIRECTLY  
7 ASSOCIATED WITH QUANTITIES OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS CAUSED  
8 BY THE UTILITY'S COLORADO RETAIL ELECTRICITY SALES THAT REMAIN  
9 AFTER THE REDUCTIONS REQUIRED BY SUCH A CLEAN ENERGY PLAN  
10 THROUGH 2030 IF THOSE REDUCTIONS ARE ACHIEVED AND THE DIVISION  
11 HAS VERIFIED THAT THE APPROVED CLEAN ENERGY PLAN WILL ACHIEVE AT  
12 LEAST A SEVENTY-FIVE-PERCENT REDUCTION IN GREENHOUSE GAS  
13 EMISSIONS CAUSED BY THE UTILITY'S COLORADO RETAIL ELECTRICITY  
14 SALES BY 2030 RELATIVE TO 2005 LEVELS.

15 (D) IMPLEMENTING RULES DEVELOPED BY THE COMMISSION MUST  
16 NOT INCLUDE ANY REQUIREMENTS DICTATING THE MIX OF ELECTRIC  
17 GENERATING RESOURCES THAT ANY PUBLIC UTILITY SHALL USE TO MEET  
18 APPLICABLE POLLUTION LIMITS.

19 (E) IMPLEMENTING RULES DEVELOPED BY THE COMMISSION MUST  
20 CONSIDER ISSUES RELATING TO JOINT OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRIC  
21 GENERATING RESOURCES AS BETWEEN MULTIPLE PARTIES AND THE EXTENT  
22 TO WHICH THE PUBLIC UTILITY IS RELYING ON POWER PURCHASED FROM  
23 THIRD PARTIES IN MEETING ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER SUCH A CLEAN  
24 ENERGY PLAN.

25 (F) A CLEAN ENERGY PLAN VOLUNTARILY FILED BY A  
26 COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION THAT HAS VOTED TO EXEMPT ITSELF  
27 FROM REGULATION BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PURSUANT TO

1 ARTICLE 9.5 OF TITLE 40 OR BY A MUNICIPAL UTILITY SHALL BE DEEMED  
2 APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AS FILED IF: THE  
3 DIVISION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,  
4 PUBLICLY VERIFIES THAT THE PLAN DEMONSTRATES THAT, BY 2030, THE  
5 COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION OR MUNICIPAL UTILITY WILL  
6 ACHIEVE AT LEAST AN EIGHTY PERCENT REDUCTION IN GREENHOUSE GAS  
7 EMISSIONS CAUSED BY THE ENTITY'S COLORADO RETAIL ELECTRICITY  
8 SALES RELATIVE TO 2005 LEVELS; AND THE CLEAN ENERGY PLAN HAS  
9 PREVIOUSLY BEEN APPROVED BY A VOTE OF THE ENTITY'S GOVERNING  
10 BODY. VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION OF A CLEAN ENERGY PLAN BY A  
11 COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION OR MUNICIPAL UTILITY DOES NOT  
12 ALTER THE ENTITY'S REGULATORY STATUS WITH RESPECT TO THE PUBLIC  
13 UTILITIES COMMISSION, INCLUDING UNDER ARTICLE 9.5 OF TITLE 40.

14 (VIII) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(e) DIMINISHES THE  
15 EXISTING AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION OR THE DIVISION. NOTHING IN  
16 THIS SUBSECTION (1)(e) ALTERS THE REGULATORY EXEMPTIONS PROVIDED  
17 IN SECTION 25-7-109 (8)(a). NOTHING AUTHORIZED IN THIS SUBSECTION  
18 (1)(e), INCLUDING THE ASSIGNMENT OF EMISSION REDUCTION  
19 OBLIGATIONS OR EMISSION AUTHORIZATIONS AND EXCLUDING PROGRAM  
20 DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, IMPLICATES STATE FISCAL  
21 YEAR SPENDING AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-102. NOTHING IN THIS  
22 SUBSECTION (1)(e) ALTERS ANY REQUIREMENT TO PREPARE A COST-  
23 BENEFIT ANALYSIS UNDER SECTION 24-4-103 (2.5) OR ANY REQUIREMENT  
24 TO ISSUE A REGULATORY ANALYSIS UNDER SECTION 24-4-103 (4.5).  
25 NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(e) DIMINISHES THE AUTHORITY OF THE  
26 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UNDER THE PUBLIC UTILITIES LAW,  
27 INCLUDING SECTIONS 40-3-101 AND 40-3-102.

1 (IX) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(e):

2 (A) "COST-EFFECTIVE" OR "COST-EFFECTIVENESS" MEANS THE  
3 COST PER UNIT OF REDUCED EMISSIONS OF GREENHOUSE GASES EXPRESSED  
4 AS CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT.

5 (B) "GREENHOUSE GAS" INCLUDES CARBON DIOXIDE, METHANE,  
6 NITROUS OXIDE, HYDROFLUOROCARBONS, PERFLUOROCARBONS, NITROGEN  
7 TRIFLUORIDE, AND SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE, EXPRESSED AS CARBON  
8 DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT.

9 (C) "RETAIL ELECTRICITY SALES" MEANS ELECTRIC ENERGY SOLD  
10 TO RETAIL END-USE ELECTRIC CONSUMERS.

11 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2019-20 state fiscal  
12 year, \$281,588 is appropriated to the department of public health and  
13 environment. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement  
14 this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

15 (a) \$188,321 for use by the air pollution control division for  
16 program costs, which amount is based on an assumption that the division  
17 will require an additional 2.0 FTE; and

18 (b) \$93,267 for the purchase of legal services.

19 (2) For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, \$93,267 is appropriated to  
20 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds  
21 received from the department of public health and environment under  
22 subsection (1)(b) of this section and is based on an assumption that the  
23 department of law will require an additional 0.5 FTE. To implement this  
24 act, the department of law may use this appropriation to provide legal  
25 services for the department of public health and environment.

26 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.