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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE RECYCLING RESOURCES ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**  
102             **FUND, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, INCREMENTALLY**  
103             **INCREASING CERTAIN FEES COLLECTED FOR THE FUND,**  
104             **EXTENDING REPEAL DATES OF LAWS ASSOCIATED WITH THE**  
105             **FUND, ADDING LIMITATIONS TO GRANTS MADE TO REDUCE**  
106             **WASTE TIRE STOCKPILES, MAKING REBATES PAID FROM THE**  
107             **FUND DISCRETIONARY, AND REMOVING OBSOLETE PROVISIONS.**

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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*

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.*

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House Bill 07-1288 created the "Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Act" (act) for the stated purpose of increasing recycling in the state. The act established the recycling resources economic opportunity fund (fund) to finance certain activities consistent with that purpose.

The principal source of moneys in the fund is user fees imposed on commercial vehicles disposing of waste at attended solid waste disposal facilities. **Section 1** of the bill incrementally increases the amount of this fee from the current rate of \$.07 per cubic yard per load to, ultimately, \$.14 per cubic yard per load.

**Sections 1, 4, and 5** extend from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2026, the future repeal dates of statutes associated with the fund.

Presently, the pollution prevention advisory board (advisory board), in consultation with the pollution prevention advisory board assistance committee (committee), must use 25% of the fund moneys collected in the previous fiscal year to provide rebates to local governmental, nonprofit, or for-profit entities that recycle any commodity. **Sections 2 and 3** make the payment of such rebates within the committee's discretion, and caps the fund moneys that may be so provided at 25% per year.

**Sections 2 and 4** authorize the use of moneys in the fund to finance studies deemed necessary by the advisory board, in consultation with the committee.

Under current law, the advisory board is empowered to make loans from the fund. However, this provision has never been utilized. **Sections 2, 3, and 5** therefore repeal the authority of the advisory board to make loans from the fund.

Reducing waste tire stockpiles is a permissible reason for grants from the fund under existing law. **Section 5** limits grants for this purpose to moneys transferred to the fund from the waste tire cleanup fund, and specifies that such grants must be made to businesses developing alternative uses for waste tires.

**Section 5** withdraws an irrelevant provision from the list of permissible activities for which fund moneys may be granted.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-16-104.5, **amend**  
3 (3.9) (a) introductory portion, (3.9) (a) (III), and (6) as follows:

4 **25-16-104.5. Solid waste user fee - imposed - rate - direction**

1    **- legislative declaration - repeal.** (3.9) (a) Subject to ~~the provisions of~~  
2 subsection (1.5) of this section, in addition to any other user fee imposed  
3 by this section, on or after July 1, 2007, there is hereby imposed a user fee  
4 to fund the recycling resources economic opportunity program created in  
5 section 25-16.5-106.7. Such fee shall be collected by the operator of an  
6 attended solid waste disposal site at the time of disposal and shall be  
7 imposed and passed through to waste producers and other persons  
8 disposing of waste at the following rate or at an equivalent rate  
9 established by the department:

10           (III) ~~Seven cents~~ AN AMOUNT, per cubic yard per load transported  
11 by any commercial vehicle or other vehicle not included in the vehicles  
12 described in subparagraph (I) or (II) of this paragraph (a), IN  
13 ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

14           (A) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013, SEVEN CENTS PER CUBIC YARD  
15 PER LOAD;

16           (B) FROM JANUARY 1, 2014, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014, NINE  
17 CENTS PER CUBIC YARD PER LOAD;

18           (C) FROM JANUARY 1, 2015, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015,  
19 ELEVEN CENTS PER CUBIC YARD PER LOAD; AND

20           (D) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2016, FOURTEEN CENTS PER CUBIC  
21 YARD PER LOAD.

22           (6) This section is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2017~~ JULY 1, 2026.

23           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-16.5-105, **amend**  
24 (1) introductory portion, (1) (i), and (1) (k) (I) introductory portion as  
25 follows:

26           **25-16.5-105. Powers and duties of advisory board.** (1) The  
27 advisory board ~~shall have~~ HAS the following powers and duties:

1 (i) ~~To make loans from the fund in accordance with the provisions~~  
2 ~~of section 25-16.5-106.7 (5)~~ TO COMMISSION SUCH STUDIES, USING  
3 MONEYS IN THE FUND, AS THE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
4 COMMITTEE, DEEMS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE;

5 (k) (I) In consultation with the committee, to develop a formula  
6 for paying a rebate to any local government or to any nonprofit or  
7 for-profit entity that recycles any commodity. The rebate authorized by  
8 this paragraph (k) shall be paid on commodities recycled on a per-ton  
9 basis with differential rates for different commodities. For any one state  
10 fiscal year, the BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMITTEE, HAS THE  
11 DISCRETION TO DETERMINE THE amount rebated pursuant to this paragraph  
12 (k); ~~shall equal~~ EXCEPT THAT THE AMOUNT MAY NOT EXCEED one-fourth  
13 of the amount of moneys PROJECTED TO BE collected in the fund in the  
14 ~~immediately previous~~ NEXT state fiscal year. Any rebate shall be paid out  
15 of moneys collected:

16 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-16.5-105.5,  
17 **amend** (3) introductory portion and (3) (e); and **repeal** (3) (b) as follows:

18 **25-16.5-105.5. Pollution prevention advisory board assistance**  
19 **committee - appointments - membership - definitions.** (3) The  
20 committee ~~shall have~~ HAS the following powers and duties:

21 (b) ~~To make recommendations to the advisory board in connection~~  
22 ~~with the making of loans by the board from the fund pursuant to section~~  
23 ~~25-16.5-105 (1) (i);~~

24 (e) To DETERMINE WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT TO PAY  
25 REBATES TO ENTITIES RECYCLING COMMODITIES, AND TO make  
26 recommendations to the advisory board on the formula created for paying  
27 THE rebates, ~~to entities recycling commodities~~ pursuant to section

1 25-16.5-105 (1) (k); and

2 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-16.5-106.5,  
3 **amend** (2) and (5) as follows:

4 **25-16.5-106.5. Recycling resources economic opportunity fund**  
5 **- creation - repeal.** (2) Any moneys generated pursuant to subsection (1)  
6 of this section shall be annually appropriated to the department for  
7 allocation to the advisory board for the purpose of funding the recycling  
8 resources economic opportunity activities authorized by section  
9 25-16.5-106.7, as well as any administrative costs associated therewith,  
10 including without limitation the grants authorized to be made under  
11 section 25-16.5-106.7 (3) and grant program oversight authorized by  
12 section 25-16.5-105.5 (3). SUCH MONEYS MAY ALSO BE USED TO FUND  
13 STUDIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-16.5-105 (1) (i).

14 (5) This section is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2017~~ JULY 1, 2026.

15 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-16.5-106.7,  
16 **amend** (4) introductory portion, (4) (h), (4) (j), (6), and (8); and **repeal**  
17 (4) (i), (5), and (7) as follows:

18 **25-16.5-106.7. Recycling resources economic opportunity**  
19 **program - grants - definitions - repeal.** (4) THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY  
20 AWARD moneys ~~may be awarded~~ from the fund to finance grants made  
21 available pursuant to subsection (2) of this section for the following  
22 purposes:

23 (h) Providing assistance in connection with the development or  
24 improvement of integrated waste management plans by local  
25 governments; AND

26 (i) ~~Cleaning up illegal waste dumping; and~~

27 (j) Reducing waste tire stockpiles BY PROVIDING, FROM MONEYS

1 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY TRANSFER TO THE FUND FROM THE WASTE  
2 TIRE CLEANUP FUND CREATED IN SECTION 25-17-202.6, GRANTS TO  
3 PRIVATE BUSINESSES THAT DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE USES FOR WASTE TIRES.

4 (5) ~~In addition to the purposes specified in subsection (4) of this~~  
5 ~~section, the advisory board may also loan moneys from the fund to public~~  
6 ~~and private entities, both nonprofit and for-profit, including without~~  
7 ~~limitation the department and solid waste disposal sites and facilities and~~  
8 ~~their local affiliates that collect the solid waste user fee pursuant to~~  
9 ~~section 25-16-104.5 (3.9). Moneys may be loaned by the board under this~~  
10 ~~subsection (5) to fund any of the purposes for which the board may award~~  
11 ~~moneys in grants as specified in subsection (4) of this section.~~  
12 ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, for any given state~~  
13 ~~fiscal year, the amount of moneys to be made available in loans pursuant~~  
14 ~~to this subsection (5) shall not be more than ten percent of the amount of~~  
15 ~~moneys allocated to the fund during the immediately previous state fiscal~~  
16 ~~year.~~

17 (6) Any grant award ~~or loan~~ made pursuant to this section ~~shall be~~  
18 ~~IS~~ made complete by means of a contract entered into between the  
19 department and the grant ~~or loan~~ recipient that ~~shall specify~~ SPECIFIES the  
20 conditions for the grant ~~or loan~~ and the requirements and responsibilities  
21 of the grant ~~or loan~~ recipient, as applicable.

22 (7) ~~No grant or loan may be made pursuant to this section until on~~  
23 ~~or after July 1, 2008.~~

24 (8) This section is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2017~~ JULY 1, 2026.

25 **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
26 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
27 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August

1 7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8, 2013); except that, if a  
2 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
3 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
4 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
5 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
6 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
7 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.