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**HOUSE BILL 25-1302** 

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE IN THE STATE.

## **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 <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov">http://leg.colorado.gov</a>.)

The bill creates 2 enterprises in the division of insurance (division) in the department of regulatory agencies.

The bill creates the strengthen Colorado homes enterprise (strengthen homes enterprise), which is a state-owned business that imposes and collects a fee from insurance companies (insurers), including the FAIR plan association, that offer homeowner's insurance policies in

Colorado, which fee is equal to 1.5% of the dollar amount of the premiums that the insurer collects from homeowners for issuing homeowner's insurance policies (insurer fee).

With the insurer fee revenue, the strengthen homes enterprise board administers a grant program (grant program) to strengthen homes against the risk of future damage claims caused by high winds, wildfire, hail, and other extreme weather events (extreme weather events) by allowing a homeowner to use grant money to upgrade their roof system with certain resilient roof materials. By paying the insurer fee to support the grant program to retrofit homes with resilient roofs, insurers reduce their overall risk in the market due to hail and other extreme weather events.

The bill also creates the wildfire catastrophe reinsurance enterprise (reinsurance enterprise), which is a state-owned business implementing and administering the wildfire catastrophe reinsurance program (reinsurance program). The reinsurance program makes reinsurance payments to insurers that offer homeowner's insurance on properties located in the state to partially mitigate losses in the event of a state or federally declared wildfire-related disaster (wildfire-related disaster). The purpose of the reinsurance program is to stabilize the homeowner's insurance market in the state and to attract and retain homeowner's insurers. In exchange for access to the reinsurance program, the reinsurance program requires insurers to sell homeowner's insurance in areas of the state that are at high risk for wildfires.

To pay for the reinsurance program, the reinsurance enterprise:

- Issues revenue bonds secured by the reinsurance enterprise;
- Issues a catastrophe bond to a person that purchases the bond but pays the principal to cover costs of a wildfire-related disaster if it occurs;
- May impose and collect an insurer fee on insurers to cover a shortfall if a wildfire-related disaster does not occur during the bond term and the reinsurance enterprise has insufficient money to redeem the bonds at maturity; and
- Invests the revenue from the bonds and insurer fees.

In addition, the bill sets the loss ratio for homeowner's insurance by presuming that the rates charged to purchasers are excessive if the insurer's loss ratio is less than 75% over a 3-year period and, if rates are in excess of the loss ratio, requires insurers to submit rates that are at least 5% less than the previous year.

- 1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
- 2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add parts 20 and 21

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1	to article 4 of title 10 as follows:
2	PART 20
3	STRENGTHEN COLORADO HOMES ENTERPRISE
4	10-4-2001. Legislative declaration. (1) THE GENERAL
5	ASSEMBLY:
6	(a) FINDS AND DETERMINES THAT:
7	(I) INCREASED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND RAPIDLY RISING
8	TEMPERATURES RESULTING FROM HUMAN ACTIVITY ARE CHANGING THE
9	CLIMATE IN WAYS THAT THREATEN COLORADO'S ECONOMY, THE HEALTH
10	OF ITS RESIDENTS, AND ITS NATURAL LANDSCAPE;
11	(II) THESE TEMPERATURE INCREASES HAVE AN IMPACT ON
12	COLORADO'S ENVIRONMENT, WITH DROUGHT, HEAT WAVES, WINDSTORMS,
13	WILDFIRES, HAIL, AND OTHER EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS INCREASING IN
14	RECENT YEARS;
15	(III) THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THESE INCREASINGLY FREQUENT
16	AND SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS ARE SIGNIFICANT;
17	(IV) COLORADO PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE STATE ARE FACED
18	WITH CHALLENGES IN FINDING INSURANCE COVERAGE AND INCREASING
19	INSURANCE PREMIUMS, UNDERMINING THE ABILITY TO PURCHASE, SELL,
20	AND OWN A HOME;
21	(V) THERE IS A NEED IN THE STATE TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENTS
22	IN HOME HARDENING, WHICH MEANS MAKING HOMES AND COMMUNITIES
23	MORE RESILIENT TO EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS SUCH AS HAIL AND
24	WILDFIRES;
25	(VI) MAKING INVESTMENTS IN HOME HARDENING WILL DECREASE
26	LOSSES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE PREDOMINANTLY BE PAID BY INSURERS
27	AND WILL ALLOW AND ENCOURAGE INSURER PARTICIPATION AND

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1	COMPETITION IN THE INSURANCE MARKET TO OFFER COVERAGE
2	THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO ALL COLORADANS, RESULTING IN LONG-TERM
3	SAVINGS FOR HOMEOWNERS AND INSURERS; AND
4	(VII) ACCORDINGLY, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO FINANCE A HOME
5	HARDENING PROGRAM THROUGH A FEE IMPOSED ON HOMEOWNER'S
6	INSURANCE PRODUCTS; AND
7	(b) DECLARES THAT:
8	(I) THE STRENGTHEN COLORADO HOMES ENTERPRISE PROVIDES
9	VALUABLE SERVICES, BENEFITS, AND USEFUL BUSINESS SERVICES TO
10	HOMEOWNERS WHEN, IN EXCHANGE FOR PAYMENT OF THE FEE DESCRIBED
11	IN SECTION 10-4-2003, THE ENTERPRISE USES THE FEE REVENUE TO
12	PROVIDE GRANTS TO HOMEOWNERS TO FORTIFY THE ROOF OF AND
13	OTHERWISE MITIGATE THE RISK OF LOSSES TO AN INSURED PROPERTY
14	RESULTING FROM NATURAL DISASTERS AND EXTREME WEATHER,
15	INCLUDING HAIL, THUS REDUCING RISK AND LOSSES TO HOMEOWNERS AND
16	INSURERS IN THE STATE;
17	(II) BY PROVIDING THE BENEFITS AND SERVICES SPECIFIED IN THIS
18	PART 20, THE STRENGTHEN COLORADO HOMES ENTERPRISE ENGAGES IN
19	ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN THE PURSUIT OF A BENEFIT, GAIN, OR
20	LIVELIHOOD AND THEREFORE OPERATES AS A BUSINESS;
21	(III) CONSISTENT WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE COLORADO
22	SUPREME COURT IN NICHOLL V. E-470 PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY, 896
23	P.2d 859 (Colo. 1995), that the power to impose taxes is
24	Inconsistent with enterprise status under section $20$ of article
25	X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCLUDES
26	THAT THE REVENUE COLLECTED BY THE ENTERPRISE IS GENERATED BY
27	FEES, NOT TAXES, BECAUSE THE MONEY CREDITED TO THE ENTERPRISE IS:

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1	(A) FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE ENTERPRISE TO
2	DEFRAY THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS PART
3	20;
4	(B) COLLECTED AT RATES THAT ARE REASONABLY CALCULATED
5	BASED ON THE COSTS OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ENTERPRISE;
6	AND
7	(C) NOT STATE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
8	24-77-102(17), or state revenues, as defined in section $24-77-103.6$
9	(6)(c), AND DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST EITHER THE STATE FISCAL YEAR
10	Spending limit imposed by section $20$ of article $\boldsymbol{X}$ of the state
11	CONSTITUTION OR THE EXCESS STATE REVENUES CAP, AS DEFINED IN
12	SECTION $24-77-103.6$ (6)(b), so long as the enterprise qualifies as
13	An enterprise for purposes of section $20\text{of}$ article $X$ of the state
14	CONSTITUTION; AND
15	(IV) NO OTHER ENTERPRISE CREATED SIMULTANEOUSLY OR
16	WITHIN THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS SERVES PRIMARILY THE SAME PURPOSE
17	AS THE ENTERPRISE, AND THE ENTERPRISE WILL GENERATE REVENUE FROM
18	FEES AND SURCHARGES OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS
19	TOTAL IN ITS FIRST FIVE FISCAL YEARS. ACCORDINGLY, THE CREATION OF
20	THE ENTERPRISE DOES NOT REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL PURSUANT TO
21	SECTION 24-77-108.
22	<b>10-4-2002. Definitions.</b> As used in this part 20, unless the
23	CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
24	(1) "BOARD" OR "ENTERPRISE BOARD" MEANS THE GOVERNING
25	BOARD OF THE STRENGTHEN COLORADO HOMES ENTERPRISE.
26	(2) "FAIR PLAN ASSOCIATION" MEANS THE FAIR ACCESS TO
27	INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS PLAN ASSOCIATION CREATED IN SECTION

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1	10-4-1804.
2	(3) "FEE" MEANS THE FEE THAT THE ENTERPRISE IMPOSES AND
3	COLLECTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-4-2003 (4).
4	(4) "Fund" means the strengthen Colorado homes
5	ENTERPRISE FUND CREATED IN SECTION 10-4-2003 (5).
6	(5) "Grant program" means the strengthen Colorado
7	HOMES ENTERPRISE GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 10-4-2004.
8	(6) "RESILIENT ROOF SYSTEM" MEANS THE INTEGRATED ASSEMBLY
9	OF COMPONENTS THAT PROTECT A STRUCTURE FROM ENVIRONMENTAL
10	ELEMENTS, INCLUDING THE ROOF COVERING, UNDERLAYMENT, DECKING,
11	FLASHING, VENTS, SOFFITS, FASCIA, GUTTERS, DOWNSPOUTS, AND
12	STRUCTURAL SUPPORTS. "RESILIENT ROOF SYSTEM" INCLUDES BOTH
13	MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO
14	EXCEED RECOGNIZED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR EXTREME WEATHER
15	EVENTS.
16	(7) "Strengthen Colorado homes enterprise" or
17	"ENTERPRISE" MEANS THE STRENGTHEN COLORADO HOMES ENTERPRISE
18	CREATED IN SECTION $10-4-2003$ (1).
19	10-4-2003. Strengthen Colorado homes enterprise - creation
20	- purpose - enterprise board - powers and duties - fee - fund - gifts,
21	grants, or donations - rules - reporting - repeal. (1) Enterprise -
22	creation - purpose. (a) (I) The strengthen Colorado homes
23	Enterprise is created in the division. The enterprise is a $\ensuremath{TYPE}\ 1$
24	ENTITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-1-105, AND EXERCISES ITS POWERS
25	AND PERFORMS ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS UNDER THE DIVISION. THE
26	ENTERPRISE IS AND OPERATES AS A GOVERNMENT-OWNED BUSINESS

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WITHIN THE DIVISION.

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1	(11) THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF THE ENTERPRISE IS TO IMPOSE AND
2	COLLECT A FEE CHARGED TO CERTAIN HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE
3	POLICYHOLDERS AND TO USE THE REVENUE FROM THE FEE TO PROVIDE THE
4	FOLLOWING BUSINESS SERVICES TO POLICYHOLDERS PAYING THE FEE:
5	(A) AWARDING GRANTS TO INSURED HOMEOWNERS PURSUANT TO
6	SECTION 10-4-2004 TO DEFRAY THE COST OF RETROFITTING RESIDENTIAL
7	PROPERTY TO RESIST LOSS BY PURCHASING AND INSTALLING RESILIENT
8	ROOF SYSTEMS USING QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS;
9	(B) THROUGH THE INSTALLATION OF RESILIENT ROOF SYSTEMS ON
10	HOMES IN THE STATE, REDUCING THE FREQUENCY OF HAIL DAMAGE
11	CLAIMS;
12	(C) IMPROVING INSURANCE MARKET STABILITY THROUGHOUT THE
13	STATE; AND
14	(D) REDUCING POLICYHOLDER AND INSURER LOSSES BY
15	INCREASING THE NUMBER OF HOMES WITH RESILIENT ROOF SYSTEMS.
16	(b) THE ENTERPRISE CONSTITUTES AN ENTERPRISE FOR PURPOSES
17	of section $20\text{of}$ article $X$ of the state constitution so long as it
18	RETAINS THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS AND RECEIVES LESS
19	THAN TEN PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL REVENUES IN GRANTS FROM ALL
20	COLORADO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS COMBINED. SO LONG AS IT
21	CONSTITUTES AN ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1), THE
22	ENTERPRISE IS NOT SUBJECT TO SECTION $20$ OF ARTICLE $X$ OF THE STATE
23	CONSTITUTION.
24	(2) Enterprise board. (a) The enterprise is governed by the
25	ENTERPRISE BOARD.
26	(b) The board consists of the following five voting
27	MEMBERS:

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1	(1) THE COMMISSIONER OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE; AND
2	(II) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO SERVE
3	THREE-YEAR TERMS, INCLUDING:
4	(A) TWO MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT
5	OFFER IN HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE;
6	(B) ONE MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERTISE OR EXPERIENCE IN HOME
7	HARDENING AND OTHER MITIGATION ACTIVITIES; AND
8	(C) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS CONSUMERS.
9	(c) OF THE FIRST MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD PURSUANT
10	TO SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION, TWO MEMBERS SHALL SERVE
11	AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS.
12	(d)(I) The governor shall make the initial appointments to
13	THE BOARD NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2026.
14	(II) This subsection (2)(d) is repealed, effective July 1, 2027.
15	(e) THE COMMISSIONER OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE IS THE
16	CHAIR OF THE BOARD.
17	(f) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT
18	MUST BE REIMBURSED FROM MONEY IN THE FUND FOR ACTUAL AND
19	NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES
20	PURSUANT TO THIS PART 20.
21	(g) THE BOARD SHALL CONDUCT THE ENTERPRISE'S BUSINESS AS
22	REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, INCLUDING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN
23	MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF PART 4 OF ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE 24 AND THE
24	OPEN RECORD REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24.
25	(3) <b>Powers and duties.</b> (a) THE ENTERPRISE'S PRIMARY POWERS
26	AND DUTIES ARE TO:
27	(I) IMPOSE AND COLLECT THE FEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION

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1	(4) OF THIS SECTION;
2	(II) AWARD GRANTS FROM MONEY IN THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE
3	WITH THE GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION
4	10-4-2004;
5	(III) ISSUE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE
6	ENTERPRISE, SECURED BY REVENUE OF THE ENTERPRISE;
7	(IV) INVEST THE REVENUE FROM THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF
8	REVENUE BONDS AND THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF THE FEE. IN
9	INVESTING THE REVENUE, THE ENTERPRISE MAY:
10	(A) INVEST THE REVENUE WITHOUT REGARD TO THE LIMITATIONS
11	SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-36-103, 24-75-601.1, OR 24-75-603; AND
12	(B) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL FUND
13	MANAGERS TO PROVIDE EXPERTISE, TECHNICAL SUPPORT, AND ADVICE ON
14	INVESTMENT MARKET CONDITIONS. IN SEEKING BIDS FOR SUCH
15	CONTRACTS, THE ENTERPRISE SHALL EMPLOY STANDARD PUBLIC BIDDING
16	PRACTICES, INCLUDING THE USE OF REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION,
17	REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, OR ANY OTHER STANDARD VENDOR SELECTION
18	PRACTICES DETERMINED BY THE ENTERPRISE TO BE BEST SUITED TO
19	SELECTING AN APPROPRIATE PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL FUND MANAGER.
20	(V) PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE ENTERPRISE;
21	(VI) ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULES OR POLICIES FOR THE
22	REGULATION OF THE ENTERPRISE'S AFFAIRS AND THE CONDUCT OF THE
23	ENTERPRISE'S BUSINESS CONSISTENT WITH THIS PART 20;
24	(VII) ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES,
25	CONTRACTORS, OR CONSULTANTS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL
26	ASSISTANCE AND TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND OTHER SERVICES RELATED TO
2.7	CONDUCTING THE AFFAIRS OF THE ENTERPRISE WITHOUT REGARD TO THE

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1	"Procurement Code", articles 101 to 112 of title 24. In
2	CONDUCTING ITS AFFAIRS, THE ENTERPRISE SHALL:
3	(A) ENGAGE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR LEGAL
4	SERVICES; AND
5	(B) ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE DIVISION
6	AT FAIR MARKET RATES FOR OFFICE SPACE AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
7	FOR THE ENTERPRISE; AND
8	(VIII) PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
9	PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION CONCERNING THE
10	ADMINISTRATION OF THE ENTERPRISE AND THE GRANT PROGRAM AND POST
11	THE REPORT ON THE ENTERPRISE'S PUBLIC-FACING WEBSITE.
12	(b) THE ENTERPRISE MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GRANTS OR
13	OTHER MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR
14	DONATIONS FROM OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES TO SUPPORT AND
15	ENHANCE ENTERPRISE ACTIVITIES; EXCEPT THAT THE ENTERPRISE SHALL
16	NOT ACCEPT GRANTS FROM THE STATE OR FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
17	UNLESS THE COMBINED TOTAL OF ALL GRANTS FROM SUCH SOURCES IS
18	UNDER TEN PERCENT OF THE ENTERPRISE'S ANNUAL REVENUE.
19	(4) Fee - rules. (a) Beginning in the 2026 Calendar year on
20	OR BEFORE A DATE DETERMINED BY THE ENTERPRISE, AND ANNUALLY
21	EACH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER ON OR BEFORE THE SAME DATE, THE
22	ENTERPRISE SHALL IMPOSE A FEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION $(4)(c)$ OF THIS
23	SECTION ON EACH POLICYHOLDER OF A HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE POLICY
24	ISSUED IN THE ADMITTED MARKET COVERING PROPERTY LOCATED IN OR
25	RISKS IN THE STATE ON A PER-POLICY BASIS AND ON EACH POLICYHOLDER
26	OF THE FAIR PLAN ASSOCIATION ON A PER-POLICY BASIS; EXCEPT THAT
27	THE ENTERPRISE SHALL NOT IMPOSE A FEE ON POLICYHOLDERS THAT HAVE

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1	A RESILIENT ROOF SYSTEM THAT MEETS THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR
2	BUSINESS AND HOME SAFETY STANDARDS OR SIMILAR STANDARDS, AS
3	DETERMINED BY THE BOARD BY RULE.
4	(b) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL CREDIT THE FEES COLLECTED TO THE
5	FUND. A FEE COLLECTED BY THE ENTERPRISE IS EXCLUDED FROM THE
6	STATE'S FISCAL YEAR SPENDING.
7	(c) (I) The amount of the fee is an amount equal to
8	ONE-HALF PERCENT ON THE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL PREMIUMS COLLECTED
9	BY EACH INSURER IN THE ADMITTED MARKET AND BY THE FAIR PLAN
10	ASSOCIATION IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR ON
11	HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE POLICIES ISSUED IN THE STATE ON ANY HOME
12	THAT DOES NOT HAVE A RESILIENT ROOF SYSTEM THAT MEETS THE
13	STANDARDS OF THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR BUSINESS AND HOME
14	SAFETY OR SIMILAR STANDARDS, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD BY RULE.
15	(II) THE ENTERPRISE MAY LOWER THE FEE OR CEASE COLLECTING
16	THE FEE IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR TO ENSURE THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
17	FEE REVENUE DOES NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS OVER
18	THE FIRST FIVE FISCAL YEARS OF THE ENTERPRISE'S EXISTENCE.
19	(III) THE FAIR PLAN ASSOCIATION AND EACH INSURER SHALL
20	COLLECT THE FEE FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE POLICYHOLDERS, PAY THE FEE
21	TO THE ENTERPRISE, AND LIST THE FEE AS AN ITEMIZED CHARGE ON THEIR
22	RESPECTIVE INSURANCE POLICY BILLING STATEMENTS.
23	(IV) THE FEE IS NOT A PREMIUM FOR ANY PURPOSE, INCLUDING THE
24	COMPUTATION OF THE GROSS PREMIUM TAX PURSUANT TO SECTION
25	10-3-209 OR AN INSURANCE PRODUCER'S COMMISSION.
26	(d) THE ENTERPRISE MAY ANNUALLY REQUEST FROM INSURERS
27	AND THE FAIR PLAN ASSOCIATION INFORMATION ABOUT POLICIES AND

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1	CONTRACTS AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THIS PART $20$
2	AND MAY REQUEST THAT THE DIVISION IMPOSE, AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING,
3	A CIVIL FINE OR PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY
4	PERCENT OF THE FEE DUE TO THE ENTERPRISE FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS
5	PART $20$ . The division shall credit the fine to the fund.
6	(e) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL ADOPT ANY RULES NECESSARY FOR THE
7	IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF THE FEE.
8	(5) <b>Fund.</b> (a) The strengthen Colorado homes enterprise
9	FUND IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY.
10	(b) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:
11	(I) FEES IMPOSED AND COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
12	(4) OF THIS SECTION;
13	(II) Grants or other money received from the federal
14	GOVERNMENT OR GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC
15	OR PRIVATE SOURCES TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE ENTERPRISE ACTIVITIES;
16	(III) FINES FOR FAILURE TO COLLECT AND FORWARD THE
17	ENTERPRISE FEE IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION;
18	(IV) ANY MONEY FROM BONDS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
19	(3)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION; AND
20	$(V) \ Any \ money \ that \ the \ general \ assembly \ may \ appropriate$
21	OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND.
22	(c) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the
23	ENTERPRISE FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS PART $20$ and to pay
24	THE ENTERPRISE'S REASONABLE AND NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE AND
25	OPERATING EXPENSES.
26	(d) The state treasurer shall credit all interest and
2.7	INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE

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1	FUND TO THE FUND.
2	(6) <b>Rules.</b> The enterprise board shall adopt rules that are
3	REASONABLE AND NECESSARY FOR ADMINISTRATION AND
4	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENTERPRISE AND THE GRANT PROGRAM.
5	(7) <b>Reporting.</b> (a) Notwithstanding section 24-1-136
6	(11)(a)(I), beginning July 1, 2027, and each July 1 thereafter, the
7	ENTERPRISE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE
8	OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS ASSIGNED
9	PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203 CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION AND
10	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENTERPRISE AND THE GRANT PROGRAM.
11	(b) THE ANNUAL REPORT MUST INCLUDE:
12	(I) THE AMOUNT OF FEES COLLECTED BY INSURERS AND THE FAIR
13	PLAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE FUND;
14	(II) THE NUMBER OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND THE AMOUNT OF
15	GRANTS AWARDED;
16	(III) THE AREAS OF THE STATE WHERE GRANT RECIPIENTS RESIDE;
17	AND
18	(IV) ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE
19	ENTERPRISE AND THE GRANT PROGRAM.
20	10-4-2004. Strengthen Colorado homes enterprise grant
21	program - application - eligibility criteria - award of grants - rules.
22	(1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE ENTERPRISE THE STRENGTHEN COLORADO
23	HOMES ENTERPRISE GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COLORADO
24	HOMEOWNERS TO RETROFIT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TO RESIST LOSS DUE
25	TO COMMON PERILS, INCLUDING HAIL, WINDSTORMS, WILDFIRE, AND
26	OTHER EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS.
27	(2) (a) Subject to available fee revenue, the enterprise

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1	BOARD SHALL AWARD GRANTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, FROM
2	THE FUND. THE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR
3	THE AWARD OF GRANTS IF THERE IS INSUFFICIENT MONEY IN THE FUND TO
4	AWARD GRANTS TO ALL ELIGIBLE HOMEOWNER APPLICANTS.
5	(b) THE BOARD MAY CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY VENDOR TO
6	ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM.
7	(3) IN ADDITION TO ANY GRANT PROGRAM CRITERIA ESTABLISHED
8	BY THE BOARD BY RULE, A HOMEOWNER AWARDED A GRANT SHALL:
9	(a) HAVE AN INSURABLE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN
10	COLORADO THAT IS COVERED BY A HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE POLICY OR
11	A POLICY ISSUED BY THE FAIR PLAN ASSOCIATION;
12	(b) OBTAIN ALL PERMITS REQUIRED BY LAW FOR CONSTRUCTION;
13	(c) COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE BUILDING CODES;
14	(d) ARRANGE AND PAY FOR INSPECTIONS REQUIRED BY LAW AND
15	THE TERMS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM;
16	(e) CONSTRUCT A ROOF THAT MEETS THE STANDARDS OF THE
17	Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety or similar
18	STANDARDS, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD BY RULE; AND
19	(f) SELECT A CONTRACTOR LICENSED IN THE STATE WHO IS A
20	MEMBER OF THE COLORADO ROOFING ASSOCIATION OR AN EQUIVALENT
21	QUALIFYING BODY THAT MAINTAINS STANDARDS FOR LICENSING,
22	INSURANCE, AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.
23	(4) THE BOARD MAY PERFORM AUDITS TO VERIFY:
24	(a) THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN AN
25	APPLICATION; AND
26	(b) THAT THE APPLICANT MEETS ALL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.
27	(5) A HOMEOWNER SHALL NOT USE MONEY THAT IS AWARDED AS

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1	A GRANT TO PAY FOR GENERAL ROOF MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR, BUT MAY
2	USE GRANT MONEY IN CONJUNCTION WITH REPAIRS OR RECONSTRUCTION
3	NECESSITATED BY DAMAGE FROM WIND, HAIL, WILDFIRE, OR OTHER
4	EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS OR FOR PROACTIVE RETROFITTING
5	NECESSITATED BY OR DESIGNED TO PREVENT SUCH DAMAGE.
6	(6) (a) The enterprise board shall adopt rules for the
7	ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM,
8	INCLUDING THE STANDARDS FOR A RESILIENT ROOF SYSTEM, THE CRITERIA
9	USED TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT
10	UNDER THIS SECTION, AND THE AMOUNT AND TIMING OF THE GRANT
11	AWARD. IN ADOPTING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRANTS, THE
12	BOARD MAY TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION APPLICANT INCOME, WHETHER AN
13	APPLICANT LIVES IN A LOCATION THAT, BASED ON HISTORICAL DATA, HAS
14	A HIGHER SUSCEPTIBILITY TO EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS, THE NUMBER
15	OF APPLICANTS, AND ANY OTHER CRITERIA THE BOARD DETERMINES IS
16	APPROPRIATE TO MEET THE PURPOSE OF THE ENTERPRISE AND THE MONEY
17	AVAILABLE FOR GRANTS.
18	(b) IN ADOPTING RESILIENT ROOF SYSTEM STANDARDS, THE BOARD
19	MAY PRIORITIZE THE USE OF MATERIALS PROVEN TO OFFER SUPERIOR
20	PROTECTIONS AGAINST EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS AND MAY INCENTIVIZE
21	REDUCED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.
22	(c) THE BOARD MAY ALSO ADOPT RULES TO ENCOURAGE
23	CONTRACTORS TO COMPLETE SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN THE INSTALLATION
24	OF IMPACT-RESISTANT AND FIRE-RESISTANT ROOFING SYSTEMS.
25	(7) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION CREATES:
26	(a) An entitlement for a homeowner to receive grant
27	MONEY TO INSPECT OR RETROFIT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; OR

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1	(b) AN OBLIGATION FOR THE STATE TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO
2	INSPECT OR RETROFIT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.
3	<b>10-4-2005. Severability.</b> If any provision of this part 20 or
4	THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD
5	INVALID, SUCH INVALIDITY DOES NOT AFFECT OTHER PROVISIONS OR
6	APPLICATIONS OF THIS PART $\overline{20}$ THAT CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE
7	INVALID PROVISION OR APPLICATION, AND TO THIS END THE PROVISIONS OF
8	THIS PART 20 ARE DECLARED TO BE SEVERABLE.
9	10-4-2006. Repeal of part - subject to review. This Part 20 is
10	REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2035. BEFORE THE REPEAL, THE
11	ENTERPRISE AND THE GRANT PROGRAM ARE SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN
12	ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.
13	PART 21
14	WILDFIRE CATASTROPHE REINSURANCE ENTERPRISE
15	10-4-2101. Legislative declaration. (1) THE GENERAL
16	ASSEMBLY:
17	(a) FINDS AND DETERMINES THAT:
18	(I) INCREASED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND RAPIDLY RISING
19	TEMPERATURES ARE CHANGING THE CLIMATE IN WAYS THAT THREATEN
20	COLORADO'S ECONOMY, THE HEALTH OF ITS RESIDENTS, AND ITS NATURAL
21	LANDSCAPE;
22	(II) THE CHANGING CLIMATE IS ALREADY IMPACTING COLORADO'S
23	ENVIRONMENT, WITH DROUGHT, HEAT WAVES, HIGH WINDSTORMS
24	WILDFIRES, AND OTHER EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS INCREASING IN SIZE
25	AND SEVERITY IN RECENT YEARS;
26	(III) THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THESE EXTREME WEATHER
27	EVENTS ON COLORADO AND ITS RESIDENTS ARE SIGNIFICANT, ESPECIALLY

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1	THE IMPACTS FROM WILDFIRES;
2	(IV) COLORADO PROPERTY OWNERS ARE FACED WITH CHALLENGES
3	IN FINDING INSURANCE COVERAGE AND IN PAYING INCREASING INSURANCE
4	PREMIUMS, UNDERMINING THE ABILITY OF COLORADANS TO PURCHASE,
5	SELL, AND OWN A HOME;
6	(V) ESTABLISHING A REINSURANCE PROGRAM TO COVER CERTAIN
7	HOMEOWNER LOSSES CAUSED BY WILDFIRES WILL DECREASE LOSSES TO
8	INSURERS, PROVIDE MORE PREDICTABILITY FOR INSURERS, AND
9	ENCOURAGE INSURER COMPETITION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE
10	HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE MARKET;
11	(VI) ROBUST PARTICIPATION BY INSURERS IN THE HOMEOWNER'S
12	INSURANCE MARKET IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE AFFORDABLE
13	HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO ALL
14	COLORADANS, INCLUDING THOSE IN AREAS OF THE STATE AT HIGH RISK
15	FOR WILDFIRES; AND
16	(VII) ACCORDINGLY, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO CREATE A
17	REINSURANCE PROGRAM TO MITIGATE CATASTROPHIC LOSSES TO INSURERS
18	FROM STATE OR FEDERALLY DECLARED WILDFIRE-RELATED DISASTERS
19	AND, IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT SERVICE, TO PROVIDE MONEY FOR THE
20	REINSURANCE PROGRAM BY ISSUING REVENUE BONDS AND IMPOSING A
21	FEE ON HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE POLICYHOLDERS; AND
22	(b) DECLARES THAT:
23	(I) THE INSURER FEE IS REASONABLY RELATED TO THE OVERALL
24	COST OF THE SERVICE PROVIDED IN THIS PART 21 AND IS IMPOSED ON
25	INSURERS IN THE STATE THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM OR USE THE SERVICE
26	PROVIDED BY THE WILDFIRE CATASTROPHE REINSURANCE ENTERPRISE;
27	(II) BY PROVIDING THE BENEFITS AND SERVICES SPECIFIED IN THIS

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1	PART 21, THE ENTERPRISE ENGAGES IN ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN THE
2	PURSUIT OF A BENEFIT, GAIN, OR LIVELIHOOD AND THEREFORE OPERATES
3	AS A BUSINESS;
4	(III) CONSISTENT WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE COLORADO
5	SUPREME COURT IN NICHOLL V. E-470 PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY, 896
6	P.2d 859 (Colo. 1995), that the power to impose taxes is
7	INCONSISTENT WITH ENTERPRISE STATUS UNDER SECTION $20$ OF ARTICLE
8	X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCLUDES
9	THAT THE REVENUE COLLECTED BY THE ENTERPRISE IS GENERATED BY
10	FEES, NOT TAXES, BECAUSE THE MONEY CREDITED TO THE ENTERPRISE IS:
11	(A) FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE ENTERPRISE TO
12	DEFRAY THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS PART
13	21;
14	(B) COLLECTED AT RATES THAT ARE REASONABLY CALCULATED
15	BASED ON THE COSTS OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ENTERPRISE;
16	AND
17	(C) NOT STATE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
18	24-77-102 (17), or state revenues, as defined in section 24-77-103.6
19	(6)(c), AND DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST EITHER THE STATE FISCAL YEAR
20	SPENDING LIMIT IMPOSED BY SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE
21	CONSTITUTION OR THE EXCESS STATE REVENUES CAP, AS DEFINED IN
22	SECTION 24-77-103.6 (6)(b), SO LONG AS THE ENTERPRISE QUALIFIES AS
23	AN ENTERPRISE FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION $20\text{OF}$ ARTICLE $X$ OF THE STATE
24	CONSTITUTION; AND
25	(IV) NO OTHER ENTERPRISE CREATED SIMULTANEOUSLY OR
26	WITHIN THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS SERVES PRIMARILY THE SAME PURPOSE
2.7	AS THE ENTERPRISE, AND THE ENTERPRISE WILL GENERATE REVENUE FROM

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1	FEES AND SURCHARGES OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS
2	TOTAL IN ITS FIRST FIVE FISCAL YEARS. ACCORDINGLY, THE CREATION OF
3	THE ENTERPRISE DOES NOT REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL PURSUANT TO
4	SECTION 24-77-108.
5	<b>10-4-2102. Definitions.</b> As used in this part 21, unless the
6	CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
7	
8	(1) "ELIGIBLE INSURER" MEANS AN INSURER IN THE ADMITTED
9	MARKET THAT:
10	(a) OFFERS HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN
11	THE STATE;
12	(b) INCURS CLAIMS COSTS AS A RESULT OF A STATE OR FEDERALLY
13	DECLARED WILDFIRE-RELATED DISASTER; AND
14	(c) Writes policies for a proportional share of risk in
15	AREAS AT HIGHEST RISK OF WILDFIRES IN THE STATE, AS DETERMINED BY
16	THE COMMISSIONER.
17	(2) "ENTERPRISE" MEANS THE WILDFIRE CATASTROPHE
18	REINSURANCE ENTERPRISE CREATED IN SECTION 10-4-2103 (1).
19	(3) "Enterprise board" or "board" means the governing
20	BOARD OF THE ENTERPRISE CREATED IN SECTION 10-4-2103 (2).
21	(4) "FUND" MEANS THE WILDFIRE CATASTROPHE REINSURANCE
22	ENTERPRISE FUND CREATED IN SECTION 10-4-2103 (6).
23	(5) "Insurer fee" means a fee imposed by the enterprise
24	PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-4-2103 (4).
25	(6) "REINSURANCE PAYMENT" MEANS A PAYMENT TO AN ELIGIBLE
26	INSURER THROUGH THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM.
27	(7) "REINSURANCE PROGRAM" MEANS THE WILDFIRE CATASTROPHE

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1	REINSURANCE PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 10-4-2104.
2	(8) "REVENUE BOND" MEANS A BOND, NOTE, OR OTHER SECURITY
3	EVIDENCING AN OBLIGATION AND ISSUED BY THE ENTERPRISE PURSUANT
4	TO SECTION 10-4-2103.
5	10-4-2103. Wildfire catastrophe reinsurance enterprise -
6	creation - purpose - board - powers and duties - insurer fee - advisory
7	committee - fund - gifts, grants, or donations - rules - reporting -
8	repeal. (1) Enterprise - creation - purpose. (a) The WILDFIRE
9	CATASTROPHE REINSURANCE ENTERPRISE IS CREATED IN THE DIVISION.
10	THE ENTERPRISE IS A TYPE 1 ENTITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-1-105.
11	AND EXERCISES ITS POWERS AND PERFORMS ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS
12	UNDER THE DIVISION. THE ENTERPRISE IS AND OPERATES AS A
13	GOVERNMENT-OWNED BUSINESS WITHIN THE DIVISION.
14	(b) THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF THE ENTERPRISE IS TO:
15	(I) Provide stability in the homeowner's insurance market
16	BY IMPLEMENTING AND ADMINISTERING THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM FOR
17	THE BENEFIT OF INSURERS TO COVER A PORTION OF INSURER LOSSES
18	RESULTING FROM A STATE OR FEDERALLY DECLARED WILDFIRE-RELATED
19	DISASTER;
20	(II) PROVIDE MONEY FOR THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM BY
21	IMPOSING AND COLLECTING AN INSURER FEE ON INSURERS OFFERING
22	HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE STATE, SELLING
23	REVENUE BONDS, AND INVESTING THE REVENUE FROM THE FEES AND
24	BONDS TO PROVIDE MONEY FOR THE REINSURANCE;
25	(III) INCENTIVIZE THE OFFER OF HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE
26	COVERAGE FOR PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE STATE, WHICH IS EXPECTED
27	TO INCREASE COMPETITION AMONG INSURERS AND MAKE INSURANCE MORE

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1	AFFORDABLE TO PURCHASE, RESULTING IN A REDUCTION IN THE
2	CONCENTRATION OF RISK TO INSURERS IN AREAS OF THE STATE AT HIGHEST
3	RISK OF INSURER LOSSES DUE TO WILDFIRES; AND
4	(IV) Enhance insurers' customer retention by addressing
5	CHALLENGES TO THE AFFORDABILITY AND AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING IN
6	THE STATE AND REDUCE THE OVERALL RISK FOR INSURERS OFFERING
7	HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE.
8	(c) THE ENTERPRISE CONSTITUTES AN ENTERPRISE FOR PURPOSES
9	of section $20\text{of}$ article $X$ of the state constitution so long as it
10	RETAINS THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS AND RECEIVES LESS
11	THAN TEN PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL REVENUES IN GRANTS FROM ALL
12	COLORADO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS COMBINED. SO LONG AS IT
13	CONSTITUTES AN ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1), THE
14	Enterprise is not subject to section $20\ \text{of}$ article $X\ \text{of}$ the state
15	CONSTITUTION.
16	(2) Enterprise board. (a) The enterprise is governed by the
17	ENTERPRISE BOARD.
18	(b) The board consists of the following five voting
19	MEMBERS:
20	(I) THE COMMISSIONER OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE; AND
21	(II) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO SERVE
22	THREE-YEAR TERMS, INCLUDING:
23	(A) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS AN INSURANCE COMPANY AND
24	HAS EXPERTISE IN UNDERWRITING AND PRICING HOMEOWNER'S
25	INSURANCE;
26	(B) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS AN INSURANCE COMPANY AND
27	HAS EXPERTISE IN FINANCING AND INVESTMENTS;

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1	(C) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CONSUMER; AND
2	(D) ONE MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN REINSURANCE.
3	(c) OF THE FIRST MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD PURSUANT
4	TO SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION, TWO MEMBERS SHALL SERVE
5	AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS.
6	(d) THE COMMISSIONER OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE IS THE
7	CHAIR OF THE BOARD.
8	(e) (I) The governor shall make initial appointments to the
9	BOARD NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2026.
10	(II) This subsection (2)(e) is repealed, effective July $1,2027$ .
11	(f) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT
12	MUST BE REIMBURSED FROM MONEY IN THE FUND FOR ACTUAL AND
13	NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES
14	PURSUANT TO THIS PART 21.
15	(g) THE BOARD SHALL CONDUCT THE ENTERPRISE'S BUSINESS AS
16	REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, INCLUDING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN
17	MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF PART 4 OF ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE 24 AND THE
18	OPEN RECORD REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24.
19	(3) Powers and duties. (a) AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, THE
20	ENTERPRISE SHALL ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT:
21	(I) SEEK TO ADDRESS THE AFFORDABILITY CHALLENGES FACED BY
22	COLORADANS IN PURCHASING HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE;
23	(II) ENHANCE COMPETITION IN THE HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE
24	MARKET THROUGHOUT THE STATE;
25	(III) INCENTIVIZE INSURERS TO OFFER HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE
26	COVERAGE IN AREAS OF THE STATE AT HIGH RISK FOR DAMAGE OR LOSS
2.7	DUE TO WILDFIRES:

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1	(IV) Ensure insurers are offering coverage throughout
2	THE STATE; AND
3	(V) Ensure insurers are properly administering claims
4	ASSOCIATED WITH STATE OR FEDERALLY DECLARED WILDFIRE-RELATED
5	DISASTERS FOR WHICH THE ENTERPRISE MAKES REINSURANCE PAYMENTS
6	PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-4-2104.
7	(b) IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS BUSINESS PURPOSE, THE ENTERPRISE'S
8	PRIMARY POWERS AND DUTIES ARE TO:
9	
10	(I) ISSUE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE ENTERPRISE,
11	SECURED BY REVENUE OF THE ENTERPRISE;
12	(II) IMPOSE AND COLLECT THE INSURER FEE PURSUANT TO
13	SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION AND TO REQUIRE REPORTING FROM
14	INSURERS;
15	(III) INVEST THE REVENUE FROM THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE
16	BONDS AND THE INSURER FEE. IN INVESTING THE REVENUE, THE
17	ENTERPRISE MAY:
18	(A) INVEST THE REVENUE WITHOUT REGARD TO THE LIMITATIONS
19	SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-36-103, 24-75-601.1, or 24-75-603; AND
20	(B) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL FUND
21	MANAGERS TO PROVIDE EXPERTISE, TECHNICAL SUPPORT, AND ADVICE ON
22	INVESTMENT MARKET CONDITIONS. IN SEEKING BIDS FOR SUCH
23	CONTRACTS, THE ENTERPRISE SHALL EMPLOY STANDARD PUBLIC BIDDING
24	PRACTICES, INCLUDING THE USE OF REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION,
25	REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, OR ANY OTHER STANDARD VENDOR SELECTION
26	PRACTICES DETERMINED BY THE ENTERPRISE TO BE BEST SUITED TO
27	SELECTING AN APPROPRIATE PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL FUND MANAGER.

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I	(IV) PURCHASE REINSURANCE FROM THE PRIVATE MARKET;
2	(V) MAKE REINSURANCE PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE INSURERS IN
3	ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10-4-2104;
4	(VI) PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE ENTERPRISE;
5	(VII) ADOPT, AMEND, OR REPEAL RULES OR POLICIES FOR THE
6	REGULATION OF THE ENTERPRISE'S AFFAIRS AND THE CONDUCT OF THE
7	ENTERPRISE'S BUSINESS CONSISTENT WITH THIS PART 21;
8	(VIII) ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES,
9	CONTRACTORS, OR CONSULTANTS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL
10	ASSISTANCE AND TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND OTHER SERVICES RELATED TO
11	CONDUCTING THE AFFAIRS OF THE ENTERPRISE, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE
12	"Procurement Code", articles 101 to 112 of title 24. In
13	CONDUCTING ITS AFFAIRS, THE ENTERPRISE SHALL:
14	(A) ENGAGE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR LEGAL
15	SERVICES; AND
16	(B) ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE DIVISION
17	AT FAIR MARKET RATES FOR OFFICE SPACE AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
18	FOR THE ENTERPRISE; AND
19	(IX) PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
20	PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION CONCERNING THE
21	ADMINISTRATION OF THE ENTERPRISE AND THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM
22	AND POST THE REPORT ON THE ENTERPRISE'S PUBLIC-FACING WEBSITE.
23	(c) THE ENTERPRISE MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GRANTS OR
24	OTHER MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR
25	DONATIONS FROM OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES TO SUPPORT AND
26	ENHANCE ENTERPRISE ACTIVITIES; EXCEPT THAT THE ENTERPRISE SHALL
27	NOT ACCEPT GRANTS FROM THE STATE OR FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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1	UNLESS THE COMBINED TOTAL OF ALL GRANTS FROM SUCH SOURCES IS
2	UNDER TEN PERCENT OF THE ENTERPRISE'S ANNUAL REVENUE.
3	(4) Fee - rules. (a) Beginning in the 2026 Calendar year on
4	OR BEFORE A DATE DETERMINED BY THE ENTERPRISE, AND ANNUALLY
5	EACH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER ON OR BEFORE THE SAME DATE, THE
6	ENTERPRISE SHALL IMPOSE A FEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION $(4)(b)$ OF THIS
7	SECTION ON A PER-POLICY BASIS ON EACH POLICYHOLDER OF A
8	HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE POLICY ISSUED IN THE ADMITTED MARKET
9	COVERING PROPERTY LOCATED IN OR RISKS IN THE STATE; EXCEPT THAT
10	THE ENTERPRISE SHALL NOT IMPOSE A FEE ON POLICYHOLDERS THAT HAVE
11	MITIGATED THE COVERED PROPERTY TO MEET THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE
12	FOR BUSINESS AND HOME SAFETY WILDFIRE MITIGATION STANDARDS OR
13	SIMILAR STANDARDS, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD BY RULE.
14	(b) THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE IS AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-HALF
15	PERCENT ON THE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL PREMIUMS COLLECTED BY EACH
16	INSURER IN THE ADMITTED MARKET IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING
17	CALENDAR YEAR ON HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE POLICIES ISSUED IN THE
18	STATE.
19	(c) EACH INSURER SHALL COLLECT THE FEE FROM ITS
20	POLICYHOLDERS, PAY THE FEE TO THE ENTERPRISE, AND LIST THE FEE AS
21	AN ITEMIZED CHARGE ON ITS INSURANCE POLICY BILLING STATEMENTS.
22	(d) THE FEE IS NOT A PREMIUM FOR ANY PURPOSE, INCLUDING THE
23	COMPUTATION OF THE GROSS PREMIUM TAX PURSUANT TO SECTION
24	10-3-209 OR AN INSURANCE PRODUCER'S COMMISSION.
25	(e) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL ADOPT ANY RULES NECESSARY FOR THE
26	IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF THE FEE.
27	(5) Advisory committee. The Board may establish an

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2	EXPERTISE IN FINANCING AND BONDING MECHANISMS AND INVESTMENTS
3	TO ADVISE THE BOARD ON ITS ISSUANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF
4	REVENUE BONDS AND THE FINANCING OF THE ENTERPRISE AND
5	REINSURANCE PROGRAM.
6	(6) <b>Fund.</b> (a) The wildfire catastrophe reinsurance
7	ENTERPRISE FUND IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY.
8	(b) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:
9	(I) THE INSURER FEE IMPOSED ON HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE
10	POLICYHOLDERS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION;
11	(II) REVENUE FROM REVENUE BONDS ISSUED BY THE
12	ENTERPRISE;
13	(III) MONEY FROM INVESTMENTS OF FEES COLLECTED AND
14	REVENUE BOND PURCHASE PAYMENTS;
15	(IV) Grants or other money received from the federal
16	GOVERNMENT OR GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER
17	PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCES TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE ENTERPRISE
18	ACTIVITIES; AND
19	(V) Any money that the general assembly may appropriate
20	OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND.
21	(c) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the
22	ENTERPRISE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
23	PART 21, INCLUDING FOR REINSURANCE PAYMENTS MADE UNDER THE
24	REINSURANCE PROGRAM AND OTHER ALLOWABLE PURPOSES UNDER THIS
25	PART 21.
26	(d) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
27	INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE

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2	(e) THE ENTERPRISE SHALL CREDIT THE INSURER FEE COLLECTED
3	TO THE FUND. A FEE COLLECTED BY THE ENTERPRISE IS EXCLUDED FROM
4	THE STATE'S FISCAL YEAR SPENDING.
5	(f) The enterprise may lower the insurer fee or cease
6	COLLECTING THE FEE IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR TO ENSURE THAT THE TOTAL
7	AMOUNT OF FEE REVENUE DOES NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED MILLION
8	DOLLARS OVER THE FIRST FIVE FISCAL YEARS OF THE ENTERPRISE'S
9	EXISTENCE.
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11	(7) Rules. The enterprise board shall adopt rules that are
12	REASONABLE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
13	ADMINISTRATION OF THE ENTERPRISE, INCLUDING RULES RELATING TO THE
14	INSURER FEE, THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS, AND REINSURANCE
15	PAYMENTS MADE PURSUANT TO THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM.
16	(8) <b>Reporting.</b> (a) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136
17	(11)(a)(I), BEGINNING JULY 1, 2027, AND EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER, THE
18	ENTERPRISE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE
19	OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS ASSIGNED
20	PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203 CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION AND
21	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENTERPRISE AND THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM.
22	(b) THE ANNUAL REPORT MUST INCLUDE:
23	(I) THE AMOUNT COLLECTED THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF
24	REVENUE BONDS AND THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF THE INSURER FEE, IF
25	IMPOSED, MONEY EARNED THROUGH INVESTMENTS, AND THE
26	UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE FUND;
27	(II) THE EFFECT OF THE ENTERPRISE ON THE AVAILABILITY AND

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FUND TO THE FUND.

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1	AFFORDABILITY OF HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE IN THE STATE; AND
2	(III) ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE
3	ENTERPRISE AND THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM.
4	10-4-2104. Reinsurance program - creation - operation -
5	payment parameters - calculation of reinsurance payments - eligible
6	insurer requests - rules - definition. (1) There is created in the
7	ENTERPRISE THE WILDFIRE CATASTROPHE REINSURANCE PROGRAM TO
8	PROVIDE REINSURANCE PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE INSURERS. THE
9	OBJECTIVES OF THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM ARE TO:
10	(a) Address the challenges faced by Coloradans in
11	AFFORDING HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE;
12	(b) Enhance competition in the homeowner's insurance
13	MARKET THROUGHOUT THE STATE;
14	(c) Incentivize insurers to offer homeowner's insurance
15	COVERAGE IN AREAS OF THE STATE AT HIGH RISK FOR DAMAGE OR LOSS
16	DUE TO WILDFIRES;
17	(d) Ensure insurers are offering coverage throughout the
18	STATE; AND
19	(e) Ensure insurers are properly administering claims
20	ASSOCIATED WITH STATE OR FEDERALLY DECLARED WILDFIRE-RELATED
21	DISASTERS FOR WHICH THE ENTERPRISE MAKES REINSURANCE PAYMENTS
22	UNDER THIS SECTION.
23	(2) TO FURTHER THE BUSINESS PURPOSE OF THE ENTERPRISE, THE
24	ENTERPRISE BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO:
25	(a) TAKE REASONABLE ACTIONS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS
26	SECTION TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
27	ADMINISTRATION OF THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM TO ACHIEVE THE

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1	PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION;
2	(b) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS AND
3	PURPOSES OF THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM;
4	(c) ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES
5	FOR THE OPERATION OF THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM;
6	(d) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBLE
7	INSURERS TO SUBMIT CLAIMS TO THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM;
8	(e) Establish or adjust, by rule, the eligibility
9	REQUIREMENTS AND PAYMENT PARAMETERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
10	SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION;
11	(f) TAKE LEGAL ACTION AS NECESSARY TO AVOID THE PAYMENT
12	OF IMPROPER CLAIMS TO INSURERS; AND
13	(g) Subject to Section 10-4-2103 (1)(c), Apply for, Accept,
14	AND ADMINISTER ANY FEDERAL OR STATE MONEY THAT MAY BECOME
15	AVAILABLE TO THE ENTERPRISE RELATING TO A STATE OR FEDERALLY
16	DECLARED WILDFIRE-RELATED DISASTER.
17	(3) FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING INSURER ELIGIBILITY FOR
18	REINSURANCE PAYMENTS UNDER THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM, THE BOARD
19	BY RULE SHALL:
20	(a) SET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PAYMENT
21	PARAMETERS FOR THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM TO ACHIEVE REDUCTIONS
22	IN CLAIMS COSTS IN GEOGRAPHIC RATING AREAS IN THE STATE;
23	(b) Determine data requirements for reinsurance
24	PAYMENTS MADE UNDER THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM AND COLLECT OR
25	ACCESS DATA FROM EACH ELIGIBLE INSURER;
26	(c) UPON THE OCCURRENCE OF A STATE OR FEDERALLY DECLARED
27	WILDFIRE-RELATED DISASTER, REQUIRE EACH ELIGIBLE INSURER TO

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1	REPORT TO THE ENTERPRISE ITS CLAIMS COSTS AS A RESULT OF THE
2	WILDFIRE-RELATED DISASTER; AND
3	(d) IN EXCHANGE FOR ACCESS TO THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM TO
4	MITIGATE AN INSURER'S RISK, REQUIRE AN ELIGIBLE INSURER TO:
5	(I) PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE BASED UPON THE ELIGIBLE
6	INSURER'S PERCENTAGE OF MARKET SHARE IN THE STATE TO AREAS
7	THROUGHOUT THE STATE AT HIGHEST RISK FOR WILDFIRES; AND
8	(II) REDUCE PREMIUMS IN AREAS IN THE STATE AT HIGH RISK FOR
9	WILDFIRES TO ACCOUNT FOR REINSURANCE PAYMENTS THAT WOULD BE
10	PROVIDED THROUGH THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM.
11	(4) (a) IN RESPONSE TO A STATE OR FEDERALLY DECLARED
12	$\label{thm:price} \textbf{WILDFIRE-RELATED DISASTER}, \textbf{THE ENTERPRISE BOARD SHALL CALCULATE}$
13	EACH REINSURANCE PAYMENT BASED ON AN ELIGIBLE INSURER'S
14	INCURRED CLAIMS COSTS FOR THE STATE OR FEDERALLY DECLARED
15	WILDFIRE-RELATED DISASTER.
16	(b) AN ELIGIBLE INSURER MUST MAKE REQUESTS FOR
17	REINSURANCE PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS
18	ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD BY RULE AND COMPLY WITH INSURER DATA
19	REQUIREMENTS.
20	(5) (a) The board shall notify eligible insurers of
21	REINSURANCE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION
22	(4)  OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL DISBURSE REINSURANCE PAYMENTS TO AN
23	ELIGIBLE INSURER.
24	(b) AN ELIGIBLE INSURER MAY REQUEST THAT THE BOARD
25	RECONSIDER A DECISION ON THE INSURER'S REQUEST FOR REINSURANCE
26	PAYMENTS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER NOTICE OF THE COMMISSIONER'S
27	DECISION. A FINAL ACTION OF THE BOARD UNDER THIS SUBSECTION $(5)$ is

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1	SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-4-106.
2	(6) If there is insufficient money in the fund to cover
3	INSURERS' TOTAL LOSSES FROM A STATE OR FEDERALLY DECLARED
4	WILDFIRE-RELATED DISASTER, THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES
5	TO PAY INSURERS ON A PRO RATA BASIS BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF
6	AVAILABLE MONEY IN THE FUND.
7	<b>10-4-2105. Severability.</b> If any provision of this part 21 or
8	THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD
9	INVALID, SUCH INVALIDITY DOES NOT AFFECT OTHER PROVISIONS OR
10	APPLICATIONS OF THIS PART $\overline{21}$ THAT CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE
11	INVALID PROVISION OR APPLICATION, AND TO THIS END THE PROVISIONS OF
12	THIS PART 21 ARE DECLARED TO BE SEVERABLE.
13	<b>10-4-2106.</b> Repeal of part - subject to review. This part 21 is
14	REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2035. BEFORE THE REPEAL, THE
15	ENTERPRISE AND REINSURANCE PROGRAM ARE SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN
16	ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.
17	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, add
18	(36)(a)(VII) and (36)(a)(VIII) as follows:
19	24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies
20	and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative
21	<b>declaration - repeal.</b> (36) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both
22	are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2035:
23	(VII) THE STRENGTHEN COLORADO HOMES ENTERPRISE AND THE
24	STRENGTHEN COLORADO HOMES ENTERPRISE GRANT PROGRAM CREATED
25	IN PART 20 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 10;
26	(VIII) THE WILDFIRE CATASTROPHE REINSURANCE ENTERPRISE
27	AND THE WILDFIRE CATASTROPHE REINSURANCE PROGRAM CREATED IN

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1	PART 21 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 10.
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3	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-4-405, add (1.3)
4	as follows:
5	10-4-405. Filing of rating information - certain coverages
6	(1.3) BEGINNING WITH RATE FILINGS SUBMITTED ON AND AFTER JANUARY
7	1,2026, an insurer offering homeowner's insurance for property
8	LOCATED IN THE STATE SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS FILING THE FOLLOWING TWO
9	SETS OF RATES:
0	(a) ONE SET OF RATES THAT SHOWS THE RATES AFTER TAKING INTO
1	CONSIDERATION THE REINSURANCE PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION
12	10-4-2104; AND
13	(b) One set of rates that shows the rates as if the
14	REINSURANCE PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 10-4-2104 HAD NOT TAKEN
15	EFFECT.
16	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-4-110.8, amend
17	(6)(b) as follows:
8	10-4-110.8. Homeowner's insurance - prohibited and required
9	practices - estimates of replacement value - additional living expense
20	coverage - copies of policies - personal property contents coverage -
21	inventory of personal property - requirements concerning total loss
22	scenarios resulting from wildfire disasters - definitions - rules
23	(6) (b) (I) All homeowner's insurance replacement-cost policies for a
24	dwelling must include additional living expense coverage. This coverage
25	must be available for a period of at least twelve months and is subject to
26	other policy provisions. Insurers shall offer policyholders the opportunity
2.7	to purchase a total of twenty-four months of ALE coverage and give ar

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1	applicant an explanation of the purpose, terms, and cost of this coverage.
2	This paragraph (b) SUBSECTION (6)(b) does not apply to any A
3	homeowner's insurance policy that already includes at least twenty-four
4	months of ALE coverage as a standard provision.
5	(II) IN ADDITION TO OFFERING A REPLACEMENT-COST POLICY IN
6	ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION $(6)(b)(I)$ OF THIS SECTION, AN INSURER
7	MAY OFFER A REPLACEMENT-COST POLICY THAT HAS A REASONABLE
8	COVERAGE LIMIT OR PERCENTAGE CAP FOR ADDITIONAL LIVING EXPENSES
9	IF THE INSURER PROVIDES A PREMIUM DECREASE FOR THE COVERAGE LIMIT
10	OR PERCENTAGE CAP THAT IS APPROVED BY THE DIVISION.
11	SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
12	takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
13	ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
14	that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
15	of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
16	act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
17	effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
18	November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
19	official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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