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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE RURAL ALCOHOL AND**
102 **SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAM,**
103 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE**
104 **RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE 2024 SUNSET REPORT BY**
105 **THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.**

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/>.)

SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 21, 2025

Sunset Process - Senate Health and Human Services Committee. The bill implements the recommendation of the department

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 17, 2025

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of regulatory agencies in its 2024 sunset review and report on the rural alcohol and substance abuse prevention and treatment program by continuing the program until September 1, 2030.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**
3 (26)(a)(IV); and **add** (31)(a)(XIV) as follows:

4 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
5 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
6 **declaration - repeal.** (26) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
7 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2025:

8 (IV) ~~The rural alcohol and substance abuse prevention and~~
9 ~~treatment program created pursuant to section 27-80-117 in the~~
10 ~~behavioral health administration in the department of human services;~~

11 (31) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
12 for repeal on September 1, 2030:

13 (XIV) THE RURAL ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION
14 AND TREATMENT PROGRAM CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-80-117 IN
15 THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 HUMAN SERVICES.

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-80-117, **amend**
18 (3)(a) and (4)(a) as follows:

19 27-80-117. Rural alcohol and substance abuse prevention and
20 treatment program - creation - administration - cash fund -
21 definitions - repeal. (3) (a) There is created in the state treasury the rural
22 alcohol and substance abuse cash fund, referred to in this section as the
23 "fund", that consists of the rural youth alcohol and substance abuse
24 prevention and treatment account, referred to in this section as the "youth

1 account", and the rural detoxification account, referred to in this section
2 as the "detoxification account". The fund is comprised of money collected
3 from surcharges assessed pursuant to sections 18-19-103.5, 42-4-1307
4 (10)(d)(I), and 42-4-1701 (4)(f). The money collected from the surcharges
5 must be divided equally between the youth account and the detoxification
6 account. The fund also includes any money credited to the fund pursuant
7 to subsection (3)(b) of this section. Money in the fund credited pursuant
8 to subsection (3)(b) of this section must be divided equally between the
9 youth account and the detoxification account unless the grantee or donor
10 specifies to which account the grant, gift, or donation is to be credited.
11 The money in the fund is subject to annual appropriation by the general
12 assembly to the BHA for the purpose of implementing the program. All
13 interest derived from the deposit and investment of money in the fund
14 remains in the fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered money remaining
15 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year remains in the fund and shall not be
16 transferred or credited to the general fund or another fund; except that any
17 unexpended and unencumbered money remaining in the fund as of
18 August 30, 2025 AUGUST 30, 2030, is credited to the general fund.

19 (4) (a) This section is repealed, effective September 1, 2025
20 SEPTEMBER 1, 2030.

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-19-103.5, amend
22 (4) as follows:

23 **18-19-103.5. Rural alcohol and substance abuse surcharge -**
24 **repeal.** (4) This section is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2025~~
25 SEPTEMBER 1, 2030, unless the general assembly extends the repeal of the
26 rural alcohol and substance abuse prevention and treatment program
27 created in section 27-80-117.

1 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1307, **amend**
2 (10)(d)(II) as follows:

3 **42-4-1307. Penalties for traffic offenses involving alcohol and**
4 **drugs - legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.** (10) **Additional**
5 **costs and surcharges.** In addition to the penalties prescribed in this
6 section:

7 (d) (II) This ~~paragraph (d)~~ SUBSECTION (10)(d) is repealed,
8 effective ~~September 1, 2025~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2030, unless the general
9 assembly extends the repeal of the rural alcohol and substance abuse
10 prevention and treatment program created in section 27-80-117.

11 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1701, **amend**
12 (4)(f)(III) as follows:

13 **42-4-1701. Traffic offenses and infractions classified -**
14 **penalties - penalty and surcharge schedule - repeal.** (4) (f) (III) This
15 ~~paragraph (f)~~ SUBSECTION (4)(f) is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2025~~
16 SEPTEMBER 1, 2030, unless the general assembly extends the repeal of the
17 rural alcohol and substance abuse prevention and treatment program
18 created in section 27-80-117.

19 **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
22 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
23 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
24 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
25 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
26 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.