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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN EXPANSION OF THE DURATION FOR WHICH THE  
102 COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT  
103 AUTHORITY MAY MAKE A LOAN UNDER THE AUTHORITY'S  
104 REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAMS.

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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/>.)*

**Water Resources Review Committee.** Pursuant to the federal clean water act and the federal "Safe Water Drinking Act", the Colorado water resources and power development authority (authority) makes loans

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under its water pollution control revolving fund and its drinking water revolving fund. Under state law, the duration of any water pollution control loan made by the authority must not exceed 20 years after project completion; however, the federal clean water act now allows for loans up to the lesser of 30 years or the projected useful life of the project, as determined by the state. The bill removes the 20-year limitation on water pollution control loans and authorizes the authority to make loans in compliance with the clean water act and the "Safe Water Drinking Act".

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-95-103, **amend**  
3 the introductory portion and (4.5) as follows:

4 **37-95-103. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 95:

5 (4.5) "Clean water act" means the "Federal Water Pollution  
6 Control Act Amendments of 1972", Pub.L. 92-500, ~~and any act~~  
7 ~~amendatory or supplemental thereto as of April 4, 1988~~ AS AMENDED.

8 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-95-107.6, **amend**  
9 (3)(a) as follows:

10 **37-95-107.6. Creation and administration of water pollution**  
11 **control revolving fund.** (3) (a) The authority may make and contract to  
12 make loans to governmental agencies in accordance with and subject to  
13 the provisions of this section to finance the cost of wastewater treatment  
14 system projects that are on the water pollution control project eligibility  
15 list established pursuant to subsection (4) of this section and any other  
16 projects authorized under the clean water act and that the governmental  
17 agencies may lawfully undertake or acquire under state law, including ~~but~~  
18 ~~not limited to~~, applicable provisions of the "Colorado Water Quality  
19 Control Act", article 8 of title 25, ~~C.R.S.~~, and for which the governmental  
20 agencies are authorized by law to borrow money. The loans may be made  
21 subject to such terms and conditions as the authority shall determine to be

1 consistent with the purposes ~~thereof~~ OF THE LOANS. Each loan by the  
2 authority and the terms and conditions ~~thereof shall be~~ OF THE LOAN IS  
3 subject to financial analysis by the division of local government of the  
4 department of local affairs. ~~Such~~ THE financial analysis ~~shall~~ MUST  
5 include an analysis of the capacity to repay a loan and the need for  
6 financial assistance. Each loan to a local governmental agency ~~shall~~ MUST  
7 be evidenced by notes, bonds, or other obligations ~~thereof~~ issued BY THE  
8 LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY to the authority. In the case of each  
9 governmental agency, notes and bonds to be issued to the authority by the  
10 local governmental agency shall be authorized and issued as provided by  
11 law for the issuance of notes and bonds by the governmental agency, may  
12 be sold at private sale to the authority at any price, whether or not less  
13 than par value, and ~~shall~~ MUST be subject to redemption prior to maturity  
14 at such times and at such prices as the authority and governmental agency  
15 may agree. Each loan to a local governmental agency and the notes,  
16 bonds, or other obligations thereby issued ~~shall~~ MUST bear interest at ~~such~~  
17 A rate or rates per annum at or below THE market interest rate and ~~shall~~  
18 MUST be for ~~such terms not to exceed twenty years after project~~  
19 ~~completion as~~ THAT ARE AGREED UPON BY the authority and the  
20 governmental agency ~~may agree~~ AND ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
21 CLEAN WATER ACT.

22 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-95-107.8, **amend**  
23 (3)(a)(III) as follows:

24 **37-95-107.8. Creation and administration of drinking water**  
25 **revolving fund.** (3) (a) (III) All notes, bonds, or other obligations  
26 evidencing a loan from the authority may be sold at private sale to the  
27 authority at any price, whether or not less than par value. The

1 denominations, the times for payment of principal and interest, and the  
2 provisions for redemption prior to maturity of ~~such~~ THE notes, bonds, or  
3 other obligations are as agreed by the authority and the borrower. Each  
4 loan to a governmental agency or private nonprofit entity and the notes,  
5 bonds, or other obligations thereby issued must bear interest at ~~such~~ A rate  
6 or rates per annum at or below THE market interest rate and be for ~~such~~  
7 terms ~~not to exceed twenty years after project completion as~~ THAT ARE  
8 AGREED UPON BY the authority and the borrower ~~may agree, except that,~~  
9 ~~if the source of the loaned funds is a grant from the United States, the~~  
10 ~~loan term may be extended in accordance with the terms of~~ AND ARE IN  
11 COMPLIANCE WITH the safe drinking water act. ~~providing for extended~~  
12 ~~loan terms.~~

13           **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
14 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
15 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
16 general assembly (August 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9,  
17 2018); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
18 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
19 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
20 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
21 to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
22 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

23           (2) This act applies to loans made on or after the applicable  
24 effective date of this act.