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**SENATE BILL 13-073**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE DIVISION OF**  
102 **ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND**  
103 **ENVIRONMENT FOLLOW RULE-MAKING PROCEDURES WHEN**  
104 **PROPOSING CHANGES TO GENERAL PERMITS RELATED TO WATER**  
105 **QUALITY CONTROL.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

**Water Resources Review Committee.** Currently, the division of administration (division) of the department of public health and environment may adopt new and amended permit requirements for

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.*

HOUSE  
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May 7, 2013

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
May 6, 2013

SENATE  
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SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
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general permits related to water quality control without providing any of the following information to existing and potential permit holders:

- ! A statement of basis and purpose for the changes;
- ! Evidence and data in support of the changes; and
- ! A cost-benefit analysis of the effect the changes will have on permit holders.

The bill requires the division to comply with the rule-making procedures set forth in the "State Administrative Procedure Act" when the division proposes new or amended permit requirements with respect to general permits related to water quality control.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-8-503.5 as  
3 follows:

4 **25-8-503.5. General permits - process for changing permit**

5 **requirements. (1)** WITH RESPECT TO A GENERAL PERMIT LISTED IN  
6 SECTION 25-8-502 (1) (b) (I) (G), WHEN PROPOSING NEW OR AMENDED  
7 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGERS TO MEET TO OBTAIN OR  
8 MAINTAIN AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCHARGES UNDER THE PERMIT, THE  
9 DIVISION SHALL:

10 (a) PREPARE A STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE EXPLAINING  
11 THE NEED FOR THE PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS;

12 (b) PRESENT EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE NEED FOR THE PROPOSED  
13 REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING INFORMATION REGARDING POLLUTANT  
14 POTENTIAL AND AVAILABLE CONTROLS, INCIDENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
15 DAMAGE, AND PERMIT VIOLATIONS;

16 (c) BEFORE IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS,  
17 PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF, AND CONSIDER COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM  
18 AFFECTED PARTIES ABOUT, THE PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS; AND

19 (d) UPON REQUEST BY AN AFFECTED PARTY, CONSIDER AND GIVE  
20 DUE WEIGHT TO A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS;

1           (I) RECEIVED BY THE DIVISION DURING THE COMMENT PHASE SET  
2 FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (c) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1);

3           (II) CONCERNING ONE OR MORE PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS THAT  
4 ARE NOT ALREADY REQUIRED BY FEDERAL OR STATE STATUTE OR RULE;

5           (III) PREPARED BY A THIRD PARTY CHOSEN FROM AN APPROVED  
6 LIST OF ANALYSTS, AS DEVELOPED BY THE DIVISION IN CONSULTATION  
7 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INDUSTRIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO  
8 GENERAL PERMITTING; AND

9           (IV) PAID FOR BY THE AFFECTED PARTY.

10           (2) NOTHING IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION CONFERS  
11 RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY ON THE DIVISION.

12           (3) A PARTY MAY APPEAL A GENERAL PERMIT ISSUED UNDER  
13 SECTION 25-8-502 (1) (b) (I) (G) PURSUANT TO THE APPEALS PROCESS SET  
14 FORTH IN SECTION 24-4-105, C.R.S.

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