

## 2007 Bills

### **HB07-1030 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension**

Requires all contribution deposits for police officers' and firefighters' new hire pension plans and the statewide death and disability plan to be made 10 days following the payment of salary to the member, regardless of whether a member is paid more than once per month.

### **HB07-1060 Bioscience Research Grants**

Establishes the state's maximum grant amounts for research projects in the bioscience discovery evaluation grant program for those projects that receive federal funding as a small business. The bill also specifies what portions come from the general fund and establishes eligibility criteria for an office of technology transfer to pursue a research project in the field. Also transfers \$2.5 million from the general fund to the program.

### **HB07-1100 Increase Older Coloradans Cash Fund**

In all future state fiscal years, increases the amount allocated to the older Coloradans cash fund from the receipts collected from the state sales and use tax.

### **HB07-1115 Construction Contract Payment**

This bill requires an owner to provide evidence, before and at all times during a construction project, to a contractor and subcontractor that moneys are available for payment to the contractor and subcontractor when due. It also requires a contractor and any subcontractors to submit monthly progress payment requests that include all work that was performed on the project during the previous month to the owner or the owner's designated representative. There are also provisions for remedies and resolutions to disputes therein.

### **HB07-1233 License Retail Tobacco Sellers**

This bill establishes licensure criteria for retail tobacco sales, including requiring all vendors to obtain a license from the Department of Revenue and providing for the department to administer such licenses. It also requires a licensee to obtain proof of identification for sales, maintain product transaction records and establishes penalties for violating said laws and regulations.

### **HB07-1250 Rural Telecommunications Development**

Makes legislative findings. Directs the public utilities commission (PUC) to provide for a uniform, statewide allowable intrastate rate of return for rural telecommunications providers that is no less than the interstate rate of return allowed by the federal communications commission. Allows a rural telecommunications provider to elect simplified regulatory treatment, consisting of price regulation (as opposed to traditional, rate-of-return regulation) in the provision of basic local exchange service and a number of other features, including: Limits on PUC jurisdiction regarding the provider's designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier under federal law; PUC review of price changes only upon complaint; Relaxed reporting requirements concerning service quality; and Financial assistance from the existing high cost support mechanism. Allows cooperatively owned and operated rural telecommunications providers to exempt themselves from regulation using substantially the same procedure as is provided under existing law for cooperative electric associations.

### **HB07-1299 CDC Members-elect**

Authorizes members-elect to serve on the Capital Development Committee after an election but prior to the convening of the general assembly.

### **HB07-1316 Finances Of State Parks Division**

Extends the authority of the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation to regulate the usage fees for the

division's facilities and programs. Increases the allowable balance in the division's emergency reserve cash fund to \$1 million in 2007 and allows the future increase up to 10% of the annual appropriation for state park operations.

#### **SB07-024 Athletic Trainer Practice Act**

This requires athletic trainers to be registered with the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) in order to practice as an athletic trainer in Colorado. It also defines said trainers, including the necessary education, certification and examinations and gives DORA the ability to regulate their registrations and conduct.

#### **SB07-154 Drunk Driver BAC Test Election**

Requires law enforcement to request a suspected drunk driver to take a test of the officer's choosing rather than of the driver's, if there are extraordinary circumstances that prevent the completion of the original within the required two hour time period.

#### **SB07-194 CDC Duties**

Clarifies certain duties of the Capital Development Committee.

#### **SB07-222 Statutory Transfers Capital Construction**

On July 1 in each of years 2007, 2008, and 2009, transfers \$100 million from the general fund to the capital construction fund.

#### **SB07-225 CO Works Alternative Earnings Income Disregard**

Creates an alternative calculation for county departments of social services to use when determining authorized grant amounts for the Colorado Works program.

#### **SB07-226 Compliance with Federal Law Regarding Placement Children**

In order to comply with applicable federal laws, this bill requires a court to consult with a child in an age-appropriate manner, regarding the child's permanency plan, as well as requiring persons who a child is placed with to report to a local law enforcement agency for fingerprinting and a criminal background check.

#### **SJM07-003 Support Food Stamp Program**

Supporting the passage of the federal 2007 Farm Bill, and, in connection therewith, continuing support for the Federal Food Stamp Program.

#### **SJR07-029 Safe Haven For Newborns**

Supporting Colorado's Safe Haven for Newborns laws and programs.

#### **SJR07-035 Health Care Alzheimer's Disease**

Concerning Alzheimer's Disease, and, in connection therewith, specifying the need to study the disease's impacts on Coloradans and to include planning for coordination and delivery of services to the disease's victims in comprehensive health care reform plans.