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AGRICULTURE

S.B. 175 Agriculture - livestock - advancement of sheep - appropriation. Purpose of this act is to enable the sheep industry, with the aid of the state, to effectively correlate and encourage the advancement and improvement of its commodities. Creates a Colorado sheep and wool board comprised of nine members and their alternates from five districts throughout the state to be appointed by the commissioner of agriculture. Provides the qualifications for the board members and the terms of office for each member and alternate. Provides for duties and powers of the board relating to promotion, research, dissemination of information, and administrative matters. Requires each owner of sheep one year or older to pay an assessment fee as determined by the board not to exceed twenty cents per head to defray the costs of the sheep advancement program. The fee is levied by the county commissioners of the county where the sheep are located, collected by the county, and remitted to the sheep and wool board fund. Allows a petition by 51% or more of the growers of sheep to increase or decrease the assessment fee or discontinue the program. Provides that any person paying an assessment fee may seek a refund of the fee subject to approval by the board. Appropriates \$20,000 for fiscal year 1975 to the sheep and wool board fund for implementation of the act, and provides that for fiscal year 1976 the appropriation is the lesser of \$20,000 or the amount of the 1975 appropriation used by the board.

June 26

November 1

H.B. 1030 Agriculture - dairy products. Lowers the allowable minimum content of butterfat in condensed milk from 7.7% to 7.5%.

May 22

July 1

H.B. 1107 Agriculture - pest control districts - extension of termination dates. Authorizes the board of county commissioners to extend the termination date of a pest control district (after notice and hearing on a petition for such extensions) without submitting the question to the landowners of the district.

May 31

May 31

H.B. 1169 Agriculture - bee and bee products. Rewrites the definition of "honey", to emphasize its derivation from natural sources and adds definitions for "adulterated bee products" and "artificial bee products" to distinguish them from honey. Declares it to be a class 2 misdemeanor to label, serve, or sell adulterated or artificial bee products as honey.

May 31

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H.B. 1226 Agriculture - poultry and rabbit dealers. Limits the definition of "dealer" to those who buy and sell rabbits, poultry, and their products by wholesale only.

May 22

July 1

H.B. 1431 Agriculture - public livestock markets - brand inspectors fee. Increases the inspection fee by brand inspectors at public livestock markets from a maximum of 15 cents per head to 20 cents per head.

May 31

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H.B. 1461 Agriculture - cattle - custom feedlots - brand inspection - penalty. Requires all cattle entering a custom feedlot to be accompanied by a certificate of brand inspection or a valid document of account of purchase. Cattle which are not accompanied by such documents are to be given a brand inspection for a fee not to exceed 20 cents per head. Those cattle which are not properly identified are to be branded by the custom feedlot operator. Declares it to be a class 1 petty offense for the first violation, while second and subsequent violations are class 3 misdemeanors.

June 18

July 1

H.B. 1558 Agriculture - emergency control of grasshoppers. Authorizes the governor to declare an emergency upon finding a major grasshopper infestation in the state, and authorizes use of emergency and disaster funds to combat same, within the areas designated by the declaration. Entry into any lands is authorized to alleviate or prevent disaster, and immunity from liability is granted for acts done in conformity with the law. Procedures are set out to establish grasshopper control districts within



the designated areas of infestation, and county commissioners are authorized to establish priority areas for grasshopper extermination.

May 30

May 30

APPROPRIATIONS

S.B. 118 Supplemental appropriation - department of health.  
\$58,480, for the alcoholism and intoxication treatment program allocated as follows: \$6,880 to Morgan, Logan, Washington, Sedgewick, Phillips, and Yuma counties; \$6,880 to Weld county; \$13,760 to Adams county; \$8,600 to Boulder county; \$8,600 to Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero, and Prowers counties; \$6,880 to Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saquache counties; \$6,880 to Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties.

March 6

March 6

S.B. 126 Supplemental appropriation - office of lieutenant governor. Increases the appropriation made in the 1974 long bill to the office of lieutenant governor by \$5,391; also provides for an additional one-half FTE.

April 5

April 5

S.B. 162 Appropriation - Auraria higher education center. \$3,950,770 out of the capital construction fund, to be allocated as follows: \$3,810,770 for construction of the Auraria campus for 15,000 FTE students and \$140,000 for movable equipment.

May 1

May 1

S.B. 178 Supplemental appropriation - state electrical board. \$369,730, to the state electrical board for general purposes.

April 17

April 17

S.B. 226 Appropriation - department of social services. Increases the appropriation made in the 1974 long bill to the department of social services by \$1,459,564, to be allocated as follows: \$103,065 for food stamp certification and \$1,356,499 for outpatient hospital care.

March 28

March 28

S.B. 227 Supplemental appropriation - department of social services. Amends the 1974 long bill by reducing the state supplemental grant to the basic federal SSI grant by \$28,483 for aid to the blind and by \$935,519 for aid to the needy disabled. Appropriates \$81,273 for aid to the blind and \$1,406,904 for aid to the needy disabled for recipients not eligible for SSI but eligible under less restrictive standards, and removes the \$500,000 appropriation for temporary disability.

June 4

June 4

S.B. 267 Appropriation - department of institutions. \$21,816.92 out of the capital construction fund, to complete purchase of all necessary movable equipment for summit village cottages at Ridge.

April 24

April 24

S.B. 268 Appropriation - department of social services. \$33,660, of which \$11,781 is from the capital construction fund and \$21,879 is from federal funds, for the completion of purchase and installation of emergency boilers at the Colorado state veteran's center at Homelake.

Reduces the 1974 appropriation for the construction of the Colorado state veterans nursing home at Florence by \$822 in state funds and \$1,525 in federal funds.

May 31

May 31

S.B. 269 Appropriation - department of higher education. Increases a capital construction item in the 1974 long bill for construction of Norlin Library at the university of Colorado at Boulder by \$319,375, and extends the time for another construction appropriation by one year. Also appropriates \$44,720 to the department, of which \$12,010 is allocated to the school of mines for completion of a neutron activation facility and \$25,710 to the community college of Denver for architectural fees.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 270 Appropriation - office of state planning and budgeting.  
\$371,472 out of the capital construction fund, to be allocated as follows: \$200,000 for completion of the national cash register building remodeling and \$171,472 for office landscape partitioning for office building "A".

April 24

April 24

S.B. 456 Supplemental appropriation - department of health.  
Amends the 1974 long bill, resulting in a net increase in the department of health appropriation, to various divisions and for various programs, of \$540,424, of which \$92,610 is from the general fund and \$447,814 is from federal funds.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 457 Supplemental appropriation - department of revenue.  
\$786,093, of which \$171,741 is out of the general fund and \$614,352 is from cash funds, for expenses of the department to be allocated as follows: \$430,131 for the vehicles hearings section, \$47,006 for the inheritance tax division, \$219,000 for revenue motor vehicle section, and \$89,956 for data processing.

Amends the 1974 long bill to decrease the capital outlay appropriation for revenue and motor vehicle administration by \$52,000, the appropriation for data processing personal services by \$3,000, and the appropriation for data processing travel and subsistence by \$2,000.

June 20

June 20

S.B. 458 Supplemental appropriation - department of higher education. \$4,063,813, of which \$1,163,773 is out of the general fund and \$2,900,040 is out of cash funds, to be allocated among the following: The state board of agriculture, the trustees of the state colleges, the state board of community colleges and occupational education, the board of trustees of the Colorado school of mines, and the regents of the university of Colorado.

Amends the 1974 long bill appropriation to the Colorado general hospital relating to staff and operating expenses resulting in a net increase of \$194,566.

Amends the 1974 long bill appropriation to the department of higher education as follows: 1) The \$78,098 for extension coordination and the \$36,180 for the Montrose pilot program are to be from cash funds instead of the general fund, and the amount for higher education extension and correspondence instruction is increased by \$1,300,000; 2) Occupational education distribution payments for vocational programs under the appropriation to the state board for community colleges and occupational education are not to exceed direct instructional costs less the amount provided by state and local sources for every student under the "Public School Finance Act of 1973"; 3) The FTE for the appropriation to the university of northern Colorado for special education is changed from 10.0 to 6.3, and the appropriation for utilities is increased by \$6,114.

June 26

June 26

S.B. 459 Supplemental appropriation - department of personnel. Increases the appropriation made in the 1974 long bill to the department of personnel for implementation of classification programs by \$12,400. Such appropriation also includes an additional \$111 of revenue sharing funds.

June 20

June 20

S.B. 460 Supplemental appropriation - department of regulatory agencies. \$35,221 to be allocated as follows: \$4,800 to the division of insurance for operating expenses; \$240 to the abstractors' board of examiners; \$3,237 to the state board of accountancy; \$6,575 to the state board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors; \$630 to the Colorado state board of psychologist examiners; \$6,356 to the real estate commission for operating expenses; \$2,642 to the state board of veterinary medicine; \$2,152 to the division of savings and loan for travel; \$5,852 to the state electrical board; \$1,498 to the Colorado state board of examiners of architects; \$247 to the state board of examiners of landscape architects; and \$992 to the state board of dental examiners. Increases the appropriation made to the civil rights division in the 1974 "long bill" for travel and subsistence by \$1,516 and for federal programs by \$35,875.

June 20

June 20

S.B. 461 Supplemental appropriation - department of administration. Amends the 1974 general appropriation bill to increase the appropriation for the accounts and control division of the department of administration by a net amount of \$179,141, and also appropriates \$34,000 to the department of administration, of which \$25,000 is out of the general fund and allocated to the aircraft pool and \$9,000 is out of the motor pool cash fund.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 468 Appropriation - long bill. For expenses of the executive and judicial departments of state government in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1975, the grand totals of the operating budgets are \$1,399,265,807 (\$29,303,615 of which is for the judicial department) of which \$822,188,420 is appropriated from the general fund and \$250,914,631 from cash funds, with the remaining \$326,162,756 anticipated from federal funds. The total appropriation for capital construction is \$22,517,337, of which \$16,826,480 is appropriated from the capital construction fund and \$5,378,500 from cash funds, with the remaining \$312,357 anticipated from federal funds. Fourteen additional sections at the end of the long bill amend capital construction appropriations in the long bills of years from 1970 to 1974. The general appropriation act for the legislative branch is found in H.B. 1745.

June 30

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H.B. 1151 Supplemental appropriation - office of the governor. Amends a 1974 appropriation to provide that the \$100,000 appropriated may be spent for improvement and restoration of the Cumbres and Toltec narrow gauge railroad system and acquisition and installation of a radio communications system. Eliminates detailed specification of permissible expenditures.

May 22

May 22

H.B. 1186 Appropriation - state board for community colleges and occupational education. \$971,200, out of the capital construction fund, of which \$929,200 is for a value engineering contingency for construction of north campus of community college of Denver to accommodate 3,517 FTE students, and \$42,000 is for project cost management.

April 9

April 9

H.B. 1187 Appropriation - office of the governor - judicial - museum complex. Increases the total construction appropriation by \$507,091, and specifies the amounts which may be spent for judicial and for museum construction. Appropriates \$288,389 for site development and an extra \$56,415 for demolition and site preparation. Removes the appropriations for addition construction features, contingencies, and parking.

May 22

May 22

H.B. 1211 Appropriation - state board for community colleges and occupational education. \$656,178 out of the capital construction fund for initial construction of El Paso community college to accommodate 3,500 full-time day students. Allocates \$376,878 to site work and \$279,300 to utilities.

June 26

June 26

H.B. 1280 Appropriation - settlement of injury claim. \$1,500, out of the state highway fund, to the Colorado claims commission, to settle a claim by Peggy Payne for injuries allegedly resulting from a dangerous condition existing on a highway.

June 20

June 20

H.B. 1336 Appropriation - judgments against state. \$8,547, out of the wildlife cash fund, to the attorney general, to pay 2 judgments against the state for damages resulting from overflow of the Clay Creek dam.

June 20

June 20

H.B. 1394 Supplemental appropriation - department of health. \$128,031 of which \$114,160 is allocated for state reimbursements for alcoholism and intoxication treatment services from local treatment centers, and \$31,871 is allocated for administration and evaluation.

Removes the limitation on the number of approved beds, the maximum dollar reimbursement per approved bed, and the limitations of section 2 of said chapter concerning the amount of state reimbursement.

April 15

April 15

H.B. 1476 Supplemental appropriation - department of institutions.  
\$501,963 for allocation to the division of developmental disabilities for community center programs. Said amount is to be reduced by any federal matching funds received in the current fiscal year for community center programs in excess of \$4,663,998.

April 9

April 9

H.B. 1550 Appropriation - claims commission - settlement of claim.  
\$671.73, out of the highway users tax fund, to the Colorado claims commission for settlement of a claim against the state by Arvada State Bank for loss resulting from failure of the department of revenue to record a lien for the bank.

June 20

June 20

H.B. 1556 Appropriation - claims commission - settlement of injury claims. \$15,000, out of the state highway fund, to the Colorado claims commission, to settle a claim by Delbert K. Cline, Lucyle Cline, and Elizabeth A. Bunner for injuries allegedly resulting from a dangerous highway condition.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1626 Supplemental appropriation - department of natural resources. \$185,000, allocated to the division of parks and outdoor recreation, of which \$150,000 is for the purchase of water rights to replace evaporation losses, and \$35,000 is for the purchase of options on water rights for the initial filling of the reservoir, but in no case may the total purchase price exceed \$450,000 inclusive of option moneys.

July 14

July 14



H.B. 1740 Supplemental appropriation - department of institutions. \$2,402,657, of which \$2,012,046 is from the general fund and \$390,611 is from cash funds to be allocated among the office of the executive director, division of youth services, school for the deaf and blind, division of corrections, division of mental retardation, and division of mental health.

Also amends the 1974 long bill to reflect the transfer of \$125,779 from the Malcolm X community mental health center to the division of mental health, to increase the appropriation made to the department for the purchase and installation of new boilers at the school for the deaf and blind by \$3,877, and to reduce the appropriation made to the division of corrections for certain programs by any amount made available for] such programs by LEAA grants.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1742 Supplemental appropriation - department of social services. Makes numerous changes in the appropriation made to the department of social services in the 1974 long bill resulting in a new total appropriation of \$282,859,951, of which \$99,579,652 is from the general fund, \$26,933,433 is from cash funds, and \$156,346,866 is from federal funds. Also appropriates \$214,434 to the department of social services for the purchase of equipment for the Colorado state veterans nursing home at Florence, of which \$75,052 is from the capital construction fund and \$139,382 is from federal funds.

June 18

June 18

H.B. 1745 Appropriation - legislative department. Appropriates \$5,935,308 to the legislative department for its expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975, allocated as follows:

House of representatives and senate	\$1,956,981
State auditor	2,057,243
Joint budget committee	296,050
Legislative council	590,700
Research studies	175,000
Legislative drafting office	428,402
Office of revisor of statutes	318,382
Committee on legal services	67,000

Commission on interstate cooperation	35,050
Commission on uniform state laws	10,500

June 20

June 20

H.B. 1748 Supplemental appropriation- department of administration.  
\$1,437,502, of which \$1,207,005 is from the general fund  
and \$230,497 is from cash funds, for adjusting state  
employees to their appropriate grades and steps in the  
salary plan.

June 30

June 30

CHILDREN'S CODE

H.B. 1482 Children's code - child abuse. Rewrites the law relating to child abuse to provide a more comprehensive system of reporting child abuse. Specifically details what constitutes abuse, and provides for mandatory reporting of known or suspected abuse by specified persons to the county or district department of social services or a local law enforcement agency. Provides for creation of local child protection teams to assist the county department in handling abuse cases. Permits color photographs and X-rays to be taken in cases of suspected abuse, and provides for temporary protective custody. Establishes procedures for reporting of child abuse; exempts persons making reports or participating in judicial proceedings concerning abuse from liability; provides for nonjudicial diversion and for court proceedings in abuse cases; abolishes the husband-wife and patient-physician privilege in child abuse cases; and establishes a central registry for reports of abuse, providing for the administration thereof.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1509 Children's code - venue of court proceedings. Minor changes in terminology are made with respect to the authority of a court to order a change of venue in proceedings under the children's code involving alleged violations occurring in a county other than where the child resides, and allows jurisdiction over a juvenile on probation to be transferred to another court when the child's county of residence is changed, temporarily or otherwise.

May 22

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COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

S.B. 288 Uniform commercial code - definition of a banking day.  
Excludes Saturday, Sunday, and holidays from the definition of a banking day. Provides that banks which remain open on Saturdays are not conducting business on a banking day for purposes of the "Colorado Uniform Commercial Code".

June 5

July 1

H.B. 1365 Commercial transactions - uniform commercial code - transfer of title on livestock. Defines "livestock" to include horses, mules, registered cattle, range cattle, cattle with one or more Colorado recorded brands, and sheep. Provides that, when livestock have been delivered under a contract of sale, title does not pass to the buyer until payment is made and that the buyer has no power to pass good title to a good faith purchaser for value if on the brand inspection certificate or a memorandum thereof the seller conspicuously notes that consideration for the livestock has not been received.

Directs the seller in such cases to send a certificate of payment stating that payment has been made within 10 days after receipt of a check or, in other cases, within 3 business days after payment has been made. States that when payment is made, the buyer has an enforceable right to the certificate of payment, and, if not provided by the seller, the seller will be deemed to have failed to make delivery of the livestock.

June 20

June 20

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

S.B. 69 Consumer affairs - deceptive trade practices. Makes advertising concerning a guarantee for goods and services a deceptive trade practice if the nature and extent of the guarantee are not disclosed. Requires "lifetime guarantees" to define the meaning of "lifetime". Applies to guarantees, warranties, disclaimers of warranties, purported guarantees and warranties, and to any promise or representation in the nature of a guarantee or warranty, but does not apply to any reference to a guarantee in a slogan or advertisement where there is no guarantee of specific merchandise.

February 27      July 1

H.B. 1087 Consumer affairs - consumer credit code - legal rate of interest. Increases the legal rate of interest from 6% to 8%, including the rate of interest which creditors, unless otherwise agreed upon or provided by law, are allowed to receive.

June 26      July 1

H.B. 1349 Consumer affairs - consumer credit code - miscellaneous amendments. Makes miscellaneous amendments to the "Uniform Consumer Credit Code", some of which reflect recent changes in federal law and incorporate modifications made by the national conference of commissioners on uniform state laws. Other amendments are made to benefit consumers or to reflect modern commercial practice.

Some of the amendments include the following: Subjects out-of-state sellers and lenders to Colorado rate ceilings and to the power of the administrator; brings all credit sales of insurance within the scope of the code; conforms the code to the federal "Equal Credit Opportunity Act"; eliminates the "holder in due course" doctrine from consumer credit sales; conforms provisions relating to home solicitation sales to federal law and regulations of the federal trade commission; increases the value of goods with respect to which (if the seller repossesses or accepts possession) a deficiency judgment may not be taken from \$500 to \$1,000; requires a cosigner to be given specific notice of the nature and extent of his obligation; and creates a right to cure default

within a 30-day period and establishes procedures for the notification of the debtor of that right and the manner in which the right may be exercised.

July 18

October 28

H.B. 1427 Consumer affairs - consumer credit code - discrimination based on marital status prohibited. Prohibits discrimination based on the marital status of the applicant in consumer credit transactions under the "Uniform Consumer Credit Code".

July 14

October 28

H.B. 1634 Consumer affairs - repeal of fair trade and unfair cigarette sales act. Repeals all the law relating to the "Fair Trade Act" and the "Unfair Cigarette Sales Act" thereby eliminating restraints on competition.

June 29

July 1

H.B. 1690 Consumer affairs - unsolicited goods. Provides that in the absence of an agreement to the contrary, a person may refuse delivery of unsolicited goods and is not bound to return them. Provides that if such goods are either addressed to or intended for the recipient, they are to be deemed a gift and he may use them or dispose of them as he sees fit. Prohibits collection by providing that if the sender bills the recipient or otherwise demands payment, the sender is guilty of a class 2 petty offense and is subject to a maximum fine of \$250.

July 14

July 14

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

S.B. 416 Corporations and associations - Colorado older housing preservation corporation. Authorizes the incorporation, upon approval of the governor and state treasurer, of a corporation which could make loans and provide insurance for loans for purchase and rehabilitation of older housing. The corporation would consist of those financial institutions, otherwise authorized to invest in or make mortgage loans or provide insurance for such loans, which elect to become members of the corporation. The business affairs of the corporation would be conducted by the board of directors of the corporation which consists of 6 members from member financial institutions, 3 members from the general public, and, serving as ex officio voting members, the executive director of the department of local affairs or his designee, the state bank commissioner, the commissioner of insurance, the executive director of the Colorado housing finance authority, and the state treasurer. A member financial institution is to make, pledge, or commit loans to the corporation up to 0.2% of the member institution's assets and can be required to make contributions not exceeding 0.02% of its assets to a loan insurance fund for insuring loans related to older housing preservation. The corporation would make loans to persons who can prove they cannot otherwise obtain financing or that financing is available only upon terms substantially different from loans related to newer homes. In order to qualify, the subject property must be an owner-occupied residential structure 30 years of age or older, must contain 9 or less units, and must be located in this state in an area in which more than 50% of the homes are 30 years of age or older. The division of housing of the department of local affairs is to provide assistance relating to the extent and method of repairs and rehabilitation.

June 29

June 29

H.B. 1299 Corporations and associations - cooperatives. Provides that all cooperative associations, whether organized under present or prior law, including agriculture or livestock associations but excluding cooperative marketing associations, are conclusively presumed to have adopted and to be governed by provisions generally applying to cooperatives, unless a cooperative has specifically elected otherwise. Provides that neither a security, patronage refund, per unit retain certificate,

or other evidence of membership, nor the sale thereof, is subject to state securities laws. The bylaws of a cooperative marketing association may limit the amount of common stock one member may own.

June 29

June 29



COURTS

S.B. 62 Courts - interest rate on damages. Sets the interest rate on damages assessed in actions brought to recover damages at 9% per annum for actions filed on or after July 1, 1975, and at the legal rate for actions filed prior to said date, and provides that such damages shall be calculated to the date of satisfaction of the judgment.

July 18

July 18

S.B. 66 Courts - jurisdiction of county courts. Raises the monetary limitation for original jurisdiction of county courts from \$500 to \$1,000 in civil actions and in actions of forcible entry, detainer, or unlawful detainer.

July 14

October 1

S.B. 88 Courts - docket fees in civil actions in district courts. Increases the docket fees for civil actions brought in district court as follows: For each plaintiff, petitioner, third-party plaintiff, or a party filing a cross claim or counterclaim, from \$25 to \$40; for each appellant, from \$20 to \$30; and for each appellee and each defendant or respondent not filing a cross claim or counterclaim, from \$12.50 to \$20.

June 20

July 1

S.B. 114 Courts - municipal. Provides that municipal court facilities may be located outside the municipality or county if located reasonably close to the municipality and suitable facilities cannot be provided in the municipality. Provides that two or more governments may cooperate or contract to provide joint court facilities and allows such facilities to be located outside the jurisdictional boundaries of any or all such governments if located reasonably close to such governments.

June 13

June 13

S.B. 225 Courts - forcible entry and detainer. Extends from seven to ten days the time in which a defendant may file an answer to a complaint in an unlawful detainer action.

June 5

July 1

S.B. 390 Courts - county - docket fees. Increases the docket fees in civil and criminal actions in the county courts from \$6 to \$8.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1049 Courts - additional judges - appropriation. Increases the number of county judges in Arapahoe county from three to four and in El Paso and Jefferson counties from four to five effective October 1, 1975. Makes an appropriation of \$169,670 out of the general fund to the judicial department to implement such increases.

Requires the approval of the chief justice of the Colorado supreme court, after consultation with board of county commissioners, prior to the construction or remodeling of any court or court-related facility.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1052 Courts - county - administrative classification - appropriation. Changes Clear Creek county from a class D to a class B county effective July 1, and, effective January 11, 1977, changes Douglas county from class D to class B. Repeals the requirement for an associate county judge in Morgan county effective January 9, 1979, and appropriates \$27,018 to the judicial department for the implementation of such changes.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1053 Courts - first and fifth judicial districts - judges - appropriation. Removes Clear Creek county from the first judicial district and adds it to the fifth judicial district. Adds one judge to the fifth judicial district. Requires one judge in the fifth judicial district to reside and maintain his official chambers in Eagle, Lake, or Summit county. Appropriates \$87,409 to the judicial department for the implementation of the act.

July 16

July 16

H.B. 1055 Courts - judges - first, second, fourth, eighth, tenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth districts - appropriation. Increases the number of judges in the first district from 6 to 7; in the second district from 16 to 18, and, effective January 1, 1976, to 19; in the fourth district from 8 to 9, and, effective January 1, 1976, 10; in the eighth district from 3 to 4; in the tenth district from 5 to 6; in the eighteenth district from 5 to 6, and, effective January 1, 1976, 7; and in the nineteenth district from 3 to 4. Provides that one judge of the eighteenth district shall maintain his chambers in Aurora.

Appropriates \$853,544 to fund such new judgeships and provides that no new bailiffs, except one in Aurora, shall be hired. Provides that no construction or remodeling of any court or court-related facility shall be commenced without approval of the chief justice except that such action may be taken by a board of county commissioners.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1073 Courts - settlement or release of liability. Prohibits the obtaining of a statement, obtaining of a general release of liability, or the negotiation of a settlement with an injured person by a person whose interest is adverse to the injured person within 15 days of the occurrence of an injury which might give rise to liability. Provides that any such release or agreement obtained improperly is void and nonadmissible in court except as otherwise provided by statute or rule of court. Exempts statements obtained by peace officers in the course of their employment.

May 9

July 1

H.B. 1231 Courts - court of appeals - jurisdiction. Changes judicial review of the actions of the Colorado state board of medical examiners from the district court to the court of appeals.

April 9

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H.B. 1292 Courts - dissolution of marriage - notice of decree. Directs the clerk of the court to give notice of a decree of dissolution to the state registrar of vital statistics in the division of administration in the department of health rather than to the county clerk and recorder or appropriate official in another jurisdiction. Requires such information to be available to the public upon request.

May 31

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H.B. 1493 Courts and court procedure - damages - comparative negligence. Provides that in a civil action in which contributory negligence is an issue, a trial court must instruct the jury on the effect of the jury's finding as to the degree of negligence of each party. The counsel for each party may argue the effect of the instruction on the facts which are before the jury.

June 26

July 1

H.B. 1669 Courts and court procedure - uniform arbitration act. Expressly validates arbitration agreements and provides procedures for judicial assistance when one party refuses to proceed with arbitration. Allows a court to appoint arbitrators if such is not provided for in an arbitration agreement or if the agreed method fails.

Establishes procedures and grants powers for arbitration hearings, including the issuance of subpoenas, taking of depositions, and the making and changing of awards. Also provides procedures for court confirmation or vacation of an award, making corrections in awards, and making appeals from court orders concerning arbitration.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1701 Courts - probate code - miscellaneous amendments. Makes numerous amendments to the Colorado probate code, among which the following are the most substantial: Specifies who comes under the definition of "fiduciary", and changes a measurement of the standard of care imposed on them; restates portions of the definition of what is included in the term "augmented estate"; establishes time limits for persons entitled to claim exempt property or family allowances; rewrites the forms of the acknowledgment and affidavit of the testator and

witnesses for a "self-proved" will; imposes contempt penalties for failure of a personal representative to comply with court order, and authorizes the court to interrogate any person complained against by any person interested in the estate and to punish such person for failure to respond truthfully; changes the form of notice to creditors back to individual notice given by each personal representative by 3 publications, rather than a combined notice given by the court clerk; restates protection of bona fide purchasers dealing in good faith with personal representatives or distributees as to estate assets, and makes payment of a documentary fee on a recorded instrument prima facie evidence that a transfer was for value; provides that successors to a decedent may, by the agreement of all, require the personal representative to distribute estate assets differently than a will or the law of inheritance provides; and provides a penalty for failure to register trusts.

July 16

July 16

## CRIMES

S.B. 100 Crimes - escape - persons of unsound mind - extradition. Creates criminal penalties for escape by persons under confinement as a result of having entered a plea involving insanity or incompetency in response to a criminal charge. Escape in such case is a class 1 misdemeanor unless the underlying charge was a felony and the escapee leaves the state, which factors make escape a class 5 felony. Voluntary return cancels the charge. Persons of unsound mind having fled here from another state are subject to extradition to their home state if they fled while under detention as a result of having been found to be of unsound mind or being subject to legal proceedings brought to determine that question. The governor may likewise demand the return from another state of a person who has fled this state under like circumstances.

June 29

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S.B. 168 Crimes - blood alcohol content - vehicular assault or homicide. Extends the statutory presumptions concerning blood alcohol content used for proof of driving under the influence (misdemeanor), to the felony offenses of vehicular homicide and vehicular assault. Said presumptions declare that a person with a blood alcohol content of 0.05% or less is not under the influence, in excess of 0.05% but less than 0.10% may be shown by such evidence that he was under the influence, and of 0.10% or more is presumed to be under the influence of alcohol.

June 26

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S.B. 198 Crimes - fraud in charitable solicitations. Defines the crime of charitable fraud as the solicitation of contributions for charitable organizations or purposes while not intending that such organization or purpose benefit thereby, the use of the name of another person or organization without consent, or the use of a name, symbol, or statement similar to that of another organization or governmental agency in a manner designed to mislead the contributor. Provides for service of process on foreign corporations and individuals outside this state, and makes charitable fraud a class 5 felony.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 257 Crimes - purchase of copper - miscellaneous offenses. Requires dealers in salvaged or second hand copper or copper alloys to keep records identifying persons from whom they purchase such materials, which records are to be available for law enforcement officers' inspection. Requires dealers to hold the copper or alloy separate from other materials for at least 7 days from date of purchase, except for that purchased from regulated public utilities or from an original manufacturer. Records of purchases must be kept for 3 years. Violation of the act is a class 3 misdemeanor.

June 20

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H.B. 1027 Crimes - reclassification and decriminalization of cannabis. Redefines cannabis (marijuana) and cannabis concentrate as dangerous drugs and removes reference to such substances in the laws relating to narcotic drugs.

Provides that simple possession of one ounce or less of cannabis is a class 2 petty offense for which a summons is to be issued and, upon conviction, a penalty assessed of not more than \$100. Makes an open and public display of the use of one ounce or less of cannabis a separate offense, and declares such conduct to be a petty offense punishable by at least a fine of \$100 but not to exceed both a \$100 fine and imprisonment in the county jail for 15 days. Declares that transferring or dispensing one ounce or less of cannabis without consideration constitutes possession and not sale.

Otherwise provides penalties for possession or the dispensing of cannabis or cannabis concentrate that are consistent with those for dangerous drugs generally; except that the transfer or dispensing of more than one ounce of cannabis or any amount of cannabis concentrate by any person over the age of 18 to another under such age is a felony punishable by at least 3 years, but not more than 14 years, in the state penitentiary.

July 1

July 1

H.B. 1042 Crimes - unlawful sexual behavior. Repeals and reenacts the criminal law relating to unlawful sexual behavior, changes the name of the crime formerly known as rape to "sexual assault", and conforms various other provisions of the criminal law to this new terminology. Establishes three classes of sexual assault, with penalties varying

from a class 3 felony to a class 1 misdemeanor in most instances, but carrying penalties of from a class 2 felony to a class 4 felony in cases involving such additional elements as serious injury, use of force or deadly weapon, threats, or intimidation. Defines the terms actor, intimate parts, physically helpless, sexual contact, sexual intrusion, sexual penetration, and victim. Sexual assault on a child is defined as when the victim is less than 15 years of age and the actor is 4 years older than the victim.

Makes evidence of the victim's prior and subsequent sexual conduct irrelevant unless it is evidence of the victim's prior or subsequent sexual conduct with the actor, evidence of specific instances of sexual activity, or a history of false sexual assault reports by the victim. Outlines the procedures for an evidentiary hearing concerning the victim's prior sexual history.

Prohibits any instruction to the jury which states that the testimony of the victim shall be examined with caution, and that such a charge is easy to make but difficult to defend against. Provides that criminal sexual assault offenses apply only to those married persons who are intentionally living apart.

July 1

July 1

H.B. 1122 Crimes - murder in the second degree - measure of intent. Replaces "without premeditation" (as the measure of intent in determining whether a killing is murder in the second degree) with "not after deliberation" to conform with the new test for first-degree murder approved by the people at the 1974 general election.

March 19

March 19

H.B. 1146 Crimes - manslaughter - measure of intent. Replaces "without premeditation" (as the measure of intent in determining whether a killing is manslaughter) with "not after deliberation" to conform with the new test for first-degree murder approved by the people at the 1974 general election.

March 19

March 19



H.B. 1157 Crimes - offenses against property - trespass.  
Authorizes the posting of notice against trespass at the readily identifiable entrance to, or the forbidden part of, private land in lieu of the posting of notice at intervals of not more than 400 yards. In the case of a designated access road not otherwise posted, such notice should be posted at the entrance to private land.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1203 Crimes - miscellaneous amendments to the criminal code.  
Makes numerous amendments to the criminal code, summarized as follows: Redefines various terms involving a determination of culpability based upon the mental state of a person; restates circumstances justifying the use of deadly physical force involving arrest or escape; makes changes in the severity classifications of charges involving criminal attempt, conspiracy, and fraud; allows a charge of first degree murder against a participant in any of certain specified felonies if a death results, regardless of cause; criminal intimidation is changed to criminal extortion, is made a felony, and includes threats of economic as well as other harm; theft is redefined and reclassified and theft by receiving is made a separate crime; requires departments of welfare (social services) to give the appropriate juvenile court or district court all their records relating to a child alleged to have been abused for a decision at an in camera hearing as to what portion of such records, if any, are relevant to the investigation of the alleged crime; creates the new crime of "vehicular eluding" involving driving recklessly while attempting to elude a peace officer.

July 21

July 21

## CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

S.B. 111 Criminal procedure - insanity - waiver of jury trial. Provides that a defendant may not waive a jury trial on the separately triable issue of insanity resulting from his plea of not guilty by reason of insanity in a class 1, 2, or 3 felony case unless the court and the district attorney consent. Previously, this limitation on waiver only applied to a class 1 felony case.

July 18

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H.B. 1021 Criminal procedure - deferred sentencing. Gives the court power to defer judgment and sentencing by continuing a case for a period not to exceed 2 years. Such deferral may be given after the defendant has entered a plea of guilty and has entered into a written stipulation with the district attorney, also signed by him and his attorney, with provisions similar to conditions of probation. If the stipulation is complied with by the defendant, the guilty plea is to be withdrawn and the case dismissed with prejudice, but if any condition of the stipulation is breached, the court, after a hearing, is to enter judgment and impose sentence upon the guilty plea previously entered.

February 9

February 9

H.B. 1022 Criminal procedure - plea discussions and agreements. Allows the district attorney to agree to more than one condition in plea discussions and plea agreements, and adds deferred prosecution and deferred sentencing to the list of conditions which the district attorney may consider.

March 12

March 12

H.B. 1070 Criminal procedure - evidence of similar transactions in criminal cases. Allows the prosecution, in criminal actions involving charges of unlawful sexual behavior, to introduce evidence of similar acts or transactions of the defendant for the purpose of showing a common plan, scheme, design, identity, modus operandi, motive, guilty knowledge, or intent after advising the court of the purpose for introducing such evidence, and after first

presenting a prima facie case. Upon objection to introduction of the evidence, the court must determine its relevancy and weigh such against any resulting prejudice to the defendant. Also requires a direction by the court to the jury as to the limited purpose of the evidence at the time of reception and in instructions to the jury.

April 3

April 3

H.B. 1116 Criminal procedure - hearing on deferred prosecution violations. Requires a court hearing to determine whether the conditions of supervision under a deferred prosecution have been violated, and places the burden of proof upon the district attorney to show by a preponderance of the evidence that a violation did occur. Allows the judge at such hearings to receive evidence which may be inadmissible if offered at a trial.

June 26

June 26

H.B. 1223 Criminal procedure - statute of limitations. Provides for an additional 3-year extension on the period of time allowed under the statute of limitations for the prosecution of public servants for certain crimes involving bribery, corrupt influence, or abuse of public office.

May 15

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H.B. 1256 Criminal procedure - diagnostic program - use of inmates. Prohibits inmates from being involved with the diagnostic services provided by the diagnostic program, but allows inmates to function in custodial or food service capacities or to perform other similar tasks approved by the executive director of the department of institutions.

May 31

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DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

S.B. 440 District attorneys - staff - compensation. Prohibits all full-time deputy district attorneys from engaging in the private practice of law and receiving any income from any private law firm. Permits the hiring of part-time deputy district attorneys in judicial districts containing counties or parts thereof with less than 25,000 population who may engage in the private practice of law. Provides that the compensation of all deputy and assistant district attorneys is to be established by the district attorney with the approval of the appropriate board of county commissioners rather than by statute.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1031 District attorneys - employees - social security coverage. Provides social security coverage for district attorneys and their employees by including each district attorney and the employees of his office under the state's federal-state social security coverage agreement.

March 21

January 1, 1975

H.B. 1491 District attorneys - compensation. Provides that district attorneys are to be paid not less than \$24,000 annually but may receive a higher amount if provided by the governing bodies of the counties comprising the judicial district. Provides that the state contribution to such salary shall not exceed \$19,200.

Bases county contributions on the proportion its caseload bears to the total caseload of the district rather than its population ratio, and provides for determination of such proportion.

June 26

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DOMESTIC MATTERS - MARRIAGE

S.B. 93 Domestic matters - requirements for issuing a license to marry. Deletes the 10-day waiting period for a standard serological test for syphilis before a marriage license may be issued. Declares that a marriage license is valid only for 30 days after its date of issue and, if not used, is to be returned to the county clerk and recorder.

April 10

April 10

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- S.B. 1 Education - financing public schools - attendance entitlement. In computing school attendance to determine the amount of state aid to which a school district is entitled, districts can use the largest attendance figure from any of the 3 years preceding the year for which the budget is being prepared, or they can use an average of attendance for the 3 years.

July 14

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- S.B. 2 Education - public schools - reimbursement for transportation. Changes the basis for entitlement for reimbursement to 27 cents for each mile actually traveled and 20% of any amount by which a district's operating expenses exceeded the per mile reimbursement, to a maximum of 90% of the total expended by the district for transportation. Provides for \$1 per day reimbursement for board in lieu of transportation; prescribes the data required for certification for reimbursement; and prohibits the charging of fees by county treasurers for receiving or crediting funds under the school transportation statute.

July 14

July 14

- S.B. 21 Education - public schools - state equalization program - support level and authorized revenue base - appropriation. For 1976, increases the level of support from \$29 to \$29.62 for each mill levied and from \$10 to \$10.35 for each pupil of attendance entitlement. Provides that for the 1976 budget year, after the authorized revenue base has been established, said base shall be increased by \$33.25, to be included in determining the state's share of the equalization program. Appropriates \$7,200,000 to the department of education to fund the additional support.

July 14

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- S.B. 43 Education - public schools - teacher certification. Redefines and specifies the duties of the state board of education with respect to the preparation of teachers in Colorado institutions of higher education. Rewrites the

law relating to teacher certification. Some of the main provisions provide for more specified criteria on types of certificates issued and procedures for issuance, delete the special teacher letter of authorization, provide for the completion of a professional growth plan as a condition of renewal of certification, and provide for evaluation of approved programs of teacher education.

July 14

July 1, 1976

- S.B. 77 Education - public schools - tuition of nonresident students. Raises the tuition rate for students attending public school who are not residents of the school district from a maximum of 115% to 120% of the current per pupil general fund cost. Provides that districts paying tuition for pupils to attend public schools in other school districts are entitled to report the student for the purpose of state support based on attendance entitlement, and the school district receiving students whose tuition is paid by another district is not to count such students for the purpose of attendance entitlement.

June 26

July 1

- S.B. 180 Education - boards of education - proficiency tests. Requires boards of education which impose special proficiency tests for graduation from twelfth grade to initially conduct said tests in the ninth grade and twice during each school year thereafter. The results of such tests are to be utilized to design classes which meet the children's needs as the test results indicate. Requires those children who do not fulfill the test requirements to be provided with remedial or tutorial services in the subjects in which they are deficient. Requires the parents of such children to be provided with all special proficiency test scores.

July 18

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- S.B. 286 Education - public schools - health and survival education programs - appropriation. Establishes a comprehensive health and survival education program for kindergarten and grades 1 through 12 to be administered by the department of education in cooperation with the department of health. Requires programs be instituted for the development of health education instructors and for initiating trial or extended health and survival

education programs in schools. Authorizes each district school board or board of cooperative services to submit a proposal for implementing a health and survival education program to the department of education pursuant to regulations and guidelines developed by the department. Such district proposals are to be reviewed by both departments and priorities are to be assigned by the department of health for the allocation of available funds. Requires the state board of education to submit an appraisal of the program prior to the 1976 session of the general assembly and each session thereafter.

Appropriates \$24,000 to the department of education for the administration and implementation of the act.

July 16

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- S.B. 294 Education - public school district budgets. Amends and repeals portions of the "School District Budget Law of 1964". Removes the requirement that certain funds be divided into function and object, except as required by the department of education, and amends section governing transfer of moneys. Amends "Colorado Local Government Audit Law" to provide that audits pursuant thereto shall include the school district general fund, the bond redemption fund, and the capital reserve fund.

July 14

July 14

- H.B. 1074 Education - suspension, expulsion, and denial of admission - notice of policies and procedures. Authorizes the delegation of the power to suspend a pupil to a designee of a school principal. Also requires that copies of the policies and procedures of a board of education concerning suspension, expulsion, or denial of admission be distributed annually to each student and posted in each public school of the district.

March 26

July 1

- H.B. 1205 Education - refunding bonds - application of bond proceeds. Authorizes the investment of escrowed proceeds of refunding bonds in federal securities rather than only in direct obligations of the United States.

March 31

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H.B. 1227 Education - student teachers. Defines student teacher (formerly referred to as a student of teaching) as a student at an institution of higher education who is acquiring major field experience leading to certification as a teacher by means of professional exposure to practice teaching, supervision, and direction of students.

May 22

May 22

H.B. 1295 Education - public schools - bilingual and bicultural education - appropriation. Provides that every school district is to develop a plan for bilingual and bicultural education for every school having 50 or more students or 10% of the students in grades kindergarten through third grade who are unable to take full advantage of educational programs taught in English because of linguistically different skills and that districts may develop such plans if there are less than 50 students or less than 10% of the students in grades kindergarten through third grade with linguistically different skills.

Establishes a state steering committee to assist the state board of education in administration of the act and a bilingual and bicultural unit in the department of education, and provides for the establishment of community committees, with parent input, to aid local school boards in implementation of such programs.

Specifies procedures for determining the necessity of a plan and for submission of plans for approval; procedures after approval; content of the program; and staff needed to implement the program. Encourages local districts to utilize staff who are bilingual.

Provides a timetable for implementation of bilingual and bicultural education for districts not prepared to implement in the school year 1975-76 and a tutorial program for students for whom a program would not be established but whose language skills require remedy before entering the educational program taught in English.

Appropriates \$2,300,000 to implement the bilingual and bicultural program and \$200,000 to implement the tutorial program.

June 30

June 30

H.B. 1346 Education - public schools - career education - appropriation. Provides for initiation of a systematic, comprehensive, and continual program of career education in publicly supported educational institutions. Creates an executive committee and a state advisory committee to implement the program. Provides that in order to receive funding, plans must be submitted to the state coordinator for approval and makes a one-time appropriation of \$200,000 for initial implementation.

June 29

July 1

H.B. 1443 Education - public schools - preschool education programs. Authorizes a board of education to establish and maintain programs for the instruction of pre-kindergarten children as part of a community school program. While not eligible for state equalization support, such a program may be funded from tuition, gifts, the general school fund, or state or federal moneys.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1444 Education - school district directors - election. Establishes a procedure for reducing or increasing the term of office of one or more directors so that the number of offices to be filled at each biennial school election will be balanced insofar as is possible.

March 17

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EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

- S.B. 281 Higher education - gifts and bequests to institutions of higher education - effect. States that gifts and bequest to state institutions of higher education are not to reduce appropriations for such institutions, nor do they bind the state to continue to fund programs at the level attained as a result of such gifts and bequests. Requires each state institution of higher education to submit to the governor and general assembly on January 30 of each year a list of all gifts and bequests made to said institutions during the preceding calendar year.

June 5

June 5

- H.B. 1020 Higher education - advisory committee to the Colorado commission on higher education. Adds a member chosen by the trustees of the university of northern Colorado to the advisory committee of the Colorado commission of higher education and thereby increases the membership on the advisory committee to not less than 10 members.

February 27

February 27

- H.B. 1232 Higher education - governing bodies of state institutions - composition - appropriation. Provides for 2 student and 2 faculty members of the state board of agriculture; for one student member of the board of trustees of the university of northern Colorado; for a student member of the board of trustees of the Colorado school of mines and for the membership of said board to consist of at least 4 and not more than 5 alumni who graduated no less than 10 years prior to appointment; for a student member of the trustees of the state colleges in Colorado, to be elected from a 5-member advisory committee chosen by the students of the schools governed by the trustees; and for a student member of the board of directors of the Auraria higher education center, to be elected from a 6-member advisory committee chosen by the students of the schools governed by said board. Additionally provides for a 7-member advisory committee of students to the state board for community colleges and occupational education chosen by the students of the schools governed by said board. Appropriates \$3,750 to implement such changes.

July 18

January 1, 1976

H.B. 1233 Higher education - junior colleges - recodification.  
Transfers the body of law concerning junior colleges and their organization and operation from title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes 1973, relating to public education, to title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes 1973, relating to higher education. Recodifies the law relating to junior colleges into a single article consisting of 7 parts: Organization, local junior colleges, grants to junior colleges, tax levies and revenues, bonded indebtedness, refunding bonds, and revenue securities. Clarifies and updates language. Makes miscellaneous amendments to reflect the transfer to higher education.

June 5

July 1

H.B. 1234 Higher education - termination of faculty employment.  
Specifies the grounds and procedures for dismissal or nonrenewal of contract for faculty members at public postsecondary educational institutions except the university of Colorado, Colorado state university, the university of northern Colorado, and Colorado school of mines. Provides that a faculty member, except during the first 3 probationary years, is entitled to a hearing on nonrenewal and that a faculty member is entitled to a hearing on dismissal or suspension, and establishes procedures therefor. Provides reasons for reduction in forces and establishes priorities and procedures for reduction in forces and reappointment.

July 28

September 1

H.B. 1294 Higher education - Auraria higher education center.  
Authorizes the Auraria board, after approval by the Colorado commission on higher education, to obtain financing for the constructing, acquiring, and equipping of student center facilities. Also provides that the net income from student center facilities, or student fees, after approval of the student body, may be pledged as security for repayment of moneys advanced for such facilities.

April 9

April 9

H.B. 1334 Education - universities and colleges - Trinidad community college - authorization to sell certain lands.  
Authorizes Trinidad community college to sell and execute deeds to various properties. Provides that the proceeds of such sales are to be placed in an escrow account

approved by the state controller and state treasurer. Requires the interest and, if necessary, principal from such account to be used only for auxiliary enterprise bond payments, which payments are not to be made from the general fund.

June 26

June 26

H.B. 1381 Education - universities and colleges - university of southern Colorado - name change - new educational objectives. Changes the name of southern Colorado state college to the university of southern Colorado, and establishes new educational objectives for the university to include programs offered in a technical community college. Such programs are to include postsecondary programs for credit, awarding the appropriate associate degree in the vocational, technical, or occupational area, and performing the functions of an area vocational school in conformance with standards of the state board for community colleges and occupational education. Provides for tuition adjustments for said technical programs.

June 16

June 16

H.B. 1747 Education - state funding of junior college districts - appropriation. Raises the grant available to each junior college district from state funds for each full-time resident student enrolled in postsecondary courses for credit from \$575 (specified in 1975 H.B. No. 1233) to \$700, subject to proration for students with less than full academic loads. The state board for community colleges and occupational education is to submit operating budgets for all junior college districts by November 1 of each year commencing in 1976. Appropriates \$582,500 to the said board to cover the increased grant.

July 28

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## ELECTIONS

S.B. 102 Elections - disclosure statements by candidates for statewide office. Extends the disclosure requirements for public officials under the "Colorado Sunshine Act of 1972" to all candidates for statewide office and to candidates for district attorney. Such information, relating to income and property interests, is to be filed with the attorney general at the time of becoming a candidate and continuing up to the time of withdrawal or defeat at the polls, with changes therein to be reported within 30 days of the occurrence.

June 29

June 29

S.B. 244 Elections - registration of non-English-speaking people. Declares it to be the intent of the general assembly that non-English-speaking citizens be encouraged to vote and that efforts be made so that obstacles to the registration of such citizens can be minimized. Requires the county clerk and recorder to take action to recruit bilingual staff in precincts which have a composition of 3% or more non-English-speaking electors. Requires lists of eligible persons submitted by the county chairmen of the 2 predominant political parties, from which the personnel of branch registration offices are to be selected, to identify those persons on the lists who are bilingual if they are to work in areas where 3% or more of the qualified electors are non-English-speaking.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 249 Elections - voter change of name. Allows a previously registered voter to have his name changed in the voter registration books on election day by an election judge by completing a form (prescribed by the secretary of state and issued by the county clerk and recorder) available at each polling place and by signing the registration book and an affidavit as to his new legal name. Deletes the provision allowing a name change by filing a verified application with the county clerk and recorder without making a personal appearance.

June 20

July 1

S.B. 424 Elections - nomination of independent candidates - petition. Defines a delegate to a party assembly as a registered elector having resided in the precinct for 32 days and having been affiliated with the party for at least 3 months. Provides for objection to designation or nomination to be made within 7 (rather than 3) days and action to be taken on such objection within 96 (rather than 48) hours. Makes various changes in provisions relating to petitions for nominating independent candidates, including the number of signatures required when the nomination is for an office to be filled by the electors of a county and the time for amending, circulating, and filing the petition. No longer requires each signature on a petition to be acknowledged, but requires the person circulating the petition to file an affidavit verifying the signatures on said petition.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1038 Elections - anonymous statements concerning candidates. Requires the sponsors of statements concerning candidates to be clearly identified on the statements. One who causes anonymous statements to be distributed is declared to be the offender, rather than one who merely distributes the statements. The law does not apply to statements relating solely to or concerning solely the person publishing or distributing such statements.

February 27

February 27

H.B. 1113 Elections - political party committees - composition. Changes the composition of the state central committee, the congressional central committee, and the judicial district central committee to allow additional members as provided by the bylaws of each committee, and adds 2 additional members to each committee for the first 10,000 votes polled by the county at the last preceding general election for governor or president of the United States and 2 additional members for each succeeding 10,000 votes or major portion thereof. Further changes the composition of the congressional central committee by adding the elected board of regents member of the party for the congressional district. Changes the election of the chairman and vice-chairman of the state representative district committees and state senatorial district committees who may or may not be elected from among, but shall be elected by, the statutory members of the committees. Requires each state representative or state senatorial central committee to elect its officers and adopt its own bylaws and the chairman of each

committee to set the time and place of meetings and district assemblies.

March 21

March 21

H.B. 1144 Elections - school district - appropriation. Requires the state commissioner of education to prepare a simplified manual to cover school elections, and appropriates \$3,000 for the preparation and printing thereof. Conforms definitions relating to electronic equipment to the general election law. Requires (rather than permitting a choice of dates) that the regular school district election in a city and county be on the third Tuesday in May in odd-numbered years. Miscellaneous amendments are made in the school election law including provisions relating to: Registration of voters; polling places; publication of notice of election; time limits for contesting election results; and the petition and the procedures for the recall of school district directors.

May 21

July 1

H.B. 1149 Elections - false statements relating to candidates and issues - penalty. Declares it to be a class 2 misdemeanor for any person to knowingly make, publish, or cause to be made or published any false statement relating to any candidate for nomination or election or to knowingly publish, broadcast, or cause to be published or broadcast any false statement relating to any question to be voted upon by the people.

May 31

May 31



FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

S.B. 284 Financial institutions - investor protection - securities. Enacts the "Investor Protection Act" to establish procedures concerning take-over bids to acquire equity securities, and requires prior notice of a take-over bid to be given to the commissioner of securities together with the same information as is required by the federal "Securities and Exchange Act of 1934". Requires the approval of the commissioner before any offer is made to the equity security holders of the offeree's company, and requires a recommendation to accept or reject the take-over bid to be filed with the commissioner. Authorizes a person whose shares are taken up pursuant to a take-over bid to recover any stock sold, including earned dividends, or the equivalent thereof in damages for noncompliance with the act's notice and reporting requirements.

Provides, in addition to securities already exempted from the registration and filing requirements of the Colorado "Securities Act", exemptions for securities which are listed on the PBW stock exchange, Boston stock exchange, and Chicago board of options exchange or which are issued by a cooperative association producing electricity. Imposes additional limitations upon the issuance of securities by nonprofit religious, education, benevolent, and charitable organizations and those issued by a chamber of commerce or trade or professional association in order to be exempt from said requirements of the "Securities Act". Deletes the exemption for securities issued by organizations with social, fraternal, athletic, and reformatory purposes.

Provides that any transaction "not involving any public offering" is not exempt from the registration and filing requirements of the "Securities Act" if general or public advertising is employed. Allows a person claiming an exemption to file written notice or claim for an exemption and request a conformation, opinion, or ruling, and authorizes the commissioner, in any request, ruling, or order in response thereto, to waive any condition for the exemption.

June 26

July 1

H.B. 1043 Financial institutions - emergency bank charters. Provides that the banking board may summarily issue, in the interest of protecting the public and the depositors

of a closed bank, a new bank charter to qualified individuals in lieu of the bank's liquidation or reorganization. Said qualified persons must assume full liability for the closed bank's deposits and retain the bank's place of business.

June 20

June 20

- H.B. 1046 Financial institutions - credit unions - membership. Deletes limitations, including those on borrowing, which had been imposed upon members of credit unions who leave the field of membership of a credit union but retain membership therein. Allows members to retain full membership as provided in the bylaws of the credit union.

March 21

July 1

- H.B. 1047 Financial institutions - assessment of fees. Directs the banking board or bank commissioner to make uniform assessments upon state banks, industrial banks, and credit unions to cover the administrative expenses of the division of banking, separately attributable to the supervision of said institutions, in proportion to their assets. Provides that regular examination fees are also to be assessed in such manner rather than according to classifications.

June 20

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- H.B. 1056 Financial institutions - bank examinations. Requires the state bank commissioner to examine banks only once a year instead of twice a year, and no longer allows him to accept in lieu of such examination a copy of an examination done by a federal agency or any other similar report. Allows the exchange of information as to the condition of banks between the state bank commissioner and the federal deposit insurance corporation or the board of governors of the federal reserve system, in addition to the U.S. comptroller of currency as already permitted.

June 20

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- H.B. 1058 Financial institutions - state banks. Requires a state bank to report to the banking commissioner any change in the bank's outstanding voting stock resulting in a change

of control of the bank. Defines "control" to include the power to directly or indirectly cause the direction of the management or policies of the bank. Does not require changes of less than 10% of the outstanding voting stock to be reported. Specifies the contents of said report, including the names of the sellers and purchasers, the purchase price, the number of shares sold, any loans made in connection therewith, and the total shares owned by the parties before and after the sale.

June 20

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H.B. 1216 Financial institutions - credit unions - supervisory committee - federal credit union - merger. Directs the supervisory committee to make semiannual (rather than quarterly) examinations of the books and records of the credit union, and requires one of said examinations to be a comprehensive annual audit. Requires a report of said audit to be submitted to the board of directors and a summary of the report to be submitted to the member at the next annual meeting.

Establishes a procedure for the conversion of a state credit union to a federal credit union, the main points of which are: Approval by a majority of the directors of the credit union, a meeting of the members, approval of two-thirds of the members present and voting at such meeting, and compliance with the federal credit union act. Upon conversion, the credit union is no longer subject to state law but remains responsible for all obligations as though the conversion had not taken place.

Alters the procedure for mergers relating to the notice of a meeting for consideration of a merger. Two-thirds of those members present and voting at such meeting (rather than two-thirds of the entire membership) must approve the merger. Allows written disapproval of a merger to be counted as a vote. Authorizes state credit unions to merge with federal credit unions.

June 16

June 16

H.B. 1217 Financial institutions - credit union powers concerning loans, investments, and dividends. Removes the limitation on a credit union's investment in the shares and deposits of the central credit union which limited such to 25% of a credit union's paid-in capital. Allows a majority of a credit committee, rather than all, to pass and approve loans. Increases the maximum dividend

payable from 6% to 7%, and allows such to be paid for such periods of time as the credit union board authorizes, rather than only annually or semiannually.

June 16

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H.B. 1496 Financial institutions - authorized practices. Empowers the banking board, the savings and loan commissioner, and the state bank commissioner to authorize state banks, savings and loan associations, and credit unions to engage in the same practices as similar federally chartered financial institutions, so long as such activities are not specifically prohibited by state law.

June 26

June 26

H.B. 1659 Financial institutions - protection for deposits of public moneys. Provides that public moneys of the state, any political subdivision, any public body corporate created or established pursuant to law or the state constitution, or any board, agency, commission, department, or institution thereof may be deposited in eligible public depositories designated by the state bank commissioner or, if fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation, in other state or national banks. Specifies security for such deposits in excess of FDIC-insured amounts, and provides alternative methods of pledging eligible collateral to secure such moneys in event of default. Declares it to be a misdemeanor for any public official to fail to deposit public moneys in an eligible public depository, or in an account where the entire amount of such deposit is FDIC-insured, after January 1, 1976. Some provisions do not take effect until January 1, 1976.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1695 Financial institutions - savings and loan associations - deposits of public moneys. Provides that public moneys of the state, any political subdivision thereof, any public body corporate created or established pursuant to law or the state constitution, or any board, commission, department, institution, or agency thereof may be deposited in depositories designated by the state commissioner of savings and loan associations or, if fully insured by the federal savings and loan insurance corporation, in other state or federally chartered savings and loan associations. Specifies security for

such deposits in excess of FSLIC-insured amounts and provides for securing such moneys in event of default. Amends related provisions. Some provisions do not take effect until January 1, 1976.

July 14

July 14

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

S.B. 146 General assembly - expenses. Clarifies expense allowances and reimbursements for members of the general assembly by providing that the expense allowance is available only for days of actual attendance during sessions of the general assembly.

February 28

February 28

S.B. 169 General assembly - legislative services - compensation commission. Establishes a state officials' compensation commission in the legislative branch as one of the service offices of the general assembly, the commission to be composed of 9 members chosen as follows: 2 appointed by the president of the senate and 2 by the speaker of the house, of which appointments only one of each 2 can be a member of the general assembly; 3 appointed by the governor and 2 by the chief justice of the supreme court, all of whom are to be experts in finance and compensation for services and are not to be state officials or employees. Terms of appointment are from 2 to 4 years, and members are to receive no compensation. The commission is to report to the general assembly at the start of the 1976 session and to each odd-year session thereafter recommending salaries and other benefits for members of the general assembly, the judiciary, district attorneys, and executive branch officials not in the state personnel system. The general assembly is to consider the recommendations, as are the county commissioners with respect to district attorneys.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 297 General assembly - Colorado commission on uniform state laws. Increases the membership on the Colorado commission on uniform state laws from 4 to 6, and provides for the appointment of the additional members.

July 18

July 18

S.B. 467 General assembly - compensation of members - legislative audit committee. Provides that members of the legislative audit committee are to receive the same rate of per diem compensation (\$35 per day, not to exceed

\$3,500 per year while performing their duties when the general assembly is not in session) as is received by members of the joint budget committee. Adds the president of the senate to the list of those who are to receive per diem compensation while attending to matters concerning the general assembly when the general assembly is not in session, and removes the limitation on the amount which could be paid such members in any calendar year.

June 20

June 20

H.B. 1078 General assembly - representative districts 64 and 65. Adjusts the boundaries of representative district 64 by adding the remainder of Washington county and deleting enumeration districts numbered 12 and 13 in Yuma county. Adjusts the boundary of representative district 65 by adding the remainder of Yuma county and deleting enumeration district number 2 in Washington county.

VETOED June 20

H.B. 1105 General assembly - reapportionment. Adjusts the boundary between house districts 24 and 29 to conform with the boundary between Arvada and Wheat Ridge, and adjusts the boundary of house district 27 accordingly.

VETOED June 13

GOVERNMENT - COUNTY

S.B. 7 County government - subdivision regulations - water supplies. In considering plans presented for the proposed development of subdivisions, county commissioners are to refer plans to the state engineer for his opinion concerning the adequacy of the proposed water supply and the likelihood of harm to other water rights. The state engineer is required to report in writing on any inadequacy or injury and may propose solutions for inadequate supply. Copies of adverse opinions are to be given to potential purchasers of a subdivision which is approved despite the adverse opinion, unless the county commissioners find that the developer has remedied the defects. A municipality or special district designated in such a plan as the source of supply is to advise the county commissioners of the extent of its available supply, and the state engineer is to advise the commissioners on the adequacy of such report. In considering the question of adequacy of water supply for a subdivision in connection with any application for a well permit, the state engineer may consider the cumulative effect that all wells in a subdivision would have in determining whether material injury to others would result.

July 18

July 18

S.B. 67 County government - charter for home rule. Increase the time limit from 180 to 240 days in which a charter commission may present to the board of county commissioners a proposed charter for county home rule.

March 28

March 28

S.B. 140 County government - general accounting records. Requires the county treasurer, clerk and recorder, sheriff, and assessor to furnish copies of all financial records to a person appointed by the board of county commissioners in order to make county record keeping more efficient.

June 4

June 4

S.B. 210 County government - planning commission - staff. Changes the authority to hire staffs of county planning



planning commissions from the planning commission to the board of county commissioners.

VETOED June 26

- S.B. 334 County government - subdivision regulations - types of soil. Allows required maps and tables to indicate the suitability of types of soils in a proposed subdivision by using any standard soil classifications and procedures instead of only the national cooperative soil survey.

July 14

July 14

- S.B. 430 County government - recall of county officers. Provides that the recall of an elective county officer may be sought by the registered electors of the county by a petition signed by such electors. Requires the petition to contain the full title and text of the petition and that such petition be filed within 60 days from the date the first signature was affixed. Allows amendment of a petition or withdrawal of a signature within 60 days of filing, and permits any registered voter and the board of county commissioners to request review of the sufficiency of such petition.

Requires a date for a recall election to be fixed when a petition is determined sufficient, and provides that if recall is effected, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

(Became Law Without Governor's Signature) July 31

- H.B. 1136 County government - election of county commissioners. Authorizes an increase in the number of county commissioners from 3 to 5 in counties of 70,000 or more population. Such increase may be proposed for submission to the electors of the county either by resolution of the county commissioners or by a petition signed by 8% of the number of the county's voters voting in the last election for secretary of state. The resolution or petition must specify one of the 2 allowable methods of electing commissioners: Either divide the county into 5 districts for candidate residency purposes, or provide for 3 such districts with 2 at-large seats. In either case, the plan can provide for all electors of the county choosing all candidates, or it can provide that candidates from districts be elected by only the electors of the district. Special provisions govern elections in the

transition period of increasing from 3 to 5 in order to stagger terms. Also makes miscellaneous amendments to the Colorado election code to make county commissioners subject to statutes concerning party politics.

April 24

April 24

H.B. 1395 County government - powers of county commissioners. Gives the board of county commissioners power to regulate public recreation lands and facilities by rules and regulations, and provides for enforcement thereof.

Expands the types of collateral used as security under a subdivision improvements agreement to include restriction on the conveyance, sale, or transfer of property within the subdivision and letters of credit. Provides that any one or a combination of the types of security or collateral listed may be used and that the subdivider may substitute security to release property for sale; that the security required shall equal the cost of improvements but shall not be required on portions subject to plat restrictions; that security arrangements with collateral agreements shall not be required in excess of actual costs of public improvements; and that the amount of security may be incrementally reduced as improvements are made.

Creates a right of action to compel enforcement of subdivision improvements agreements, including the right to compel rescission of any sale, conveyance, or transfer of title. Requires such action to be commenced prior to issuance of a building permit or prior to commencement of construction.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1419 County government - responsibility for county poor. Provides that a poor person unable to earn a livelihood due to bodily infirmity, mental incompetency, or other unavoidable cause shall receive relief from the county of his residence. Repeals the law imposing the primary responsibility for support of such persons upon members of his family. Repeals the law imposing a penalty for knowingly bringing poor persons into a county of the state. Repeals the laws requiring durational residency and self-sufficiency prior to being chargeable as a poor person.

June 29

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H.B. 1513 County government - fees and duties of county treasurer. Increases fees charged by a county treasurer for delivery of certificates of purchase and certificates of redemption to \$2. Provides for a fee of \$10 for the making of a treasurer's deed, regardless of the number of descriptions therein.

In cases of property omitted from the tax list by the county assessor, limits the time in which the county treasurer can assess taxes and interest thereon or take legal action to collect the same to 6 years after the date on which the tax was or is payable, except in cases of fraudulent evasion of taxes which may be collected at any time.

Allows a county treasurer, in lieu of issuing individual receipts, to issue a certified statement of taxes paid and other relevant information to taxpayers or their agents making combined tax payments on 10 or more parcels of land within the county.

Deletes provisions for the inclusion of more than one parcel of property in certificates of purchase at tax sales, certificates of redemption, and tax sale deeds. Increases from 50 cents to \$2 the fee for the registration with the county clerk and recorder of such certificates of purchase.

June 26

July 1

H.B. 1539 County government - assessments for local improvement districts. Repeals provisions which authorized the postponement of special payment of assessments for streets or sidewalks on property in an unincorporated area owned by a person 65 years of age or older until the property is transferred or until the death of such owner.

June 16

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GOVERNMENT - LOCAL

- S.B. 52 Local government - assessment of benefits arising from drainage improvements. Specifies factors to be considered in assessing specific property for the benefit conferred by drainage improvements in county public improvement districts, county local improvement districts, municipal special improvement districts, and drainage districts; and for the benefit conferred by the regulation of stream flow in water conservancy districts. Includes increase in market value, adaptability of the property to a superior or more profitable use, alleviation of health and sanitation hazards, any increased convenience, and recreational improvements accruing to the property owners among such factors.

June 29

July 1

- S.B. 56 Local government - county use tax. Permits a county, in conjunction with municipalities therein, to impose a countywide use tax or a countywide sales and use tax, and provides administrative procedures therefor.

July 14

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- S.B. 57 Local government - development revenue bonds. Expands the types of projects which can be financed by county and municipality revenue bonds to include: Low- and middle-income housing facilities which are to be used as the sole place of residence by the intended occupants; facilities for the removal of sewage and solid waste or for the furnishing of water and energy; recreational, convention, or trade show facilities; and airports, mass transportation facilities, and parking facilities. Broadens the concept of user under the act by providing that the private entity entering into the financing agreement need not be the ultimate occupant or user of the project. Permits such bonds to be secured by a mortgage on other property of the user in addition to or in lieu of a mortgage on the project. Prohibits the county or municipality from pledging its property, except the property of the project, to secure such bonds.

July 14

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H.B. 1026 Local government - Colorado housing finance authority. Reorganizes the "Colorado Housing Finance Authority Act" and updates and standardizes the language of the act. Increases the discretion of the governing board of the authority in administrative areas such as regulation of sponsor distributions, determination of persons qualified to reside in housing facilities, and power to invest. Authorizes the board to engage in the purchase of mortgages and programs for loans to lenders.

April 9

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H.B. 1343 Local government - housing development and financing. Authorizes the Colorado housing finance authority to establish special capital reserve funds to be used for the payment of the annual debt service expenses due on bonded indebtedness. Limitations are imposed in the form of a capital reserve fund requirement based upon computations of debt service requirements for each succeeding year for each such fund, and no fund is to be reduced below that requirement except for debt service purposes for which no other funds are available. The housing finance authority chairman is to report to the governor at the end of each year any deficit in a capital reserve fund below the capital reserve fund requirement, and the governor may request such amount from the general assembly, which may take such action as it deems desirable.

May 22

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H.B. 1487 Local government - all local governments to file copy of budget. Extends to home rule cities and towns, cities and counties, and territorial charter cities the requirement that a certified copy of their budget be filed with the division of local government in the department of local affairs.

July 1

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H.B. 1494 Local government - audits of local governments - prohibition. Prohibits those individuals and firms which maintain records, books, or accounts for local governments from auditing those same records, books, or accounts.

June 16

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H.B. 1582 Local government - taxation. Requires that the question of an increase in the tax levy of a local government other than a school district be submitted to the division of local government no later than October 31, and if the division makes no response in writing within 10 days, the request shall be deemed approved and authorized. As an alternative, authorizes the question of the increased levy to be submitted directly to the qualified electors of the local government without submitting the request to the division, and states that any election held for such purpose is to be held before December 15.

VETOED July 1

H.B. 1746 State government - public employees' social security. Authorizes all political subdivisions of the state to adopt a sick pay program, subject to approval by the division of employment, in conformance with section 209 (b) and (d) of the federal "Social Security Act", and to exclude from employee wages any payments made under such a plan. Defines "sick pay" to show that any payments made to public employees during sickness are made on account of sickness and are not salary payments made in spite of sickness.

July 14

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GOVERNMENT - MUNICIPAL

S.B. 98 Municipal government - firemen's pension fund. Raises the limitation on the annual payment made by the state treasurer to the firemen's pension fund by \$150,000.

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S.B. 320 Municipal government - policemen's pension fund - increase of transferred moneys. Increases the amount of money transferred by the state treasurer to the policemen's pension fund from \$1,300,000 to \$1,450,000.

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H.B. 1089 Municipal government - recodification. Reorganizes and recodifies all of title 31, Colorado Revised Statutes 1973, relating to municipal government in order to clarify the law and make it more workable. Because of the length of the bill, only the major substantive changes are noted.

Provides for home rule charter commissions of 9 members in municipalites having less than 2,000 population and 21 members in other municipalities; changes certain provisions regarding appointment of city and town officers, and includes provisions for the appointment of a city administrator and town manager; provides for the use of electronic voting systems in municipal elections; and conforms annexation provisons to requirements of the division of local government.

Gives municipalities the power to own and franchise geothermal and solar as well as conventional types of utilities; changes certain provisions concerning reading and passage of ordinances and adoption of codes; conforms prior law regarding the submission of the question of special assessment bonded indebtedness to amended constitutional provisions; and deletes outdated provisions concerning conveyancing of town lots.

May 1 July 1

H.B. 1099 Municipal government - urban renewal - tax increment. Permits the division of revenue from taxes levied after

approval of an urban renewal plan into a portion consisting of those taxes produced by the levy at the rate fixed prior to approval of the plan (which are to be paid into the funds of the public body), and a portion consisting of taxes in excess of the amount paid on taxable property under the prior rate (which are to be paid into a special fund of the authority to pay indebtedness of the authority until all such indebtedness is paid). When all such indebtedness is paid, the excess amount is to be paid into the funds of the public body.

Allows school districts which include all or part of any urban renewal area to participate in an advisory capacity in the decision to effect such division of tax revenues, and provides for cooperation of public bodies with urban renewal authorities in projects.

Provides that if a division is in effect, the board of county commissioners is to make the same levy on both portions, and requires the report of certification for assessment when a division is in effect to be based on the portion which is paid into the funds of the public body.

July 16

July 16

H.B. 1241 Municipal government - refunding bond proceeds. Allows municipalities to invest or reinvest any escrowed funds from refunding bond proceeds in federal securities rather than only direct obligations of the United States. Defines "federal securities" to include the principal and interest of obligations which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States as well as direct obligations of the United States.

April 9

April 9

H.B. 1377 Municipal government - improvement districts. Miscellaneous amendments relating to special improvements in municipalities, including the following: Allows improvements to be initiated by a municipality without a petition having been filed; requires less publication of notice, but adds requirement of mailed notice of the proposal and the assessment therefor to the property owners affected; allows a municipality to provide by ordinance that, after 75% of the bonds issued on an improvement district have been paid and canceled, the remainder may be paid off out of other funds subject to reimbursement when the unpaid assessments are actually collected.

May 20

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H.B. 1666 Municipal government - intergovernmental contracts to form power authorities. Enacted pursuant to the constitutional amendment approved at the 1974 general election which allowed municipalities to join together or with private or public corporations to effect development, production, and transmission of energy, this act sets forth certain required contents of related intergovernmental contracts, and provides for the legal status, general powers, and bonding requirements of power authorities.

May 20

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GOVERNMENT - SPECIAL DISTRICTS

S.B. 79 Special districts - property within metropolitan recreation districts. Deletes the provision which excluded land and improvements thereon used for manufacturing, mining, railroad, or industrial purposes which had a valuation for assessment in excess of \$25,000 at the date of filing from a metropolitan recreation district.

June 5

January 1, 1976

S.B. 177 Special districts - service plans. Authorizes the board of county commissioners to disapprove the service plan submitted by the petitioners of a proposed special district upon satisfactory evidence that the proposal is not in substantial compliance with a duly enacted master plan of the county or a part thereof or that the proposal is not in compliance with any duly adopted county, regional, or state long-range water quality management plan.

Requires that any inclusion of land in an existing water district, sanitation district, or water and sanitation district which is to be achieved by petition of taxpaying electors of a contiguous area must be subject to the provisions of the special district control act requiring the filing of a service plan.

July 18

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S.B. 454 Special districts - regional transportation district - area included. Part of Douglas county is removed from the boundaries of the regional transportation district, with some specifically described areas of the part removed being given an option, until July of 1985, to return to the district by voting in favor of such a proposition.

July 18

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H.B. 1224 Special districts - water and sanitation boards. Increases the maximum annual compensation of a member of a district board of directors from \$600 to \$960, payable

at the rate of \$35 rather than \$25 per meeting.

May 22

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H.B. 1408 Special districts - reorganization elections. Provides for complete reorganization by May, 1978, of the election and terms of office of directors of special districts not complying with the uniform special district election code. Requires such districts having 3, 5, and 7 directors to elect one, two, and three directors respectively to 4-year terms at the May 1976 elections and the remainder of such directors to 4-year terms at the May 1978 elections.

June 26

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H.B. 1624 Special districts - regional service authorities - designation of services. Permits the resolution calling for formation of a service authority (approved by a majority of the governing bodies of the counties and municipalities involved) to also include a designation of the services proposed for the authority and the manner in which they should be voted on. The same right is given for petitions for formation of an authority (signed by 5% of the number of votes cast within the territory for governor in the last election). Under prior law such designation of services was the duty of the organizational commission appointed by the court when it approved a resolution or petition for formation of a service authority. The commission is now to designate services only if the resolution or petition fails to do so.

June 20

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H.B. 1632 Special districts - regional service authorities. Amends the territorial requirements for a regional service authority in the metropolitan area by deleting the requirement that it consists of all of the city and county of Denver and Adams, Arapahoe, and Jefferson county, and allowing it to be formed excluding census enumeration districts 1, 2, and 3 of both the east Adams division and the east Arapahoe division (1970 census).

June 16

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H.B. 1743 Special districts - refunding of general obligation bonds. Establishes uniform procedures for the refunding of general obligation bonds or other general obligation indebtedness of any special district by authorizing the refunding of outstanding bonds without an election. Such refunding bonds are not to be considered as additional debt incurred by the district. Provides for the sale or exchange of refunding bonds in order to retire all or part of outstanding general obligation bonds for the purpose of reducing interest costs or effecting other economies, avoiding default, or eliminating certain restrictive conditions.

Limits the refunding of outstanding bonds to those which are voluntarily surrendered or to those which have matured or which by their terms are callable. Imposes other limitations on refunding, including the amount of the refunding bonds sold or exchanged in relation to the outstanding bonds being retired.

Proceeds of refunding bonds are to be either immediately applied to retire the bonds being refunded or placed in escrow to be applied to the payment of the bonds being retired over a period of time, but authorizes incidental expenses of the refunding to be paid from the proceeds. Allows the escrowed funds to be invested in "federal securities" which are defined to include the principal and interest of obligations which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States as well as direct obligations of the United States.

June 26

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GOVERNMENT - STATE

S.B. 31 State government - legal holidays - veteran's day.  
Changes the date of veteran's day from the fourth Monday in October to the eleventh day of November.

June 29

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S.B. 33 State government - right to sue the state. Grants to Wallace J. Moffett and Wilma Moffett the right to sue the state in order to determine its liability, if any, for injuries to and the subsequent death of their son, Gregory A. Moffett, while in the custody of the department of institutions. Requires such suit to be brought within one year.

June 20

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S.B. 121 State government - highway patrol - PERA retirement benefits. Allows a retired highway patrol officer an additional method for receiving annuity benefits by providing that any annuity payable at age 55 with 20 or more years of service may, at his option, be paid earlier if he is at least 50 years old and has at least 20 years of service, but the annuity will be reduced based upon the time from the beginning date of the annuity to the date he would attain age 55.

June 26

July 1

S.B. 124 State government - public employees' retirement fund - board membership. Provides that the public employees' retirement board, in addition to the state auditor, the state treasurer, and 4 state employees, is to include 2 municipal employees elected by active contributing members of the municipal division, 5 school employees elected by active contributing members of the school division, and one retired member of the association elected by the retired members of the public employees' retirement association. Eliminates the secretary of state as a member of the board, and requires that the 4 state employee members of the board also be elected by the active contributing members of the state division. Directs the board to establish procedures for the time and manner of holding elections and that terms of office

on the board shall not exceed 4 years.

June 20

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S.B. 127 State government - camper trailer and coach standards - appropriation. Gives the state housing board the duty of formulating standards governing the safety of equipment in camper trailers and camper coaches, defined as mounted equipment or nonpowered wheeled vehicles used as temporary sleeping or living accommodations. The division of housing is to issue insignia of approval for all such equipment (meeting such standards) built and sold after the standards have been established by rule and regulation of the board. The board is also to establish the fee to be charged for insignia, which is to cover all the costs to the state in establishing and enforcing the program. Sale of such equipment or vehicles without such insignia is declared to be a misdemeanor. Appropriates \$50,000 to the division of housing.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 163 State government - division of public works abolished - transfer of powers, duties, and functions. Abolishes the division of public works and transfers the powers, duties, and functions of said division and its director to the office of state planning and budgeting and the executive director thereof except for supervision of the maintenance of the buildings and grounds in the capitol buildings group which is allocated to the executive director of the department of administration.

Authorizes the office of state planning and budgeting to acquire land for off-street parking and to construct related facilities. Transfers the existing balance in the capitol parking account and the farmer's union amortization account to the capital construction fund.

July 18

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S.B. 289 State government - state funds . Provides that funds of the state or any of its political subdivisions may only be deposited in banks and savings and loan associations to the extent that the deposit is insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation (FDIC) or the federal savings and loan insurance corporation (FSLIC) or is

secured by pledge of eligible collateral as required by statute. Provides that security for deposits of public funds in the form of collateral, surety bond, or other form, are not required to the extent they are insured by the FDIC or FSLIC. Repeals the provision stating that existing rights of fiduciaries and other persons to have business checking accounts are not intended to be limited by the statutory provisions on the deposit of state funds.

June 13

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S.B. 351 State government - factory built housing - safety and construction standards. Revises and amends portions of the "Colorado Housing Act of 1970" to conform to new federal law. Adds new definitions including "mobile home" and "mobile home construction" which includes major repair or alteration. Requires substantial alterations or repairs to factory-built housing to be certified by the state housing board.

Provides that rules imposing requirements on mobile homes are to be identical with any rules established by the United States department of housing and urban development. Authorizes the division of housing to act as agent for the federal government for enforcing mobile home safety and construction standards, making inspections, and conducting hearings. Extends the injunctive power of the state director of housing to enjoin the manufacture, alteration, or repair of factory-built housing which is nonconforming, and authorizes the suspension of insignia and approval during injunctive proceedings.

Requires a mobile home manufacturer, after sale to a distributor but before sale to a purchaser, to provide parts, replacement, and installation reimbursement as required by federal law if the division of housing, as agent for the federal government, determines that applicable state or federal mobile home construction and safety standards have not been met or if a mobile home contains a defect which is an imminent safety hazard.

Requires the manufacturer of mobile homes which are to be certified as meeting federal standards to notify the purchaser of a mobile home when it is determined by him that the mobile home has a defect relating to construction or safety standards or which is an imminent safety hazard.

July 18

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S.B. 381 State government - meetings of state boards and commissions outside of Denver. Encourages state boards and commissions, subject to their budgetary constraint, to hold at least 1/3 of their regular meetings outside the Denver metropolitan area.

June 20

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S.B. 394 State government - conveyance to Moffat county. Authorizes a conveyance of lots numbered (1), (2), and (3) in Block 29 in the town of Craig to Moffat county, subject to all easements, covenants, and restrictions of record and to the condition that the parcel is to be used for community purposes. Establishes the true boundary between Lot (3) and Lot (4).

June 29

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S.B. 466 State government - state controller - payroll deductions. Provides that the controller is to regulate, review, and approve all payroll deductions for state employees not expressly authorized by statute or state-sponsored, and requires that no such deduction be made without authorization of the controller. Provides for a charge to be assessed against an organization receiving a benefit from such deduction to offset the cost.

July 18

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H.B. 1007 State government - criminal justice council. Changes the composition of the criminal justice council by increasing the total membership from 22 to 25, adding the chairman of the joint budget committee, the chairman of the legislative audit committee, and the executive director of the office of state planning and budgeting to the council as ex officio members, and removing the adjutant general as an ex officio member. Provides that 15 members are to be appointed by the governor in such a way to insure that 2 represent and reside in each congressional district, 5 represent the state at large, and that at least 5 are members of governing bodies of municipalities or towns who are to serve only as long as they retain such office.

June 18

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H.B. 1014 State government - department of administration - powers and duties of executive director. Directs the executive director to review the accounts of all state agencies with respect to the status of debts owed to the state and to devise methods for increasing the efficiency of the agencies and the controller in the collection of the debts. Authorizes the executive director to promulgate rules and regulations for state agencies and the controller for the collection of debts owed the state, including regulations for the classification of debts, referrals to collection agencies, hiring attorneys, methods of collection, and release of the debt.

June 18

July 1

H.B. 1018 State government - employment of offenders. Authorizes the department of institutions to contract with any organization, association, or governmental agency to train or employ offenders who have been committed to the department of institutions, the state penitentiary, or the Colorado state reformatory or who have been assigned to a community corrections program. Wages paid in such program are to be the same as the prevailing wage for work of a similar nature in the locality in which the work is performed. Wages are to be held in an account maintained by the department and are to be applied to compensate the victim of the crime committed by the offender, to pay support for the offender's dependents, and to defray costs incident to the offender's confinement. Some wages are also to be given the offender while serving his sentence for personal expenses.

May 31

May 31

H.B. 1029 State government - collection of debts due state - appropriation. Provides that the controller and the division of accounts and control are to give advice and assistance to the various state agencies in attempting to collect debts due the state. Starting January 1, 1976, state agencies can refer debts to the controller for further collection efforts when classified as referable under the rules and regulations of the executive director of the department of administration. The solicitor general is to assign sufficient staff to the division to perform the necessary legal services, and collection agencies and private attorneys can be used, with a limit on attorney fees of 1/3 of any recovery made. The controller can write off, release, or compromise debts, subject to the consent of the state treasurer.

Appropriates \$100,000 to the department of administration and \$20,000 to the department of law to implement the act.

July 1

July 1

- H.B. 1082 State government - purchase of services for handicapped and retarded. Provides that, in computing the number of retarded and handicapped students eligible for educational services purchased from community center boards and others primarily with state funds, the number of students eligible is not to be based upon 180-day attendance as is other state aid to schools. Repeals an average program cost provision.

February 27

February 27

- H.B. 1160 State government - state personnel system - reporting dates for salary and fringe benefits adjustments. Postpones by one month the deadline for submission by the state personnel director of his preliminary estimate of the amount needed to implement salary adjustments in the next fiscal year, the deadline for submission by the state personnel director of his final salary adjustments to the governor and of his recommendations for fringe benefits adjustments to the governor and the general assembly, and the deadline for submission by the governor to the general assembly of his recommendations on fringe benefits.

January 31

January 31

- H.B. 1201 State government - department of regulatory agencies - handling of complaints. Directs the executive director of the department of regulatory agencies to promulgate, on or before January 1, 1976, uniform rules for the processing and resolution of complaints directed at the boards and agencies under his supervision.

June 13

June 13

- H.B. 1212 State government - public employees - retirement benefits. Miscellaneous amendments to the public employment retirement law, including the following: Under the deferred annuity provisions for employees leaving state service before reaching retirement age, a

state employee with 20 years credited service before ceasing employment can (if not already receiving a deferred annuity benefit) receive his deferred retirement annuity at age 60 without any reduction, instead of waiting to age 65 as formerly; benefits based on disability (for both state and public employees) are limited to 50% of final average salary except for persons having over 20 years of service before disability who are subject to higher limits; a surviving widower, as well as a widow, can receive the full, unreduced service benefits earned by any PERA member who dies while still continuing on the job although eligible for retirement, and the widower need not prove his disability or financial dependency on the deceased spouse in such case; benefits to surviving children who are seriously physically or mentally handicapped are not to be terminated by reason of reaching any certain age.

May 31

May 31

- II.B. 1254 State government - state employees' emeritus retirement fund - appropriation. Extends to July 1, 1976, the time within which retired state employees receiving full unreduced retirement benefits under the regular retirement provisions of PERA can apply for benefits to be paid from the state employees' emeritus retirement fund, which benefits are raised to \$200 per month but are reduced by the amount available per month to such person from the regular pension received from PERA or any unit of local government. Provides for an annual increase of 3% in monthly benefits under the emeritus plan. Appropriates \$45,000 to implement the act.

July 16

July 16

- H.B. 1266 State government - interstate compacts - placement of children. Enacts the "Interstate Compact on Placement of Children" providing for the arrangement for care of a child in a family free or boarding home, a child care agency or institution, or a hospital or other medical facility, not including institutions for the mentally ill, mentally defective, or epileptic or any educational institution, and specifying procedures therefor and limitations thereon. Provides for the institutional care of delinquent children when it is deemed in the child's best interest and is unavailable in the sending agency's jurisdiction. Designates the department of social services as the appropriate authority to receive notice and to concur in the discharge of a child from custody; empowers the officers of the state and its subdivisions

to enter into agreements; and provides that the governor shall appoint a compact administrator. Fixes the age for termination of minority at 21.

July 14

July 14

- H.B. 1364 State government - increase in public employee retirement benefits - appropriation. Increases retirement benefits for retired employees of the state, municipalities, cities and counties, school districts, county or district health departments, and housing authorities who retired before 1974. The increases vary from 74% for those retiring on or before December 31, 1951, to 4% for those retiring in 1973. Provides a special supplement to state employees for each year of service in excess of 20 years completed on or before July 1, 1969. Appropriates \$1,100,000 to the controller to pay the cost of increased benefits.

July 16

July 16

- H.B. 1376 State government - composition of the state board of pharmacy. Changes the composition of the state board of pharmacy and increases the size of said board by adding 2 lay members who have no financial interest in the practice of pharmacy. Removes the limitation that the governor could appoint the pharmacist members only from a list of eligible persons supplied by the Colorado pharmaceutical association.

June 26

June 26

- H.B. 1384 State government - regional library service systems. Authorizes the establishment of a regional library service system to provide cooperative interlibrary services within a geographic area. Such a system may be composed of school, academic, special, and, with the approval of the state board of education, public libraries. The governing board of each regional library service system approved by the state board of education is to have all the powers of a public library board of trustees, except it cannot hold or acquire title to land or buildings. Requires the governing boards of such systems to submit annual plans and budgets as required by the state librarian. Provides for withdrawal of a library from a system and for the dissolution of a regional library service system.

May 22

May 22

H.B. 1521 State government - state fair and industrial exposition - issuance of revenue bonds. Authorizes the state fair and industrial exposition commission to issue revenue bonds to finance additional facilities for the commission and the state fair and industrial exposition. Specifies the procedures for issuance and sale and the conditions of such bonds.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1561 State government - register of historic places. Creates a state register of historic places under the administration of the state historical society. Requires the society to prepare and maintain the state register, establish and promulgate procedures for the listing of properties therein by December 31, 1975, prepare a preservation plan by June 30, 1976, assist state agencies in reviewing their actions for adequacy in addressing the preservation of properties in the state register, and regularly notify state agencies of additions or deletions to the state register. Establishes criteria for the consideration of properties for the state register and procedures for the inclusion of certain properties therein by the owner thereof, a local government, a state agency, or the society.

Requires any state agency, at the earliest stage of planning, to notify the society that a proposed course of action may adversely affect properties listed in the state register, to request a determination of effect on such properties, and to afford the society 30 days to review the proposed action. Authorizes the society to make specific recommendations to prohibit or alter all or some aspects of the proposed agency action. If the two parties cannot negotiate a satisfactory agreement, requires the governor to make a final determination upon appeal by one of the parties.

Authorizes a local government's designation as an area of state interest of any property nominated to or accepted by the state register. Requires written approval by the owner of property prior to its nomination for or inclusion in the state register.

July 18

July 18

H.B. 1566 State government - information coordination act. Provides that any report required or allowed to be made to the general assembly complies with the authority or direction to make such report if 10 copies thereof are filed with each house and copies are given to all legislators upon request.

Provides that reports required to be filed by the state treasurer with the general assembly no longer need to be given to each member of the general assembly.

June 20

June 20

H.B. 1618 State government - distribution and sale of official reports. Transfers from the secretary of state to the office of revisor of statutes the distribution of Colorado Revised Statutes 1973, supplements thereto, and annual session laws to agencies of the state; to the publisher the distribution of the reports of the supreme court and the court of appeals in accordance with a list supplied by the librarian of the supreme court; to the publisher the duty of the sale of the session laws, and requires the publisher to make a report to the committee on legal services concerning such sales within one month of the beginning of each regular session of the general assembly. Requires the publisher to sell copies of the annual session laws and the reports of the supreme court and the court of appeals at the cost per copy plus a 20% (rather than 25%) markup.

June 13

July 1

H.B. 1693 State government - official seals - specifications for type required. Provides that any seal required by law may be in the form of a rubber stamp which affixes a facsimile of the seal to a document by means of indelible ink.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1720 State government - 1976 centennial-bicentennial commission - fund created - appropriation. Creates a Colorado centennial-bicentennial commission fund into which shall be paid moneys as specifically provided in order to pay expenses of statewide centennial-bicentennial projects and events and to match available federal funds. Provides that receipts in excess of \$2,000,000 are to be credited to the general

fund, that moneys remaining in the centennial-bicentennial fund on June 30, 1976, are to remain to fund expenses of the centennial-bicentennial commission, that moneys remaining in said fund on June 30, 1977, are to be credited to the general fund, and that the centennial-bicentennial fund is to be subject to audit. Appropriates \$2,500,000 to said fund to provide for expenses of the centennial-bicentennial commission.

July 23

July 23

H.B. 1725 State government - department of administration - centralized services. Authorizes the executive director of the department of administration to establish, maintain, and operate centralized services for the benefit of state agencies and political subdivisions of the state. Creates a central services revolving fund for acquiring, housing, and staffing such services under the control of the executive director. Requires that such central services be competitive with or lower than similiar services offered by private industry, but also requires user agencies to pay the full cost of the particular service. Abolishes the state central storeroom and revolving fund therefor.

June 20

June 20

H.B. 1751 State government - state personnel system - classification and compensation. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975, reassignment of classes to pay grades, salary rates, or salary ranges by the state personnel director may be delayed until September 1 with the governor's approval. Normally he is to make his final recommendations by March 1, to take effect July 1.

June 29

July 1

HEALTH

S.B. 48 Health - water quality control - permits and fees. Classifies applicants for purposes of waste discharge permits, and provides annual fees for discharge according to defined categories.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 91 Health - dairy products analysis - nonhuman consumption requirements. The department of health is to certify persons licensed by the department of agriculture to collect milk samples for analysis. It is unlawful to sell any dairy product for nonhuman consumption without identifying the product by means of an approved dye.

June 26

June 26

S.B. 117 Health - powers and duties of state board - health care facilities. Provides for adoption of rules and regulations and standards regarding building regulations and fire safety for skilled and intermediate health care facilities rather than just nursing homes. Waives immediate enforcement if such would create a demonstrated financial hardship but only if the health and safety of patients is not adversely affected.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 253 Health - state board - duties. Provides for the designation of a hearing officer by the state board of health to conduct hearings and perform such other duties as the board may require.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1061 Health - patients' rights in skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities. Provides that the department of health is to require all skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities, except certain religious denominations which depend on healing through prayer, to adopt and make a public statement of the rights and responsibilities of their patients and to



treat their patients accordingly. Lists the rights to be included in said statement. Said facilities are to provide patients with a copy of the statement and are to prepare a written plan to provide a grievance procedure, a residents' advisory council, and otherwise implement the provisions of the act.

May 30

July 1

H.B. 1138 Health - inspection of federal installations by the department of health. Authorizes the department of health to enter, without requesting permission therefor, into areas, including those under control of the federal government, in which it is believed sources of ionizing radiation are located to determine if the owner, occupant, or licensee is in compliance with applicable law.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1253 Health - standards for mobile home parks. Authorizes the department of health to establish and enforce sanitary standards for the operation and maintenance of mobile home parks.

May 31

May 31

H.B. 1335 Health - water quality control - sewage treatment works. Provides for adoption of toxic effluent standards and pretreatment standards for sewage treatment works; for expiration of a federal permit to be deemed the expiration of a temporary permit issued by the division of administration; and for the division to impose measures to provide for a system of user charges or industrial cost recovery.

Specifies the requirements for a system of user charges and industrial cost recovery and the uses to which such revenues may be put; and provides that if federal law provides for other such systems, the municipality may adopt such other system but both cannot be implemented concurrently.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1442 Health - products control and safety - tagging for bedding. Provides for exemption from the stamp tag requirements for bedding and specifies procedures for issuance of such exemptions.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1449 Health - inspection of certain institutions by the department of health. Requires the department of health, within available appropriations, to make in addition to the required announced inspections unannounced inspections of certain institutions between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in order to establish and enforce department of health standards for their operation.

May 31

May 31

HIGHWAYS AND ROADS

- S.B. 132 Highways and roads - county road and bridge fund - apportionment to municipalities. Allows counties to allocate to municipalities, upon agreement, their full or partial entitlement (rather than full entitlement only) from the county road and bridge fund in materials or work to be furnished by the county. Authorizes agreements for the furnishing of said materials or work over an extended period of time rather than only during the year in which the municipality levied a tax for said fund. Deletes the requirement that a municipality must receive its entitlement in the form of materials or work when its yearly entitlement would be less than \$2,000.

Provides that a county may allocate additional money, materials, or work to a municipality in excess of its entitlement and that the county's annual budget must show any amount being carried over from a prior year for materials or work to be done for a municipality as part of its county road and bridge fund entitlement.

June 20

June 20

- S.B. 149 Highways and roads - curb construction to aid handicapped. Requires all road construction contracted for after July 1, 1975, and which involves pedestrian crosswalks to provide reasonable access across street curbs for handicapped persons, including those in wheelchairs.

June 29

June 29

- S.B. 265 Highways and roads - Colorado state patrol. Authorizes the chief of the Colorado state patrol to designate an acting chief any time he is unable to perform his duties and abolishes the office of deputy chief. Removes maximum age, residency, weight, and height restrictions for prospective members of the patrol and reduces the minimum age requirement from 23 to 21 years of age. Directs the chief to make a motor vehicle available to the lieutenant governor as well as the governor. Authorizes the protection of the lieutenant governor, any governor-elect, and the immediate family of the governor.

June 29

June 29

H.B. 1131 Highways and roads - highway crossing protection fund.  
Increases the amount paid to the highway crossing protection fund each month from \$10,000 to \$20,000, and also increases the maximum balance allowed in said fund from \$120,000 to \$240,000.

March 26

March 26

H.B. 1684 Highways and roads - prohibition of advertising devices - exceptions. Defines the category of "official advertising devices, signs, and notices" as those placed by public officers or agencies. Prohibits advertising devices directed at a main-traveled highway placed more than 660 feet from the right-of-way outside an urban area. Provides that such signs erected lawfully prior to January 4, 1975, shall be removed beginning January 1, 1979, and that the owners shall receive compensation therefor. Provides that advertising devices within 660 feet of the right-of-way in areas zoned commercial or industrial do not require permits.

June 26

June 26

## INSTITUTIONS

S.B. 128 Institutions - transfer of mentally ill or retarded convicts. Provides for the transfer of mentally ill or retarded residents considered too dangerous for confinement in any other institution to the Colorado state hospital or Fort Logan mental health center. Prevents the transfer of any person adjudged mentally ill to any penal institution or reformatory unless such person is found to be so dangerous that he cannot be safely confined in the state hospital or Fort Logan mental health center.

Provides for transfer of mentally ill or retarded persons previously confined at the state penitentiary or state reformatory to the Colorado state hospital or the Fort Logan mental health center unless found to be so dangerous they cannot be confined in said hospital or center safely.

Entitles those patients who are alleged to be too dangerous for safe confinement in the state hospital or Fort Logan mental health center to a written notice of the facts upon which the allegation of dangerousness is based; a hearing on the issue of the patient's dangerousness; witnesses and evidence presented in the patient's behalf; the right to legal counsel; and a written statement by the hearing body justifying reasons for the patient's transfer. Affords the same psychiatric care and treatment to patients transferred to the state penitentiary as is administered to patients at the state hospital and Fort Logan mental health center.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 135 Institutions - mental health - appropriation. Enacts a new article which sets out care and treatment requirements for the developmentally disabled, details specific procedures for admission to facilities, and specifies rights of persons admitted to such facilities. Amends various provisions to conform them to the new article and to article 10 of title 27, Colorado Revised Statutes 1973. Makes provision for the establishment of group homes for the developmentally disabled in residential surroundings.

Provides for periodic review of patients' mental condition; clarifies and extends certain rights of patients; and establishes the quantum of proof necessary

for certification and orders for long-term care and treatment.

Appropriates \$202,000 for implementation of provisions concerning the developmentally disabled and care and treatment of the mentally ill.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 372 Institutions - study of correctional system - moratorium on new jails. Delays the time for repeal of authorization for the legislative council planning study of community corrections from April 15, 1976, to April 15, 1977. Extends the moratorium on the construction of new jails by units of local governments, unless approved by the division of criminal justice, from May 1, 1975, to May 1, 1976.

June 29

June 29

H.B. 1076 Institutions - Colorado school for the deaf and the blind. Deletes the requirement that the superintendent of the Colorado school for the deaf and the blind reside in the school, and provides that such deletion is not to effect any change in the superintendent's salary.

February 27

February 27

H.B. 1409 Institutions - mental health services - short-term treatment. Authorizes the court to direct the sheriff or his designee to transport any short-term patient or person detained for evaluation and treatment who requires other facilities for treatment to such facilities upon a determination that the safety of the patient or the public so requires.

June 18

July 1

H.B. 1628 Institutions - mental health service standards - advisory board. Creates an advisory board to the department of institutions which is responsible for recommending standards and regulations for programs of mental health services benefiting patients in public and private health care facilities. Such board is to consist of not less than 7 nor more than 15 members appointed by the governor, including one representative each from the

departments of institutions, social services, and health; a representative of the university of Colorado medical center; at least one member representing proprietary skilled health care facilities; and one member representing nonprofit health care facilities.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1707 Institutions - purchase of mental health services. Requires the executive director of the department of institutions, when considering the purchase of services for mentally retarded or seriously handicapped persons through community-centered programs, to consider, among other factors, whether facilities exist to aid recently institutionalized persons in making the transition and adjustment to leading lives within society.

June 20

June 20

INSURANCE

S.B. 90 Insurance - medical expense coverages - mental health costs. Requires every group policy and group contract providing hospitalization or medical benefits to provide benefits for conditions resulting from mental illness. Such benefits include 45 days of hospital inpatient care or 90 days of partial hospitalization in any 12-month benefit period and outpatient services in the case of major medical coverage. Authorizes insurers to establish copayment requirements not exceeding 50%. Prohibits the disclosure of mental health history without written consent of the insured. Authorizes the commissioner of insurance to exempt any contract from the above requirements if he determines that the prescribed mental illness benefits are not appropriate or do not apply.

July 25

January 1, 1976

S.B. 136 Insurance - nonprofit hospital and health service corporations - rate review procedures. Provides that the state auditor is to be involved in annual (rather than every 3 years) examinations of nonprofit hospital and health service corporations. Such corporations are to pay 10 cents per person exceeding 10,000 enrolled in the plan of such corporation on December 31, 1975, and thereafter are to pay annually, on March 1, 5 cents per person exceeding 10,000, the additional amount generated to be used to defray the costs of a study of the costs of administering and implementing rate review procedures and establishment of rates of such corporations. Directs the state auditor and the legislative audit committee to undertake such study.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 183 Insurance - interinsurance - unearned premium reserves. Changes the unearned premium reserve required to be maintained from an amount equal to 50% of aggregate net annual deposits of subscribers to an amount computed on premium deposits other than membership fees without deductions for expenses and attorney fees.

June 20

July 1



S.B. 185 Insurance - list of approved surplus line insurers. Requires alien surplus line insurers which maintain status on the current national association of insurance commissioners' nonadmitted insurers' quarterly listing, as other insurers, to pay a fee of \$10 per year to the commissioner of insurance for being listed on an approved list. Provides that alien insurers may be approved for listing by establishing an individual trust fund in the United States or participating in other such trust funds established for the United States insurance business.

June 26

July 1

S.B. 186 Insurance - group sickness and accident - policy provisions - converted policy. Specifies numerous provisions which must be contained in policies of group sickness and accident insurance and provides that in lieu of said provisions other similar provisions may be used if they are more favorable to the insured or as favorable to the insured and more favorable to the policyholder. Allows specific exceptions for certain types of policies.

Requires that, under certain circumstances, employees or members of a group policy for hospital, surgical, or major medical expense whose coverage is terminated shall be allowed to obtain a "converted" policy. Said converted policy need not be offered to a person if he is covered by medicare or has other similar coverage as the group policy. Provides that a converted policy is also available to a child or spouse in certain situations. Allows the insurer to provide group insurance coverage in lieu of the issuance of a converted policy. Sets forth numerous requirements as to benefits provided in a converted policy and specifies certain new provisions which may be in a converted policy which were not in the group policy.

Provides that benefits payable for disability from sickness or accident cannot be reduced because of an increase in social security benefits once payment of disability benefits has commenced.

July 18

January 1, 1976

S.B. 301 Insurance - investments by domestic companies. Limits investments by domestic insurance companies in bonds and other evidences of indebtedness of solvent corporations which may be admitted assets, to 2% of the company's admitted assets, unless otherwise authorized by the commissioner of insurance.

Decreases from \$100,000 to \$30,000 the amount required as a minimum investment of each participant in a common first lien investment in real property, and limits such participants to banks and savings and loan associations insured by agencies of the federal government, other insurance companies, and certain pension trusts.

Provides that the restrictions and limitations on investments in preferred and common stock applicable to domestic fire, casualty, and multiple line insurance companies are also to apply to all domestic insurance companies, and modifies said restrictions to allow an insurance company to subsequently acquire more than 5% of the outstanding shares of common stock of one corporation and to require that a corporation only have earnings available for preferred stock dividends for 3 years rather than have paid such dividends.

Excepts from the limitations on investment in stocks, bonds, and real property liens assets held prior to July 1, 1975, or later acquired by exercising rights acquired prior to said date, but such assets are to be used in determining the allowance of future investments.

Except for certain statutory exceptions, limits direct and indirect investments by domestic insurance companies in the stock, bonds, or other securities of its affiliates to 2% of its admitted assets unless a higher percentage is approved by the commissioner, and requires prior notice of such proposed investments.

June 20

July 1

S.B. 360 Insurance - investment in first liens on real property.  
Excepts domestic fraternal benefit societies from the limits on the aggregate amount of investments in first liens on real property which may be admitted assets.

June 26

June 26

H.B. 1085 Insurance - health care coverage for newborn children.  
Requires that all sickness and accident insurance policies issued, renewed, or reinstated on and after July 1 and all service or indemnity type contracts delivered or issued for delivery on and after July 1 to subscribers by nonprofit hospital and health service corporations and health maintenance organizations provide, as part of family coverage, that all health insurance benefits applicable to children be also payable to a newborn child

of the subscriber from the moment of birth. Specifies that coverage for newborn children must include care and treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities. Authorizes a special premium or subscription fee for coverage of a newborn child, and requires notification of birth and payment of the premium within 31 days of birth for continued coverage.

March 14

July 1

- H.B. 1112 Insurance - sickness and accident - alcoholism treatment. Requires group hospitalization and medical benefit contracts to offer subscribers an opportunity to purchase coverage for the treatment of alcoholism and resultant conditions, and specifies the minimum requirements for such coverage.

July 14

January 1, 1976

- H.B. 1319 Insurance - state employees and officials - major medical benefits - group health and life insurance benefits. No longer requires insured state employees and officials to pay a proportion of the costs of major medical benefits. Authorizes supplemental life insurance coverage to be based on salary without state contribution. Authorizes the board to accept the lowest responsible bid for combined group health and life insurance if the board believes it is in the best interests of state employees and officials. Retains the requirement that state employees and officials health insurance plans must contain provisions regarding continuation or conversion by removing the trial time period. No longer requires employees, officials, and annuitants who have dependents enrolled in the health insurance or supplemental plan to pay the full premium cost of such coverage.

June 18

June 18

- H.B. 1320 Insurance - limitations on cancellation of sickness and accident policies. Requires persons who issue sickness and accident insurance, except in accident only policies, and who retain the right to refuse to renew such policies on an individual basis to set forth in the policy that, except in the case of termination for nonpayment of premiums, such right may only be exercised on or immediately after the policy's anniversary date of issuance or last reinstatement. Provides that any such refusal to renew is to be without prejudice to any claim

originating while the policy is in force. Requires insurers to also set forth in the policy that after coverage has been in effect for 2 years it will not be terminated solely because of deterioration in the physical or mental condition or the health of the insured. Increases the period for notice to the policyholder of an insurer's intent not to renew from 5 to 30 days prior to the premium due date.

June 16

July 1

H.B. 1420 Insurance - sale by banks. Provides that, pursuant to regulations of the insurance commissioner, banks or bank holding companies may sell credit life and credit health and accident insurance and that bank holding companies in municipalities of 5,000 or less, may sell any kind of insurance subject to federal law; excepts banks and bank holding companies operating insurance agencies on July 1, 1975, as long as the agency continues as constituted on said date.

Allows employees of banks and bank holding companies selling insurance in connection with the banks or bank holding company's business on July 1, 1975, to continue and permits any person licensed to sell insurance to be an officer, director, or employee of a bank or bank holding company if his insurance activities and earnings are independent from the bank or bank holding company.

June 18

July 1

H.B. 1437 Insurance - coverage for complications of pregnancy and childbirth. Provides that sickness and accident insurance, nonprofit hospital and health service corporation individual and group service or indemnity contracts, and health maintenance organization service or indemnity contracts are to provide coverage, for a sickness or disease which is a complication of pregnancy or childbirth as any other similar sickness or disease otherwise covered under the policy or contract. Provides that nonprofit hospital and health service corporations and health maintenance organizations are to offer the same maternity care coverage at the same costs to women regardless of marital status.

July 14

January 1, 1976

H.B. 1446 Insurance - deceptive acts or practices. Declares that the classification of individuals solely on the basis of marital status or sex is an unfair method of competition or a deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance, unless such classification is for the purpose of insuring family units or is justified by actuarial statistics.

July 14

July 14

LABOR AND INDUSTRY

S.B. 238 Labor and industry - workmen's compensation - chiropractic care. Specifies that chiropractic care is included within nonmedical treatment for purposes of coverage under workmen's compensation.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1050 Labor and industry - state compensation fund - investment. Deletes the provision which authorized the investment of the state compensation insurance fund in general obligation bonds of counties, municipalities, or school districts. Provides for investment in certificates of deposit of banks insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation, in any type of savings account in savings and loan associations insured by the federal savings and loan insurance corporation, or in corporate bonds if the aggregate invested in such bonds does not exceed 20% of the book value of assets of the compensation fund, if the investment in a single corporation does not exceed 5% of the book value of said fund, and if no more than 7% of the bonds of a single corporation are acquired. Requires such investments to be governed by the standard established for fiduciary investments.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1152 Labor and industry - extended benefits program. Provides that extended unemployment benefits for weeks of unemployment beginning after December 31, 1974, and before December 31, 1976, and the determination of whether or not there has been a national "on" or "off" indicator are to be made on the basis of a rate of insured unemployment (seasonally adjusted) for all states equal to or exceeding 4%.

January 31

January 31

H.B. 1165 Labor and industry - workmen's compensation - vocational rehabilitation - appropriation. Adds vocational rehabilitation to the requirements of workmen's compensation insurance coverage which an employer must furnish for injured employees (including occupational

disease victims), and provides for the full costs of such courses for up to 26 weeks for any employee who, because of injury, cannot perform work for which he has previous training or experience. The director can authorize an additional 26 weeks for good cause. The industrial commission can establish fees for such rehabilitation. The degree of permanent disability of an employee is not to be determined until vocational rehabilitation is completed. Authorizes the use of funds from major medical and other sources for such treatment. Appropriates \$17,018 to the division of labor, of which \$9,360 is from the state compensation insurance fund.

July 25

September 1

H.B. 1269 Labor and industry - direct deposit of wages. Allows an employer to deposit wages of an employee in an account in any bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or other financial institution authorized by the United States or any state to receive deposits, if the employee voluntarily authorized such deposit.

June 16

July 16

H.B. 1276 Labor and industry - occupational safety and health record-keeping requirements. Amends Colorado occupational safety and health law to conform with the federal law. Emphasizes the policy of minimizing record-keeping burdens on small businesses by authorizing regulations to exempt them from certain record-keeping requirements.

June 26

June 26

H.B. 1282 Labor and industry - county employees - overtime compensation. Provides that county employees may work more than eight hours a day during emergencies threatening life or property and that employees shall be compensated for hours in excess of 40 in a week at one and one-half times the regular hourly rate or one and one-half times the excess hours worked. Prior law left the determination of compensatory time in the hands of county commissioners.

July 18

January 1, 1976

H.B. 1321 Labor and industry - unemployment insurance - certain state employees. Gives state personnel system, full-time legislative department, and judicial department employees, except judges and justices, unemployment insurance coverage effective January 1, 1976.

June 20

January 1, 1976

H.B. 1391 Labor and industry - employment security - payment of benefits. Increases from 11 to 15 days the time in which a person may appeal the initial determination made as a result of his claim for benefits under the "Colorado Employment Security Act".

June 20

June 20

H.B. 1410 Labor and industry - unemployment compensation for county employees. Authorizes counties to elect to make payments in lieu of contributions to the unemployment compensation fund and thereby extend unemployment compensation to their employees who otherwise would not be eligible for such benefits.

June 20

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H.B. 1579 Labor and industry - unemployment compensation. Declares that a person is eligible for unemployment compensation benefits if he is not participating in, financing, or directly interested in the strike as an individual or member of the grade or class of workers striking. Includes refusing to cross a picket line as participation in the strike. Previously such actions in a labor dispute as well as a strike rendered a person ineligible for said benefits.

June 29

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H.B. 1621 Labor and industry - workmen's compensation - extended coverage. Makes numerous changes in the workmen's compensation law, primarily by merging occupational diseases under the same provisions and by changing the basic concept from accident to injury, thereby extending the law to injury caused by accident and caused by disease. Makes numerous substantive changes, primarily in areas relating to insurance coverage, reporting requirements, dependency, and benefits, including the



following: Eliminates the right of employers to reject or withdraw from the provisions of the "Workmen's Compensation Act of Colorado"; changes requirements as to whether injuries are to be reported directly to the division of labor, requiring some reports only to the insurance carrier with summary reports to the division; imposes different notice requirements for injury from disease than from accident, allows waiver of time limits, and authorizes reduced compensation as penalty based upon delayed notice; extends dependency to give the same rights to either surviving spouse and rights to children 18 to 20 who are full-time students; increases maximum death benefit limits to 80% of the state average weekly wage and does likewise for temporary disability benefits, as well as for permanent total disability; benefits to a surviving dependent spouse are for life or until remarriage, with a 6-year limit on payments to partial dependents; benefits payable for certain scheduled injuries and for permanent partial or total disabilities are at the rate of \$84 per week rather than \$64.75, and the aggregate maximum award for a permanent partial disability is increased to \$26,292; occupational disease cases are made exceptions to certain presumptions and limitations based upon the passage of time; authorizes a 25% contingent attorney fee in contested cases involving permanent disability awards, and larger fees may be authorized by the director.

July 25

September 1

H.B. 1731 Labor and industry - occupational safety and health - duties of the division of labor. Revises and rewrites portions of the laws relating to occupational safety and health. Makes conforming amendments recognizing that primary responsibility for administering occupational safety and health laws rests with the occupational safety and health standards board. Provides that all municipalities are "employers" under the occupational safety and health laws. Gives the division of labor the power and duty to inspect carnivals and amusement parks. Empowers the director of the division of labor to order certain imminently dangerous activities to be ceased. Amends variance procedures and clarifies the effect of an employer's request for a variance. Makes allowances for an employer's good faith efforts to abate occupational safety and health violations. Amends the laws

prescribing penalties for violations. Provides that first aid specialists giving aid at a work site are not liable for good faith acts or omissions but are liable for wanton or reckless disregard of an injured party's rights or safety.

July 25

July 25

MILITARY AND VETERANS

S.B. 192 Military and veterans - interment. Amends and revises provisions concerning the interment of veterans without sufficient means to pay for such. Provides that county financial aid for such purposes is to include veterans of the Korean and Viet Nam conflicts. Increases from \$20 to \$50 the amount provided for the setting of headstones.

June 26

January 1, 1976

## MINERAL RESOURCES

H.B. 1706 Mineral resources - preservation of commercial mineral deposits. Existing law prohibits change of use of property containing commercial mineral deposits. This act provides an exception for land owned by governmental bodies and used for a public purpose which does not permanently preclude extraction. Amends the open mining reclamation law to prohibit the land reclamation board from granting permits for mining contrary to a master plan for extraction or from allowing reclamation inconsistent with a reasonable public use. Requires notice to counties and municipalities which may be affected by open mining.

June 29

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MOTOR VEHICLES

- S.B. 4 Motor vehicles - penalty assessments - appropriation. Adds numerous motor vehicle offenses to those which the penalty assessment procedures and fines of section 42-4-1501, Colorado Revised Statutes 1973, may apply. Increases from 15 to 19 m.p.h. the excess speed over the posted speed limit which prevents application of penalty assessment procedures and fines. Allows the application of penalty assessment procedures even though a subsequent violation occurs within 12 months. Penalty assessment procedures no longer apply to persons charged with driving without a valid license.

Appropriates \$18,372 to the department of revenue to implement the act, allocated as follows: \$13,168 for personal services, \$3,870 for operating expenses, and \$1,334 for capital outlay. Reduces the appropriation to the Colorado state patrol by \$85,184.

June 23

June 23

- S.B. 47 Motor vehicles - penalty assessments - applicability. The penalty assessment provisions of section 42-4-1501, Colorado Revised Statutes 1973, are not to apply when the violator causes appreciable damage to the property of another. Prior law did not limit the damage to the property of another and required that the damage be serious.

February 10

July 1

- S.B. 107 Motor vehicles - registration fees. Allows trucks and truck tractors owned by a farmer or rancher to be registered as farm trucks so long as their only commercial use is the transportation of his agricultural products or livestock or commodities or livestock purchased for his use. Previous law required farm trucks to be used exclusively for such transportation. Also allows such trucks to carry noncommercial recreational equipment such as campers.

Provides that the annual registration fee for noncommercial or recreational vehicles under 4,500 pounds shall now be according to weight rather than the flat fee of \$24.50, which is still the base figure in computing fees for vehicles over 4,500 pounds.

June 4

January 1, 1976

S.B. 116 Motor vehicles - classification of misdemeanor traffic offenses. While retaining provisions and procedures relating to penalty assessments, the act divides most misdemeanor traffic offenses into 4 classes which are distinguished from each other by the following penalties which are authorized upon conviction:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Minimum Sentence</u>	<u>Maximum Sentence</u>
1	Ten days imprisonment, or \$100 fine, or both.	One year imprisonment, or \$1000 fine, or both.
2	Ten days imprisonment, or \$10 fine, or both.	90 days imprisonment, or \$300 fine, or both.
3	\$5 fine.	\$100 fine.
4	\$5 fine.	\$100 fine.

Declares that no points are to be assessed for the conviction of any class 4 traffic offense.

June 13

January 1, 1976

S.B. 154 Motor vehicles - 55 mile speed limit continued. Continues the 55 m.p.h. speed limit enacted in 1974 for the indefinite future to conform with a national uniform speed limit so long as one is in effect, for the stated purposes of receiving the state's full share of federal highway funds and the benefits of traffic safety and fuel conservation.

July 1

July 1

S.B. 188 Motor vehicles - license plates - personalized. Provides for the issuance of personalized license plates upon payment of \$35 in addition to the normal registration fee; prescribes specifications for such plates; and provides for the renewal and transfer of such plates.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 201 Motor vehicles - alteration of vehicle equipment - suspension system. Amends a provision (which had been declared overbroad and unconstitutional by the Colorado supreme court) which prohibited the operation of any vehicle having had its original suspension system altered in any way (with specified exceptions) to provide instead that any alteration except those specified can be done

only in accordance with specifications established by the department of revenue.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 204 Motor vehicles - identification numbers. Changes the manner of displaying an identification number assigned to a motor vehicle by the department of revenue by providing that the number be affixed to the vehicle in a manner and position determined by the department rather than by a stamp on a metal part of the motor vehicle.

June 4

June 4

H.B. 1137 Motor vehicles - guest statute. Repeals the Colorado guest statute thereby allowing a guest passenger to sue the owner or operator of a vehicle for negligence.

April 9

April 9

H.B. 1143 Motor vehicles - solicitation of rides. Allows pedestrians to solicit rides in motor vehicles so long as they do not stand in that part of a road normally used by moving traffic (defined as the "roadway"). Pedestrians may be picked up only where there is sufficient road space to pull off and not impede traffic. Allows cities and towns to regulate pedestrians differently if they wish, upon proper posting of signs giving notice thereof.

May 21

July 1

H.B. 1156 Motor vehicles - identification cards. Deletes all age requirements for obtaining an identification card from the department of revenue, and provides that all such cards, except those issued to persons less than 21 years of age, shall not expire unless the name, address, or social security number of the individual changes. Lowers the fee for said cards from \$3 to \$2, but if the applicant is 60 years of age or over, the fee is \$1.

May 31

May 31

H.B. 1166 Motor vehicles - emergency vehicles. Deletes the requirement that emergency lights permanently mounted on

the top of a private vehicle of a member of a volunteer fire department be provided with an opaque cover, and increases the penalty for the use of emergency warning equipment on such vehicles other than as specified. Provides that members of a volunteer ambulance service may have their private automobiles equipped with red lights and audible signal systems to be used only when responding to an emergency, and provides that use of such equipment other than as specified is a class 3 misdemeanor.

June 26

June 26

H.B. 1287 Motor vehicles - license application - social security number. No longer requires applications for driver's, minor driver's, or provisional driver's license to contain the applicant's social security number, but rather gives the applicant the option to have said social security number contained in the license.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1288 Motor vehicles - driving under influence - penalties. Increase minimum jail term for a first conviction of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs from one day to 10 days. Second or subsequent offenses, carrying higher penalties, are computed upon the time (within 5 years) between offenses rather than between convictions.

May 22

July 1

H.B. 1314 Motor vehicles - official inspection stations - fees. Provides that the safety inspection fee for motorcycles (including motor-driven cycles and motorscooters or motorbicycles) shall be \$3.20 rather than the fee of \$5.20 imposed for other motor vehicles.

May 31

January 1, 1976

H.B. 1389 Motor vehicles - definitions. Alters the definition of "implement of husbandry" to include tillage and harvesting equipment. Removes the limitation which required such implements to be used in the conduct of agricultural operations, and declares that trailers designed to move implements of husbandry are to be considered as component parts of such implements thereby



exempting such trailers from provisions of law relating to size, weight, and load limitations.

June 20

June 20

H.B. 1527 Motor vehicles - excess size and weight permit - advance request. Requires the state department of highways to establish a procedure to allow persons transporting excessive size and weight loads into Colorado to make advance arrangements by telephone or otherwise for the issuance of an excessive size or weight permit.

June 26

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H.B. 1528 Motor vehicles - warning devices on oversize or overweight vehicles. Permits persons having a valid oversize or overweight permit for the transporting of a mobile home or movable structure to attach to such structures, or any vehicle accompanying them, a maximum of 3 flashing yellow lights as warning devices.

May 31

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H.B. 1637 Motor vehicles - local authorities - traffic regulations. Authorizes municipalities and counties to impose and enforce stop sign regulations and speed limits, not inconsistent with state law, upon any private street or highway in a mobile home park upon notice of such enforcement given at the entrance to such streets or highways. States that the jurisdiction ordering the regulations is responsible for erecting and maintaining the signs.

June 20

June 20

H.B. 1724 Motor vehicles - issuance of probationary drivers' licenses. Provides that any person whose license has been suspended or revoked as the result of a conviction or convictions for driving under the influence, upon completion of a course of alcohol treatment in a program approved by the division of highway safety, is eligible for a hearing for a probationary license to be issued by the department of revenue for the remainder of the period

of suspension or revocation, subject to any restrictions deemed reasonable and necessary by the department.

June 18

June 18

NATURAL RESOURCES

- S.B. 54 Natural resources - use of interest earned on oil shale fund. Requires that interest earned from the investment of the oil shale special fund (established in 1974 to receive the proceeds due the state from the lease of federal mineral lands) be used primarily for the same purposes as the fund itself, that is, to aid state agencies and local governments affected by the development of oil shale lands as a result of such leasing.

July 1

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- S.B. 287 Natural resources - parks and outdoor recreation areas. Transfers to the division of parks and outdoor recreation authority and responsibility for the operation and maintenance of Barr lake state recreation area, Bear Creek state recreation area, Pueblo state recreation area, and Arapahoe state recreation area.

Rewrites the definition of "vessel" to exclude seaplanes and all kayaks, unless motorized, sets forth the equipment requirements for vessels regarding flotation devices.

Provides for fines of \$25 each for waterskiing in a prohibited area or for allowing a dog to run loose in a state park or state recreation area. Prohibits the mooring of a watercraft to any buoy which has been placed in the water by proper authority as an aid to navigation.

Authorizes parks and recreation officers to enforce the laws relating to wildlife and parks and outdoor recreation. Redefines "peace officer" for purposes of the "Colorado Criminal Code" to include parks and recreation officers.

July 14

July 14

- S.B. 300 Natural resources - wildlife - enforcement and penalties. Imposes penalties for the violation of provisions relating to check stations. In addition to the inspecting of any indicia of licensing, authorizes any enforcing officer to inspect any wildlife in possession of a person believed to be exercising the benefits conferred by such licensing. Declares that possession of

a loaded firearm or strung bow while projecting artificial light at wildlife is prima facie evidence of the prohibited act of using artificial light as a hunting aid.

Prohibits the capturing, killing, selling, offering for sale, or taking of any big game animal for commercial sale, or the aiding or abetting of such action. Increases several of the fines and penalty points for offenses relating to hunting and fishing and the licensing thereof. Imposes new provisions relating especially to big game and birds of prey, and establishes fines and penalty points for the violation thereof.

Provides for the suspension of licenses and privileges if, without criminal intent, a person causes the death of another while hunting or commits any criminal offense against the person while hunting, fishing, trapping, or engaging in related activities. Increases the potential period of suspension (from 1 to 3 years) for attempting to exercise any benefit conferred by a license while such privileges are suspended or cancelled.

Prohibits (except as provided by the wildlife commission) the hunting, wounding, killing, harrassment, or injuring of a game bird with a rifle or pistol. Abolishes provisions which allowed pursuit of a lawfully wounded animal onto privately owned land.

June 29

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S.B. 322 Natural resources - wildlife management. Makes miscellaneous amendments to provisions of the law relating to wildlife management, especially those provisions relating to big game and raptors.

Increases the renewal registration fee for snowmobiles. Extends the course of instruction in hunter safety and competency from 4 to 8 hours. Authorizes the wildlife commission to determine which species of wildlife are to be designated as "endangered". Defines "threatened species" as those which are not in immediate danger of extinction, but which are so small in number or so restricted in range as to possibly become endangered.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1210 Natural resources - wildlife - licenses. Provides that honorably discharged, resident disabled veterans who have

served on active duty and have a service-connected disability rated at 60% or more by the veterans administration may obtain, free of charge, a lifetime combination small game hunting and fishing license from the division of wildlife. Also provides that resident persons 64 years of age or over may obtain, for a \$2.00 fee, a lifetime combination small game hunting and fishing license.

May 31

January 1, 1976

H.B. 1215 Natural resources - wildlife - antelope license - landowners. Makes available 15% of the number of antelope hunting licenses established for each antelope management area to owners of agricultural land whose land is inhabited by antelope, and provides for a special licensing period preceding the regular licensing procedures. Licenses not applied for by the landowners in that time period are to be made available to the general public. Landowners receiving antelope licenses shall permit a reasonable number of properly licensed hunters on their land for antelope hunting.

July 18

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H.B. 1312 Natural resources - wildlife and parks - licenses - fees. Raises the fees for all wildlife licenses issued by the division of wildlife with the exception of the resident mountain lion license. Abolishes resident and nonresident sportsman's licenses and deer, elk, and antelope archery licenses. Changes the nonresident 10-day fishing license to a 5-day license, and provides for a lifetime combination small game hunting and fishing license in lieu of a lifetime fishing license.

Increases the fees of all special licenses, permits, stamps, cards, and certificates with the exceptions of the private lake license, commercial big game hunting area license, permitting possession of raptors license, and permit for recreational vehicle organized races or other competitive events. Abolishes the seining permit, and adds the commercial fishing license and the noncommercial private possession of live wildlife license to the special licenses issued by the division of wildlife.

July 14

January 1, 1976

H.B. 1422 Natural resources - parks and outdoor recreation - recreational passes for senior citizens. Provides that any resident 65 years of age or older may obtain any pass or certificate giving access to or permitting the use of any state park or recreation area for \$2 subject to suspension for violation of rules and regulations concerning the state park or recreation area.

June 26

July 1

H.B. 1441 Natural resources - protection of wildlife from dogs. Authorizes a commissioned officer to kill a dog if such dog is endangering protected game birds or animals and is not under the personal control of an individual.

May 22

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H.B. 1475 Natural resources - ownership of recreational area by another state. Provides that no other state or agency or political subdivision thereof may acquire, own, or operate any land in Colorado for park or recreational purposes except pursuant to interstate compact.

May 22

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## PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

- S.B. 28 Professions and occupations - liquor licenses. Simplifies the definition of a hotel to mean any establishment which has restaurant facilities and 50 or more sleeping rooms. Changes the definition of a resort hotel to mean a hotel with well-defined occupancy seasons, rather than the previously imposed 6-month operating limitation. Creates a definition for "resort complex" to mean a hotel with sports and recreational facilities for the convenience of its guests or the general public, and allows such facility to operate under one license, if under common ownership.

Makes all alcoholic liquor licenses valid for a period of one year from their date of issuance. Prohibits local licensing authorities from issuing a license until the department of revenue has received the state's share of the fee.

Allows beer and wine licensees to obtain a special license for \$200 to serve malt, vinous, and spirituous liquor drinks after eight p.m. and until midnight on Sundays and Christmas. All such special license fees are to be paid to the local licensing authority rather than the state.

July 18

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- S.B. 125 Professions and occupations - engineers. Provides that the state board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors may have, on its own motion, the engineering activities of any registrant investigated and that it may prefer charges against a registrant for fraud and deceit in obtaining a certificate of registration or a violation of any state law relating to engineering.

Provides that the executive secretary of the board shall investigate alleged violations and refer such to the board if results indicate a reasonable probability of cause for action.

Requires the executive secretary to be registered and licensed to practice engineering in this state. Establishes that it is misconduct for a registrant to seal drawings, specifications, or other engineering documents where he was not in responsible charge of their preparation. Increases most license and examination

fees.

June 13

July 1

- S.B. 130 Professions and occupations - chiropractic licensing - fees. Increases the per diem for members of the Colorado state board of chiropractic examiners from \$20 to \$35 and the fee for application for a license to practice chiropractic from \$25 to \$50. Deletes the license fee of \$10 and increases the renewal fee from \$15 to \$30.

July 14

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- S.B. 151 Professions and occupations - narcotic drugs - definition. Includes in the definition of "narcotic drugs" those opiates which occur naturally or are produced synthetically, and any other drugs deemed narcotic by the federal "Controlled Substances Act of 1970".

Defines "opiate" as any drug or substance having an addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable of converting into a drug having such addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability.

July 1

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- S.B. 158 Professions and occupations - real estate recovery fund. Provides that fees paid into the real estate recovery fund by real estate brokers and salesmen as part of license renewal are not required after January 1, 1977. Increases from \$200,000 to \$500,000 the balance of funds which can be maintained in said fund without transferring 10% of the excess to the general fund.

Includes a judgment of negligence against a broker or salesman as authority for a person obtaining such a judgment to receive payment therefor out of the real estate recovery fund, and provides that court costs and reasonable attorney's fees may also be recovered from said fund. Increases the limit of any one payment from \$15,000 to \$50,000. Allows the real estate commission to draw from said fund an amount equal to 5% of any payment to a judgment creditor for enforcing the rights of the judgment creditor which have been subrogated to the commission. Deletes the required showing by a judgment creditor that he has exhausted all means in attempting to



recover the amount of the judgment from the judgment debtor and now only requires a showing that the judgment debtor refuses to pay the judgment.

July 16

July 16

- S.B. 170 Professions and occupations - drugs and druggists - sale of vegetable alkaloids and their salts. Removes all medicines containing vegetable alkaloids or their salts for which a prescription is not needed from schedule A of regulated poisons. States that it is the intent of the general assembly that such medicines may be sold by a proprietary or patent medicine dealer.

June 5

July 1

- S.B. 239 Professions and occupations - practice of engineering. States that the practice of engineering does not include (unless otherwise contracted for) superintendence of any contractor's or subcontractor's processes, means, methods, equipment, or personnel for the purpose of maintaining a safe place to work or safety in or about the site of the work.

June 13

July 1

- S.B. 252 Professions and occupations - professional review of the practice of health care. Authorizes the creation of a review committee to review and evaluate the quality of health care being provided by physicians licensed to practice medicine in Colorado. Provides that such a committee may be formed by the medical staff of a licensed hospital, a professional standards review organization established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320 (c), or the Colorado state board of medical examiners and is to consist of at least 3 licensed physicians. Permits the committee to investigate quality of care being given by a physician upon its own motion, upon the request of a patient of the physician, or upon recommendation of a professional working in the health care field, and if the findings indicate a substantial lack in the quality of care rendered, provides for a subsequent hearing where the physician is allowed to be represented by counsel and to offer evidence in his own behalf. After such a hearing, the review committee is to make disciplinary recommendations to the applicable governing body and provide the physician, who may appeal the decision of the review committee, with copies of such recommendation.

Provides that hearing and adjudication is not to be conducted by the same body.

Requires a report of recommendations for disciplinary action of a review committee to be forwarded to the state board of medical examiners if disciplinary action is taken. Grants immunity from liability to any member of a review committee who acts in good faith and within the scope of the function of such committee.

July 16

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- S.B. 274 Professions and occupations - real estate brokers and salesmen - educational requirements. After July 1, 1976, in addition to the requirement that he has served actively as a licensed salesman, an applicant for a broker's license must have a college or university degree with a major in real estate or have successfully completed 48 hours of credit in real estate law and practice, 24 hours of credit in real estate appraisal, and 24 hours of credit in real estate finance. In lieu of service as a salesman, he may substitute 96 hours of credit in various areas related to real estate. After July 1, 1976, an applicant for a salesman's license must have 48 hours of real estate law and practice. Applicants for renewal of either license after July 1, 1976, must show compliance with the above educational requirements or equivalent educational qualifications.

July 21

July 21

- S.B. 362 Professions and occupations - medical practice - malpractice insurance. Provides that as an alternative to a medical professional service corporation obtaining liability insurance, each shareholder who is a licensed practitioner of medicine or each employee must obtain his own insurance covering himself and all other employees not licensed who work for him. Said insurance must provide \$50,000 for each claim and \$150,000 for each year's claims.

June 26

July 1

- S.B. 384 Professions and occupations - private vocational schools. Repeals and reenacts the law governing private vocational schools (formerly "proprietary schools"); provides for regulation and certification of such schools to protect against fraud or substandard schooling. Adds sections

dealing with exemptions from the law, powers and duties of the state board for community colleges and occupational education, prohibited acts, change of ownership, denial of certificate of approval, refund policy, bonds, deceptive trade or sales practices and complaints relating thereto, preservation of records, nonenforceability of indebtedness to a school not having a certificate of approval, procedures for violation of provisions of the act, and the process for transition of certification. Establishes an advisory committee to make recommendations to the state board concerning operation of private vocational schools.

July 23

January 1, 1976

- S.B. 441 Professions and occupations - crimes relating to defrauding public establishment. Provides that jurisdiction of cases concerning the procurement of food or accommodations from a public establishment without making payment therefor (classified as misdemeanors or felonies depending on the amount) is to be pursuant to the regular statutory jurisdiction granted to courts in criminal matters, rather than the special jurisdictional provisions previously in effect.

June 20

July 1

- H.B. 1080 Professions and occupations - racing commission - sweepstakes races - disposition of proceeds - rules and regulations - referendum. This is a referred law relating to sweepstakes races to be voted on throughout the state in November, 1976. If approved by a majority of those voting on the question it will authorize the Colorado racing commission to contract with any person to conduct sweepstakes races at any licensed race track. All rules and regulations for the holding and conducting of the races are to be made by the commission. Creates the sweepstakes races fund in the state treasury for the deposit of proceeds of ticket sales. Requires 45% of the proceeds to be distributed as money or prizes. Any balance in the fund is to be transferred to the conservation trust fund.

June 13

June 13

- H.B. 1154 Professions and occupations - drugs and druggists - advertising prescription drug prices. Allows a pharmacy to advertise its prices for prescription drugs in

newspapers or magazines, on radio and television, or on a poster or handbill. If a drug's brand or proprietary name is advertised, its generic name must also be used.

July 14

July 14

- H.B. 1168 Professions and occupations - hearing aid dealers - appropriation. Provides for licensing persons to engage in the practice of fitting or dealing in hearing aids, and prohibits either after July 1, 1975, without a license issued by the board of hearing aid dealers. The 7-member board appointed by the governor includes a dealer, an otolaryngologist, and audiologist, and 4 laymen. License fees, including renewals, are \$75, and licenses are available to persons who meet the age, character, education or experience, and health requirements and can pass an examination. Permits are available to all meeting those requirements but without examination, at the same fee, allowing supervised work for persons without experience, and in certain cases permits can be issued for unsupervised work. The scope of the license examination is specified, as are certain continuing education requirements for annual renewal of licenses. Appropriates \$5,450 to the division of registrations to carry out its duties.

June 29

July 1

- H.B. 1225 Professions and occupations - dental practice. Various changes dealing with the examination and licensing provisions of the dental practice law, including the following: Authorizes the employment of former dental board members as proctors to administer dental clinical examinations; authorizes examinations to be conducted anywhere; provides that appeals from dental board decisions concerning licensing are to go to the court of appeals.

June 26

July 1

- H.B. 1245 Professions and occupations - Indian arts and crafts sales. Requires every person selling Indian arts and crafts to the general public to inquire of their suppliers concerning the authenticity of the arts and crafts. If the supplier cannot authenticate the origin of Indian arts and crafts to be sold, the seller cannot sell the arts and crafts as authentic. Requires sellers to provide a statement of the content of silver in Indian

arts and crafts which have less than 90% silver, and requires the separation and identification of authentic Indian arts and crafts from other arts and crafts. Prohibits the sale of spin cast components of authentic Indian jewelry unless such jewelry is labeled as having spin cast components. Prohibits the use of false or misleading statements or representations in connection with the sale or trade of Indian arts and crafts with the intent to mislead any person, and prohibits any false representation regarding the quality or state of turquoise in connection with its sale. Makes a violation of the act a class 1 misdemeanor. Provides that any person damaged by reason of any violation of the act may sue to recover actual damages, costs, and attorney's fees.

July 18

July 18

H.B. 1248 Professions and occupations - notaries public - fees. Authorizes notaries public to charge a fee of not more than \$1 for each acknowledgement rather than establishing the fees by law. Imposes a filing fee of \$1 for a change of name on a notary certificate.

May 31

July 1

H.B. 1272 Professions and occupations - liquor code. Extends indefinitely provisions relating to the importation and sale of liquors by persons other than the primary source of supply, which provisions had an expiration date of July 1, 1975, when passed in 1973.

June 16

June 16

H.B. 1298 Professions and occupations - "Barber Act of 1975". Miscellaneous changes in the law licensing barbers, including the following: One of the 3-person state board of barber examiners appointed by the governor is to be a nonbarber; board members' per diem is increased from \$16 to \$30; the position of executive secretary to the board is authorized; minimum age for licensing is reduced to 16, and separate licensing as apprentice is discontinued; creates a new license classification of barber instructor, and increases most licensing fees; specifies minimum curriculum requirements for the accreditation of barber schools by the board; eliminates provisions authorizing the board to establish minimum prices for barber services.

July 1

July 1

H.B. 1326 Professions and occupations - electricians - fees - transfer. Increases (doubles in most cases) the fees for the examination and licensing of electricians, and also substantially increases the fees for electrical inspections. Transfers the state electrical board from the division of labor of the department of labor and employment to the division of registrations of the department of regulatory agencies by a type 2 transfer, effective July 1, 1975.

April 15

April 15

H.B. 1351 Professions and occupations - real estate - rental location agents. Enlarges the definition of rental location agent to include those employed in such business; deletes the license requirement that a person must establish that he is trustworthy and bears a reputation for good and fair dealing; provides that licenses expire annually on July 31; describes grounds for denial of a license; provides for injunctive relief for violation of pertinent law; makes it unlawful for a rental location agent to solicit listings after a landlord has requested no further solicitations; provides a specific penalty for certain violations; and provides for court costs to be included in an award of damages to a tenant in a civil suit.

Provides procedures for investigation prior to suspension or revocation of a license and for service of process on rental location agents.

July 18

July 18

H.B. 1362 Professions and occupations - drugs and druggists - labeling of medicine containers. Provides for more stringent regulation of the preparation of the label of a medicine container by requiring that the label is to be immediately attached to the container and that the label is to contain the name of the drug prescribed.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1402 Professions and occupations - real estate brokers and salesmen. Revises and rewrites portions of the law regulating real estate brokers and salesmen. Excludes

from the definition of "real estate salesman" or "real estate broker" a general partner of a partnership who owns at least 20% of the partnership and is authorized to sell or lease partnership property, and extends to non-Colorado corporations and partnerships the exclusion already allowed Colorado corporations and partnerships with regard to property owned or leased by them and used for certain purposes.

Rewrites the character qualifications to require only a good reputation for truth and honesty instead of a showing of trustworthiness and a good reputation for good and fair dealing.

Lowers the age requirement for obtaining a broker's license from 21 to 18 years, and allows a woman to have her maiden name on her license. Requires all applicants, not just nonresidents, to consent to suits being filed in the proper court of any county in which a cause of action arises and the plaintiff resides.

Provides that an employed broker's license is to be in the control and custody of the employing broker, and that an employed broker or salesman may be issued a new license when he submits to the commission a copy of a document notifying the employing broker of his resignation and requesting that the employed broker's or salesman's license be returned to the commission.

Requires renewals to be made for 3-year periods, ending on December 31, for both brokers and salesmen, and allows applicants for renewal after January 1 to petition the commission for reinstatement before April 1 stating substantial and reasonable cause for failure to renew on time.

Includes the "arranging for" any secret or undisclosed compensation as grounds for suspension or revocation.

Provides that hearing officers are to be appointed for terms at the pleasure of the governor instead of 3 years, and increases the salary of hearing officers from \$75 to \$125 per working day.

Allows the real estate commission, the director of the commission, or a hearing officer to issue a subpoena to compel the attendance of a witness or the production of records and papers pursuant to an investigation.

July 16

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H.B. 1426 Professions and occupations - manner of making anatomical gifts. Provides that a person can made a gift of all or part of his body by an affidavit made in the form specified by the department of revenue when applying to the department for a driver's license or renewal thereof, the gift to be effective at death and its validity to continue until the license is surrendered or until a revocation of the gift is signed on the back of the driver's license.

May 31

January 1, 1976

H.B. 1508 Professions and occupations - electricians. Enlarges the state electrical board from 7 to 9 members, adding 2 public members; requires the electrical contractors to have masters licenses and the master or journeyman members not to be electrical contractors; and shortens terms from 5 to 3 years. Requires electrical work done on an individual's property which is intended for resale or rental to be inspected unless specifically exempted; requires utilities not to provide service without proof of final inspection of electrical work; and requires mobile homes or movable structures to have new or different electric utility hookups inspected, providing fees therefor. Sets fines for violation between \$50 and \$200, and provides for prosecution at the request of the lawful designee of the state electrical board as well as the board itself.

July 25

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H.B. 1519 Professions and occupations - racing. Creates the horse breeders award and supplemental purse fund to promote and improve the quality of race horse breeding and racing in Colorado. Requires the Colorado racing commission to deposit in such fund, to be held by the state treasurer, the moneys collected by the commission representing 1% of the daily pari-mutuel wagering receipts in excess of \$200,000 but not exceeding \$300,000, representing 4% of the first \$200,000 of daily pari-mutuel wagering receipts collected by the commission derived from races conducted by a nonprofit organization, including a state or county fair, and the proceeds derived from all unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets after one year from the date of the race meet. Provides that such fund is to be created effective January 1, 1976.

Creates a 7-member advisory committee to advise the commission on the breeder and stallion awards and supplemental purses. Members of such committee are to



serve 3-year terms without compensation.

July 25

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H.B. 1557 Professions and occupations - medical practice - procedure for disposition of charges of unprofessional conduct. Additionally defines unprofessional conduct as a pattern of medical practice failing to meet generally accepted standards of medical care. Adopts new provisions concerning the initiation of proceedings to suspend or revoke a license to practice medicine. Provides for due process in the investigation, hearing, and determination of charges against a licensee and for the assistance of a hearings officer in the hearing phase of proceedings.

June 29

June 29

H.B. 1665 Professions and occupations - mobile home dealers - appropriation. Establishes the Colorado mobile home licensing board to regulate mobile home dealers and salesmen through the issuing of licenses, the making of inspections and investigations, the enforcement of applicable laws, and the establishment of standards, rules, and regulations to govern the business conduct between mobile home manufacturers and mobile home dealers.

Requires an annual license fee of \$200 for mobile home dealers and \$60 for mobile home salesmen, and requires all applicants to post a bond before a license is issued or reissued.

Requires mobile home manufacturers to file their warranties and a copy of their delivery and preparation obligations of dealers with the director of the division of registrations, and sets forth the manufacturer's duties concerning dealer reimbursement.

Specifies numerous grounds for license suspension or revocation. Provides civil penalties for violations of the act and criminal penalties for certain violations made knowingly and willfully.

Appropriates \$53,358 to the Colorado mobile home licensing board for general purposes.

July 16

July 16

H.B. 1709 Professions and occupations - electricians. Revises, rewrites, and amends the law regulating electricians. Declares that a trainee is a limited apprentice and that apprentices, as trainees, are required to be registered with the state electrical board. Requires all applicants for a master electrician's license to have one year of practical electrical experience in the construction industry. Changes license renewal time from July 15 to January 15, and increases the fee for such from \$5 to \$10. Provides that all applications for renewal must be made before February 15, instead of August 15. Establishes a \$25 license fee for an electrical contractor's license issued to a master electrician who is in charge of the supervision of all electrical work performed by an electrical contractor. Declares that the examining and licensing of electricians is of statewide concern and that local governments cannot require an additional examination or certification, but may require registration with a fee no more than the cost of such registration functions.

July 25

July 25

H.B. 1728 Professions and occupations - dates and locations of race meets. Authorizes the Colorado racing commission to allow a licensee to conduct a race meet on other than days allocated or upon a racetrack other than the one designated upon petition by the licensee and a finding by the commission that such a change is necessary due to fire, an act of God, or other unforeseeable emergency not caused or participated in by the licensee. Provides that under such circumstances a licensee can utilize another licensee's facilities. Provides that the total number of days of racing in any year allowed any licensee is not to be increased by this provision.

June 20

June 20

H.B. 1749 Professions and occupations - butchers - inspections. Requires a butcher to require the seller of every animal carcass he buys to exhibit the hide thereof, and requires him to inspect the hide of every carcass he receives for storage, unless it has been inspected by a state brand inspector just prior to slaughter or unless the state brand commissioner does not require it. Compliance with federal law and federal inspection no longer constitutes an exemption from such requirements.

July 14

July 14

PROPERTY

- S.B.10 Real property- modification of terms of real estate loan upon sale or transfer of the real estate or assumption of loan. Prohibits financial institutions and other persons from requiring the immediate payment in full of a real estate loan merely because the real estate is sold or transferred or the loan assumed, unless the buyer or person assuming is not financially capable of paying off the loan. Limits an increase in the interest rate to 1% and limits a fee charged for the sale, transfer, or assumption to 0.5%. Applies to residential dwelling units other than motels, hotels, and nursing homes. Provides that the buyer or person assuming a loan may obtain other financing within 60 days without any penalty or increase in interest, but after 60 days he becomes liable for the increased interest rate and subject to any future prepayment penalty.

April 25

July 1

- S.B. 95 Real property - solar easements - creation and contents. Solar easements are to be created in writing and are to be subject to the same conveyancing and instrument recording requirements as other easements. Specifies that the instrument creating the solar easement shall include horizontal and vertical angles, the terms or conditions under which the easement is granted or will be terminated, and any provisions for the compensation of the owners of the property subject to the easement or benefitting from the easement.

July 18

July 18

- S.B. 223 Real property - surveys and boundaries. Numerous technical amendments are made to the statutes on surveys and boundaries, Colorado coordinate system, and perpetuation of land survey monuments. New provisions add various definitions to the law thereon and authorize the preparation of improvement location certificates by land surveyors, which are to state the sources on which the certificate is based. The certificate is not to be designated as a land or improvement survey plat and is to state that it is not to be relied on to establish fence, building, or other improvement lines.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 275 Real property - homestead exemption. Rewrites most of the provisions concerning homestead exemptions with the major change being the automatic creation of said exemption in certain cases and the revision of procedures for levying on real property, including the filing of an affidavit by an appraiser as to the fair market value of the property and the requirement that all proceedings to sell real property are to terminate if the amount offered at the execution sale does not exceed 70% of said fair market value.

The automatic exemption does not apply if a debt which is the basis for execution and attachment was entered into prior to July 1, 1975, but the owner of the property may file for said exemption with the county clerk and recorder as under prior law.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 276 Real property - public trustee - notice of foreclosure. Requires the owner of property being sold at a foreclosure or execution sale, or the grantor of a deed of trust when a demand for sale has been made thereon, to be notified by mail of any rights he may have under law. The public trustee may comply with such notice requirement by mailing a single notice to the grantor of the deed of trust when applicable.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 349 Real property - tax sales - county officials and employees not to acquire property. Prohibits an official or employee of a county, or any family member or agent of such official or employee, from acquiring land within such county by tax sale if not owned by such official or employee immediately prior to its sale for taxes. Declares that a knowing violation of this provision is to be punished as a class 1 misdemeanor.

June 29

June 29

H.B. 1095 Personal property - foreclosure of personal property liens. Revises the statutes concerning personal property liens by requiring an action of foreclosure to be filed within 60 to 90 days after charges become due and payable

and by requiring a judgment to be obtained before any sale may be made. Sets forth the elements required to be shown a court in any foreclosure action, and provides that if the lienholder sells or disposes of property without substantially complying with the article, the owner of the property may recover the value of the property, but in no event less than \$100, and reasonable attorney's fees from the lienholder. Also provides that when the owner of property does not contact the lienholder for 30 days and the property is that which in good faith the lienholder believes the owner intends to abandon, such property is presumed abandoned and may, after proper notice, be sold or otherwise disposed of without judicial process.

April 24

April 24

H.B. 1170 Real property - negotiations in lieu of proceedings in eminent domain. Authorizes a condemning authority which intends to acquire an interest in land with an estimated value of \$10,000 or more to give notice to those who own the land and who can be located with due diligence. Upon receipt of such notice, allows the owners to contract for an independent appraisal of the fair market value of the interest sought to be acquired, the reasonable cost of such appraisal to be paid by the condemning authority. Provides that such appraisal and any appraisals which have been performed on behalf of the condemning authority should be exchanged by the parties and may be used by them as a basis for negotiations in lieu of formal proceedings in eminent domain.

Changes provisions regarding possession of an interest by a condemning authority during proceedings in eminent domain by providing that the authority, at any time after service of the summons and notice to the owners, may move for an order for immediate possession. Provides that the court may grant such order upon payment to the court of an amount sufficient to pay the sum which may ultimately be awarded to the landowners.

July 18

July 18

H.B. 1261 Real property - curing of defaults. Allows 7 days prior to foreclosure sale within which to give written notice to the public officer conducting the sale of one's intention to cure a default on a note and deed of trust or mortgage, rather than 5 days prior to the date fixed for foreclosure sale.

June 26

June 26

H.B. 1262 Real property - foreclosure - deposit of note or bond. Requires the beneficiary of a deed of trust or the legal holder of the indebtedness who elects to foreclose on real property to file with the public trustee, in addition to the notice of election and demand for sale already required, the original note or, in lieu thereof, a bond in twice the face amount of the note.

June 29

June 29

H.B. 1271 Real property - release of deed of trust. Adds industrial banks to the list of financial institutions whose board resolution can be accepted by a public trustee as adequate indemnification against damages, thereby permitting him to release a deed of trust when the original note which it secured cannot be found. Provides that a deed of trust may be released even though the indebtedness has not been fully paid if the original promissory note is exhibited and the request to release states that the purpose of the deed of trust has been fully satisfied.

July 14

July 14

H.B. 1403 Real property - inclusion of street address in documents of title. Requires that the street address of real property shall immediately precede or follow the legal description in any document of title relating to such real property, if the real property in fact displays such street address. Failure to include such street address does not render the document ineffective or title unmarketable if the legal description appears in the document of title.

May 22

July 1

H.B. 1436 Real property - public trustee - release of deeds of trust. Adds industrial banks to the list of financial institutions whose board resolution can be accepted by a public trustee as adequate indemnification against damages, thereby permitting him to release a deed of trust when the original note which it secured cannot be found.

June 20

June 20

H.B. 1479 Real property - tenants and landlords - regulation of mobile home parks. Prohibits the owner of a mobile home park from requiring an entry fee as a condition of tenancy in the park. Defines "entry fee" as any fee except ordinary rent, security deposits, taxes, utilities, and costs of actual services performed.

Prohibits a park owner from requiring that, as a condition of tenancy or special preference in renting, the prospective tenant buy a mobile home from a particular seller, and prohibits the seller of a mobile home from requiring as a condition of sale that the buyer locate in a particular mobile home park. Prohibits mobile home sellers from paying a mobile home park owner to reserve spaces. The mobile home park owner is prohibited from requiring, as a condition of tenancy, the payment of a selling or transfer fee by the seller or buyer of a mobile home in the park, unless such fee is for services actually performed.

July 16

July 16

H.B. 1510 Real property - mechanics' liens on real property - requirements. Amends the law on general mechanics' liens as follows: Requires that written notice be given, at least 10 days prior to filing a lien statement, to the owner or reputed owner of the property involved or to his agent or contractor, of the intent to file a mechanics' lien, which notice must be served personally or mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and an affidavit of such service must be filed with the lien statement at the office of the county clerk and recorder; filing a lien for an amount which the claimant knows is greater than is actually due results in a forfeiture of lien and subjects the claimant to suit for costs and attorney fees; funds disbursed to a contractor in accordance with a contract are declared to be received in trust for all persons having furnished labor and materials on the job and, subject to exceptions for good faith differences of opinion or the existence of performance bonds, wrongful expenditure of funds so received is declared to constitute the crime of theft.

July 25

October 1

H.B. 1555 Real property - condemnation of water rights by a municipality. Prescribes procedures for the acquisition

of water rights by a municipality through condemnation. Prohibits the acquisition of rights for future needs in excess of 15 years.

Prior to a hearing on such a condemnation, requires a municipality to file a petition in district court describing the acquisition and asking for the appointment by the court of 3 disinterested commissioners and to prepare or update a community growth development plan and a statement of adverse effects to result from the acquisition. Provides that such plan and statement must be made available to the commissioners and to interested persons, requires the commissioners to reach a determination as to the necessity of the acquisition, and mandates the commissioners to set proper compensation if necessity is found to exist.

Provides for a hearing by the court after submission of the report of the commissioners which may be attended by all interested and affected persons. Authorizes the filing of written objections to the report by property owners affected, and provides that adjustments and changes to the report may be made by the court in its final decree. Authorizes the appeal of the decree of the court, and requires that the cost of the proceedings are to be paid by the municipality.

June 29

July 1

H.B. 1578 Real property - mechanics' liens. Declares that the value of labor done includes required payments to certain trusts for the benefit of the employees of any contractor, and allows the trustee of such a trust to have a lien for said payments.

Provides that claimants who establish the right to a lien are to receive interest thereon at the rate agreed to or, if no agreement, at the rate of 12% per year.

Requires that the owner or reputed owner and the principal or prime contractor be served or mailed a notice of intent to file a lien statement and that proof of such service or mailing be filed with the lien statement.

Extends the time in which a lien statement for day or piece labor can be filed from one to two months after construction is completed, and the time in which all other lien claimants can file from 3 to 4 months after the last labor or materials are furnished by them. Increases from 3 to 4 months the additional time after completion of construction in which a lien statement can



be filed if a notice of intent to file a lien statement is filed.

Allows principal contractors to provide a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond executed by the contractor and at least one corporate surety, thereby allowing subcontractors, mechanics, and others to proceed directly against the principal contractor or his surety instead of filing a lien. Sets forth procedures for establishing said bonds either before construction begins or after a lien has been filed, and for payments of claims by the surety.

After a lien has been filed, allows the substitution of a principal contractor's bond by permitting the owner or anyone having an interest in the real property to file a corporate surety bond or other approved undertaking with the court, and provides that upon the filing of said bond or undertaking, the lien filed is released in full.

July 25

October 1

H.B. 1608 Real property - liens - public works bond requirements. Provides that any contractor awarded a public works construction contract for more than ten thousand dollars, instead of the previous one thousand dollar minimum, must file a completion bond with the state or local government with which he contracted.

June 13

June 13

H.B. 1620 Real property - condominiums. Provides that the administration and operation of multi-unit condominiums shall be governed by the condominium declaration and that, upon contracting to purchase a condominium, every initial bona fide buyer is to be provided with a copy of the bylaws and any amendments thereto. Specifies numerous provisions which must be contained in the bylaws for the protection of buyers, and exempts commercial, industrial, and any other condominiums not used for residential use, condominiums of 10 units or less, and condominiums established by declarations recorded prior to January 1, 1976.

Requires the management to keep detailed accurate financial records affecting general and limited common elements and to have such available for examination by condominium owners. Makes noncompliance with the bylaws or record-keeping provisions a misdemeanor with a

criminal penalty of up to \$500, and provides that a unit owner's liability in any suit or arbitration against a condominium association is not to exceed his percentage ownership.

July 14

January 1, 1976

SAFETY

H.B. 1125 Safety - standards - privately funded public buildings. Extends to public buildings constructed by the use of private funds construction standards already required for buildings constructed by the use of funds of the state or any political subdivision, and provides for the enforcement thereof by the political subdivision having jurisdiction. Authorizes the appropriate enforcement agency to grant written exceptions or modifications to such standards when their enforcement would be impractical and create an undue hardship or would unduly complicate the construction.

Requires that hot water pipes in lavatories designed for the handicapped be insulated and that elevator control buttons be uniformly located, marked, and patterned for the benefits of the blind, but authorizes exceptions to said elevator standards based on the services offered by a building and the cost of the elevator.

Exempts privately-funded construction projects of single family residences and other residential property containing less than 7 units. For larger residential projects, one complying unit is to be built for every 7 units or fraction thereof.

June 29

July 1, 1976

H.B. 1447 Safety - explosive permits. Provides that explosive permits are renewable annually on the anniversary of date of issue rather than on January 1.

June 13

June 13

SOCIAL SERVICES

- S.B. 197 Social services - county departments - foster placement. Authorizes county departments to receive any child for placement in foster care by consent of the person having custody of such child. Requires a written agreement to be made between the department and legal custodian. Allows for provisions of the agreement to include proper care of the child and other provisions the state department deems necessary.

July 14

July 14

- S.B. 391 Social services and public welfare - licensing and regulation of social workers - appropriation. Enacts the "Social Work Practice Act" which provides for the regulation of licensed social workers (LSW I), registered social workers (RSW), and social workers licensed for independent practice (LSW II). Establishes the state board of social work examiners, whose function is to examine, approve, deny, revoke, suspend, or renew the licensure of licensed social workers and the registration of registered social workers.

Prescribes the qualifications which applicants in each area of social work are required to meet for licensure and registration. Waives the licensing examination for applicants practicing social work prior to July 1, 1975, who meet certain requirements. Authorizes the board to certify as a licensed or registered social worker any person who possesses a valid unsuspended and unrevoked certificate from any other state.

Authorizes the board to annually fix the fees within the limits of \$10 and \$50 in connection with certification for social worker licensure. Sets forth the conditions under which the board may place social workers on probation or may deny, revoke, or suspend any certificate issued by the board. Provides for a hearing before any certificate shall be suspended or revoked.

Enacts detailed provisions concerning privileged communications between social workers and their clients.

Makes any violation of the act a class 3 misdemeanor, and allows the board to apply for injunctive proceedings.

Appropriates \$11,562 to the state board of social work examiners to implement the act.

July 25

July 25

H.B. 1310 Social services - public assistance - recovery of overpayment. Provides that in the case of overpayment of public assistance there is to be no adjustment of payments to the county or state department or recovery of the overpayment if the person to whom such over payment is made is without fault and has notified the state department of an increase in income or a change in resources or property and if such adjustment or recovery would deprive the person of necessary living expenses or be against equity and good conscience.

June 23

June 23

H.B. 1340 Social services - assistance to the aged, blind, and needy disabled - appropriation. Enacts the "Colorado Supplemental Security Income Act" to implement a state supplementation program pursuant to Title XVI of the federal "Social Security Act", and provides for administration thereof.

Provides that state supplementation under the "Colorado Supplemental Security Income Act" shall be included in program costs advanced or reimbursed to counties; deletes "permanent" from the definition of "total disability" and provides that such disability, lasting or expected to last for 6 or more months, makes an individual eligible for public assistance; authorizes the department of social services to require that assistance to old age pensioners, the needy disabled, or the blind be contingent on a recipient taking reasonable steps to receive or recover other income or resources for which he is eligible, exclusive of specific federal tax benefits.

Appropriates \$1,870,177 to the department of social services for implementation of the act.

July 28

July 28

H.B. 1404 Social services - additional services - eligible persons. Changes the definition of "social services" to conform to federal law by declaring that "social services" with respect to federal reimbursement may include additional

services, including but not limited to child care, day care, counseling, and delivery and preparation of meals.

Declares that, subject to available appropriations, the state department may provide those services which are optional under federal law as well as those which are required by federal law. Defines "eligible person" as one who is required to be eligible for services under federal law, and the term may include those who are optionally eligible under federal law.

Directs the state department to prepare and submit to the secretary of health, education, and welfare a state plan for services that meets the requirements of federal law.

June 26

June 26

H.B. 1405 Social services - public assistance - appropriation. Makes minor technical amendments relating to the following: Cooperation with the federal government relating to food stamps; specifies a maximum funeral expense benefit of \$500; increases from \$500 to \$1,000 the maximum funeral expense insurance benefit which may be owned by an assistance recipient without penalty. Appropriates \$2,528,500 to the department of social services to implement the act. Extends for another year the repeal date of provisions relating to county contingency funds.

July 28

July 28

H.B. 1453 Social services - appointment of personnel. Allows a county appointing authority to appoint an otherwise qualified person to a position in the county department if the state department fails to furnish the county with a register of eligible persons for said position within 60 days after request therefore. Provides that a person so appointed is to be deemed certified as if listed on a register and is to have all the rights of any other probationary employee under the merit system.

June 29

June 29

H.B. 1526 Social services - medical assistance - reimbursable costs of nursing homes. Ties reimbursement to nursing homes to appropriations by the general assembly, and provides that the determination of actual or reasonable costs is to

include an allowance to proprietary, nonprofit, and tax supported homes for one-half of any change in the consumer price index, applicable to costs, less interest, up to the maximum allowable cost established.

July 14

July 14

STATUTES

S.B. 148 Statutes - construction and revision - validation of C.R.S. 1973. Recites that all the printing, publication, and other requirements for the valid enactment of Colorado Revised Statutes 1973 have been met, that they contain all general and permanent laws enacted through the 1973 session, and that they became effective December 31, 1974.

July 14

July 14

S.B. 453 Statutes - revisions to conform, correct, and clarify. Amends or repeals various statutory provisions which are obsolete, inconsistent, or in conflict with other law; clarifies language and more accurately reflects legislative intent; and conforms certain provisions to the state constitution and to Colorado supreme court and court of appeals decisions.

July 16

July 16



TAXATION

- S.B. 3 Taxation - income tax - exclusion of pension and annuity income. Allows the deduction of certain pension and annuity income, not deductible under existing law, from federal adjusted gross income (to the extent included therein) in computing Colorado adjusted gross income subject to state income tax. Subject to the specified limitations on amount, for taxpayers age 55 and older, armed forces retirement pay and, without regard to age, pensions paid from qualified pension trust funds, individual retirement accounts, and retirement bonds (all as defined by the federal internal revenue code) are excluded from income, subject to the limitation that not more than one-third of the allowable amount may be received from annuities and the annual maximum deductions start at \$3,000 for taxable 1975 and increase by \$3,000 annually to \$15,000 for taxable 1979 and thereafter.

July 14

July 14

- S.B. 16 Taxation - income tax - interest and penalties. Increases the penalty for failing to file a return to \$5 or 5% of the amount of the tax if the failure is not for more than one month, with an additional 1% per month for each month no return is filed, not to exceed 12% in the aggregate, whichever is greater. Also increases the penalty for failing to pay the tax to \$5 or 5% of the amount of the tax if the failure is not for more than one month plus an additional 0.5% for each additional month of nonpayment, not to exceed 12% in the aggregate, whichever is greater. Defines "tax" as the net amount of tax required to be shown on the return less any amount paid on or before the date prescribed and less any credit against the tax which may be claimed on the return. The act does not apply to any estimated tax required to be paid.

February 27

July 1

- S.B. 19 Taxation - income tax - computation of normal tax. Authorizes a resident individual to use the tax tables promulgated by the executive director of the department of revenue to compute his normal tax even though his Colorado adjusted gross income exceeds \$10,000.

March 12

March 12

S.B. 27 Taxation - special fuel - permits. Changes the expiration of special fuel permits from yearly to an indefinite period. The permit expires when the permittee notifies the director of revenue of a change in the use or ownership of the vehicle for which the permit was granted or when the permittee fails to file reports and pay the special fuel tax. The permit fee is increased from \$1 to \$2.

June 29

January 1, 1976

S.B. 29 Taxation - general property tax - exempt property. Exempts real property used for charitable purposes if such property is a licensed health care facility. Allows the exemption of residential property integral to charitable property if such property is leased or rented to persons who must use the property as an incident to schooling or medical care provided by the charitable organization. Allows persons living in affiliated residential property of exempt hospital property to file a physician's certificate that their medical condition requires residence thereat with the property tax administrator. Requires the administrator to determine the proportionate share of affiliated residential property used for charitable purposes and to determine the extent to which the affiliated property is exempt from taxation.

June 29

January 1, 1976

S.B. 30 Taxation - property exempt from the general property tax. Provides that all the benefits which result from a portion of a residential property being tax exempt are to accrue only to the benefit of those occupants who are qualified therefor. Provides that all the taxes assessed to such property are to be charged pro rata to the nonqualified occupants. Repeals a portion of the taxation statutes which would have eliminated certain residential property exemptions such as orphanages and low rent public housing beginning in 1985.

June 20

January 1, 1976

S.B. 41 Taxation - withholding income tax - filing periods. Directs employers withholding less than \$300 each quarter

to file a quarterly return on or before the last day of the month following the close of the quarter. Employers withholding more than \$300 in any quarter are to file returns for the first and second months respectively by the 15th day of the following month and file a quarterly return on or before the last day of the month following the close of the quarter.

Allows an employer to change from a monthly to a quarterly filing period if he withholds less than \$300 in 2 successive quarters and gives 30 days' notice to the executive director of the department of revenue.

July 14

July 14

- S.B. 75 Taxation - general property tax - valuation of solar heating and cooling devices. Provides that building improvements in the form of solar heating and cooling devices are to be assessed, separately from other improvements, at 5% of actual value, and defines what is to be included as part of such devices.

July 14

July 14

- S.B. 86 Taxation - general property tax - possessory interests in otherwise exempt property. Requires the taxation of property otherwise exempt upon being leased, loaned, or otherwise made available to a private individual, association, or corporation and used in connection with a business conducted for profit. Provides that such property is to be assessed and taxed in the same manner as is other property; except that such taxes are not to become a lien upon the property but remain the personal obligation of the lessee or user. States that the valuation for assessment of United States lands used for recreation purposes is to be 30% of the fees paid by the user of such lands in the previous calendar year.

The act does not apply to county and municipal property, lands used solely for agricultural purposes and improvements thereon, and rights-of-way or easements acquired by public utilities or for access roads.

July 16

January 1, 1976

- S.B. 94 Taxation - general property tax - levy of taxes by board of county commissioners. Extends the November 15 deadline for the levying of taxes by the board of county

commissioners or other body authorized by law to levy taxes when a school district is conducting an election to authorize a budget increase.

July 14

July 14

- S.B. 305 Taxation - specific ownership tax - mobile homes and movable structures. Removes statutory reference to movable structures thereby abolishing the distinction between mobile homes and movable structures so as to reflect the intent of the state constitution. Repeals provisions which provided for ad valorem taxation of movable structures, and requires such structures to be subject to the specific ownership tax.

July 18

July 18

- S.B. 315 Taxation - income tax - allocation of certain corporate income. Authorizes the executive director of the department of revenue to distribute or allocate gross income between or among corporations owned or controlled by the same interests, or to require the consolidation of tax returns to insure only that such returns clearly report income rather than to prevent the evasion of taxes.

July 16

July 16

- S.B. 471 Taxation - property tax credits against income tax - eligibility. Increases by \$1,000 the allowable income which persons may have and remain eligible for some credit or refund against state income taxes for property taxes or equivalents paid on their residences. Allows a surviving spouse to qualify at age 58 if the deceased spouse was 65 or older.

July 14

July 14

- H.B. 1108 General property tax - value of livestock and agricultural products. Deletes the provision which makes agricultural products in a raw or unprocessed state subject to being appraised for ad valorem taxation when the same remains within a county for a period exceeding twelve months. Also provides that agricultural products in a raw or unprocessed state when purchased and stored for resale are to be valued for assessment at 5% of

actual value.

April 9

April 9

- H.B. 1184 Taxation - annual tax for cemetery districts. Increases the maximum annual tax levy for cemetery districts from one mill to 2 mills.

March 19

January 1, 1976

- H.B. 1361 Taxation - qualification as agricultural land. Declares that land may be assessed as agricultural land if it is being restored through conservation practices, including resting, deferred grazing, and fallowing. The additional requirement that the land must have been classified as agricultural for the preceding 10 years is modified to require only that it have been eligible for such classification.

May 22

May 22

- H.B. 1536 Taxation - procedure and administration - settlement agreements. Authorizes the executive director of the department of revenue or his designee to enter into an agreement with any person, or the principal or estate for whom he acts, relating to the liability of such person regarding income, gross ton-mile, passenger-mile, motor and special fuel, cigarette, sales, and use taxes for any prior taxable period. Requires such agreements to be final, conclusive, and binding upon the state in any subsequent legal proceedings in the absence of a showing of fraud, malfeasance, or misrepresentation of a material fact.

July 1

July 1

- H.B. 1576 Taxation - gift tax. Restates and specifies transfers to which the gift tax applies according to the nature of the property and whether the donor is a domiciliary or nondomiciliary of the state; adds stepparents as class A beneficiaries and parents-in-law as class B beneficiaries; allows to any spouse the specific \$20,000 exemption previously available only to a wife; keys the value of gifts to fair market value; provides that the interest owed by a delinquent taxpayer to the state or by the state to the taxpayer on overpayments accrues at the

legal rate; cuts the period for the determination of tax from 3 years to one year or 6 months after delivery of all necessary information, whichever is later, and if the tax is not determined within that time, the return is accepted as filed; extends the time for filing of taxpayer objections from 3 months to one year; provides that, if a person refuses or neglects to give required information upon request, the tax will be computed at the highest rate at which it could in any event be computed; allows exemption for gifts to public or charitable bodies on the same basis, whether or not the public or charitable body is organized and exists under the laws of this state.

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H.B. 1589 Taxation - general property tax - school for assessors. Requires all assessors to attend the annual school for assessors conducted by the division of property taxation, and provides that upon completion they are to receive a certificate of achievement.

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H.B. 1595 Taxation - general property tax - valuation for assessment. Provides that the valuation for assessment of all agricultural equipment shall be 25% for 1976 and shall be decreased by 5% each succeeding year until 1980 when it shall be and remain 5%, and requires the county assessor to maintain separate records for such equipment. Defines agricultural equipment as any taxable personal property used primarily for agricultural or animal husbandry purposes.

Deletes as grounds for appeal of assessment location and desirability, functional use, current replacement cost, comparative value, and productive capacity, and substitutes the following: Value by the market, income, and cost approaches, and, for agricultural lands, the earning or productive capacity.

July 30

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H.B. 1677 Taxation - confidentiality of tax information. Provides that information obtained from any investigation conducted by the department of revenue or its agents, in addition to other information already confidential, is not to be disclosed except in suits by the department or

when otherwise required by law or court order.

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H.B. 1704 Taxation - inheritance tax. Revises, rewrites, and amends portions of the law concerning inheritance tax. Provides that real property transferred from a domiciliary's estate in a personal trust is not taxable if the real property is outside the state. Provides that a transfer by a nondomiciliary of intangibles located within the state is not taxable, but that a transfer of the same type of property by a nondomiciliary who is a domiciliary of a foreign country is taxable.

Amends the law relating to transfers in contemplation of death, transfers to take effect in possession and enjoyment at or after the death of the transferor, property held in joint names or payable at death, proceeds of insurance policies, annuities, and pension and profit sharing plans, and reservation of powers to a trustor. Adds stepparents as class A beneficiaries and parents-in-law as class B beneficiaries, and reduces the maximum age for adoption for inheritance tax purposes from 21 to 18 years. Increases from \$2,000 to \$3,000 the exemption of transfers to class B beneficiaries. Restates and revises the allowable deductions and, among other things, removes the \$500 limitation on funeral expense deduction.

Keys the value of a limited estate to the transfer which will most probably occur rather than to the highest tax that would prove payable, and clarifies the method of taxation of property subject to both a power of appointment and a fiduciary power. Amends the law relating to additional tax to absorb federal estate tax credit.

Reduces the penalty interest rate for untimely payment of tax after notice of assessment from 10% to the legal rate of interest, now 8%, and increases the interest rate from 6% to the legal rate for taxes not paid within 9 months after decedent's death and for refunds to taxpayers. Allows installment payments to be extended over 10 years instead of 3 years, with interest to run at the legal rate.

Increases the time allowed to claim a refund from 2 to 3 years after the required summary statement of the decedent's property was filed, or 2 years after the tax is paid, whichever is last. Requires said statement to include transfers having a value of \$5,000 or more without adequate and full consideration made by the

decedent at any time while a domiciliary of the state and all like transfers of \$1,000 or more made within 3 years of the decedent's death.

Increases from \$2,000 to \$5,000 the amount of assets a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union may pay to the proper person without a release of inheritance tax lien.

Provides that the executive director of the department of revenue must compute and assess the tax within 12 months from the date the application is filed or 6 months after the submission of all information legally required or he must immediately compute and assess the tax upon the application as filed. The time limits may be extended by mutual consent. Allows the executive director to waive or compromise any inheritance matters if a person refuses or neglects to pay the alleged tax due.

Repeals unnecessary, obsolete, and conflicting sections.

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H.B. 1741 Taxation - exemption from Colorado adjusted gross income. Exempts from Colorado adjusted gross income of Colorado residents any federal income tax rebates received pursuant to the federal "Tax Reduction Act of 1975".

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H.B. 1744 Taxation - sales tax - motor vehicles - exemption of purchases by nonresidents. Exempts various types of motor vehicles and farm machinery purchased by nonresidents from sales tax, subject to repeal on January 13, 1976.

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WATER AND IRRIGATION

S.B. 134 Water and irrigation - conditional ground water permits. Requires the ground water commission to give notice by certified mail to the holder of a conditional ground water permit if it did not receive the information showing a beneficial use of the water as of the expiration date of the permit. Provides that such permit may not expire after one year if the conditional permit holder submits the required information and proof within 20 days after said notice and indicates that the delay was due to excusable neglect, inadvertance, or mistake. Said information and proof must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$30.

If the information and proof is acceptable, the commission will issue a synopsis within 30 days and request that objections be filed within 30 days. If no objection is made and proof is satisfactory, the commission is to find that the conditional permit should remain in full force and effect. If objection is made, a hearing will be held to determine if the conditional permit should remain in full force and effect.

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S.B. 182 Water and irrigation - water conservancy districts - directors - defaults and deficiencies - dissolution. Provides for staggered terms of office for members of the board of directors of a water conservancy district. Increases said term of office from 2 years to 4 years. Increases the annual salary of board members from \$500 to \$1,200. Additional levies in excess of the annual assessments and levies are not to be made to cover defaults and deficiencies with respect to bonds issued by the district which declare they are payable only from revenues derived from payments made with respect to contracts for the allotment of water. Requires a district to be free from all bonded or other indebtedness before dissolution may take place.

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S.B. 256 Water and irrigation - authority of ground water management district boards. Authorizes district boards of ground water management districts to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to protect and

compensate the owners of domestic wells which are injured by irrigation wells.

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S.B. 285 Water and irrigation - conditional water rights - expiration or cancellation. Requires courts, before expiration or cancellation of a conditional water right, to give notice by registered or certified mail of such expiration or cancellation to all persons to whom such right was granted. Such notice is to be given not more than 90 days nor less than 60 days prior to the expiration or cancellation date.

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H.B. 1191 Water and irrigation - plans for augmentation - exclusions. Alters the definition of "plan for augmentation" to specify that such a plan does not include the salvage of tributary waters by the eradication of phreatophytes or the use of tributary water collected from land surfaces which have been made impermeable.

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H.B. 1554 Water and irrigation - water right priorities. Provides for a new tabulation of priorities in 1978 to reflect new water rights and conditional water rights and changes in earlier tabulations. Provides for a separate tabulation listing abandoned water rights as determined by the division engineer, and requires the publication of any such separate supplement in addition to mailing it to water right claimants whose addresses are known or can be reasonably determined.

Declares that the 1978 tabulation, when concluded by the water judge's judgment and decree, is conclusive as to the date of adjudication, the date of appropriation, the volume or amount of water rights listed, and water rights determined to have been abandoned, but that the tabulation does not create any presumptions concerning nonabandonment or seniority or change special agreements or court decrees.

Changes the dates for revisions, objections, and protests to coincide with the new 1978 tabulation, and provides for informal hearings, prior to formal hearings

by the water judge, on objections if requested by a claimant or determined advisable by the division engineer.

Provides that any person affected by a protest or ruling thereon is to be permitted to participate in said hearings by the water judge. Increases from 2 to 4 years the time in which clerical mistakes in the tabulation may be corrected after the water judge's judgment and decree.

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H.B. 1689 Water and irrigation - Rio Grande water conservation district - creation of subdistricts. Authorizes the board of directors of the Rio Grande water conservation district to create a local improvement district or subdivision of said district when the board determines it is necessary and feasible that water rights, ditches, canals, reservoirs, wells, or other works which benefit only a part of said district should be acquired or constructed or that a plan of augmentation or plan of water management should be developed. Provides that a subdistrict may also be established by petition of a majority of the owners of a majority of the land in the proposed subdistrict area.

Sets forth extensive provisions concerning procedures for the creation and management of subdistricts, including requirements of petitions for creation, and provides for hearings thereon.

Requires a subdistrict to adopt a detailed plan for said subdistrict and submit such to the board of directors of the district for approval and public hearing, and provides that the board of directors of the district are to execute subdistrict plans. Provides procedures for the appraisal of lands in a subdistrict for assessment purposes, and limits assessments to 5 mills per dollar of valuation for assessment of property in the subdistrict unless the petition for creation and the order of the district court provide otherwise. States that said appraisal and assessment procedures as a means of obtaining financing are not mandatory.

Authorizes the district to incur subdistrict obligations, to issue general obligation and revenue bonds, notes, and warrants in behalf of any subdistrict, and to apply to a court for ratification or confirmation of such issues or proposed issues.

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H.B. 1711 Water and irrigation - conservancy districts - interest rates. Removes ceilings on interest paid by water conservancy districts formed under the Conservancy Law of Colorado, the former limitations having been 6% on bonds issued by a district and 7% on other borrowing.

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