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SENATE BILL 20B-005

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A STATE OF DISASTER  
102 EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR EXPIRE AFTER SIXTY  
103 DAYS UNLESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXTENDS OR  
104 AUTHORIZES THE GOVERNOR TO EXTEND THE STATE OF  
105 DISASTER EMERGENCY.

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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>.)*

The bill limits the duration of a state of disaster emergency declared by the governor to 60 days unless the general assembly, by

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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adopting a joint resolution, extends the duration of the state of disaster emergency or authorizes the governor to extend the duration of the state of disaster emergency for a period or subject to conditions specified in the joint resolution.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-704, **amend**  
3 (4) as follows:

4           **24-33.5-704. The governor and disaster emergencies - response**  
5 **- duties and limitations.** (4) A disaster emergency shall be declared by  
6 executive order or proclamation of the governor if the governor finds a  
7 disaster has occurred or that this occurrence or the threat thereof is  
8 imminent. The state of disaster emergency shall continue until the  
9 governor finds that the threat of danger has passed or that the disaster has  
10 been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist  
11 and the governor terminates the state of disaster emergency by executive  
12 order or proclamation, but no state of disaster emergency may continue  
13 for longer than thirty days unless renewed by the governor OR FOR  
14 LONGER THAN SIXTY DAYS UNLESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY ADOPTING  
15 A JOINT RESOLUTION, EXTENDS THE DURATION OF THE STATE OF DISASTER  
16 EMERGENCY OR AUTHORIZES THE GOVERNOR TO EXTEND THE DURATION  
17 OF THE STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY FOR A PERIOD OR SUBJECT TO  
18 CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE JOINT RESOLUTION. The general assembly,  
19 by joint resolution, may terminate a state of disaster emergency at any  
20 time. Thereupon, the governor shall issue an executive order or  
21 proclamation ending the state of disaster emergency. All executive orders  
22 or proclamations issued under this subsection (4) shall indicate the nature  
23 of the disaster, the area threatened, and the conditions that brought it

1 about or that make possible termination of the state of disaster  
2 emergency. An executive order or proclamation shall be disseminated  
3 promptly by means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the  
4 general public and, unless the circumstances attendant upon the disaster  
5 prevent or impede, shall be promptly filed with the office of emergency  
6 management in the division of homeland security and emergency  
7 management, the secretary of state, the county clerk and recorder, and  
8 emergency management agencies in the area to which it applies.

9           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.